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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MAY**

19th Immunisations for:
Year 7 Boys & Girls
Year 9 Boys

**JUNE**

6th Report Writing Day (Pupil Free Day)
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

18th School Social for Year 7-10 students
7pm – 10pm

22nd Year 10 Queensland/Sydney Camp

23rd Music Week

27th Last Day Term 2 – 2:30pm dismissal

**JULY**

14th First Day of Term 3

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**SCHOOL TIMES**

Start 9.00am
Lunch 11.45am - 12.35pm
Recess 1.45pm - 2.05pm
Finish 3.15pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday
8.15am – 4.00pm

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm

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**Weeroona College Bendigo Vision Statement**

Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalized according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence.
FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Personal Excellence at Weeroona College Bendigo

This week our students in years five, seven and nine have participated in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May and consist of tests in the four domains of:

- Reading.
- Writing.
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation).
- Numeracy.

It was pleasing to see so many students at these year levels participating in the tests in such a committed manner. The results will be made available to students and parents by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority, later in the year, after a rigorous assessment schedule.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed through our school curriculum. At WCB we have a range of activities and assessment tasks that enable us to be more informed about the learning needs of your child/children and NAPLAN is just one of these. Our teachers spend considerable planning time determining what the next level of learning is for all young people in their classes. To support us in this work, we are continuing to develop our Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard where students and parents have access to information about student progress. If you have not yet accessed the Dashboard I encourage you to do this so that you can support your child/children to achieve personal excellence. If you have any queries about the dashboard please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Learning Advisor.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student Learning and Pathways

As we approach the half-way point of Term Two, it is timely to highlight to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 that early in Term 3 we will be asking to begin thinking about electives and pathways for 2015. Below is an explanation of our student learning program:

At WCB our program for student learning is designed to cater for every students learning need. Students at Weeroona College Bendigo are actively engaged in their learning which is personalised according to their needs and interests. Our students are independent; know what they need to learn and our teachers challenge and support them to achieve personal excellence. When students begin their secondary school journey at Year 7, students study six core subjects for the first two years, whilst sampling subjects from our specialist areas for a semester each.

During Year 8 students are asked to begin thinking about pathways for their future studies. They then have the opportunity to select from a range of electives which offer pathways through to post year 10. During years 9 and 10 students study four core subjects and are expected to select a specialist PE elective. Within the elective program students are able to choose from a range of introductory electives through to VET and VCE options. During Year 10 students begin planning their pathways in VCE, VET and VCAL.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

SPORT

Year 9 & 10 Boys and Girls Soccer – Sandhurst Division

The Epsom Soccer complex was the venue for the Sandhurst Division Soccer Carnival held on Thursday 8th May. The Year 9 and 10 Girls’ squad competed very well throughout the course of the day and made the semi-finals of the competition. Better players throughout the day were Maddie R, Milly B and Sam G.

The boy’s team, despite missing several key players due to injury, worked well as a unit. The WCB Boys defeated
Eaglehawk Secondary College, East Loddon and Girton Grammar to progress to the semi-finals. The boys ultimately went down to the eventual winners of the competition, Catholic College Bendigo. Better players throughout the course of the day included Morgan T, Harry B, Barry M and Macca P.

Well done to all involved in the day.

Well done to all participants who were involved in the 2014 Weeroona College Bendigo Cross Country event.

12-13 GIRLS
1. Sarah B (15.50)
2. Mikayla S (16.55)
3. Riley C (17.31)
4. Brooke T (19.23)
5. Mikayla P (19.26)

12-13 BOYS
1. Jye F (12.22)
2. Michael S (13.16)
3. Bevan T (14.90)
4. Caleb D (15.07)
5. Tha T (15.27)

14 GIRLS
1. Gabby R (12.54)
2. Maddison H (13.14)
3. Jess S (15.01)
4. Irene M (18.35)
5. Beth H (19.36)

14 BOYS
1. Jordan W (11.13)
2. Coen C (11.27)
3. Jarrett M (11.32)
4. Justin S (12.27)
5. Luke H (12.57)

15 GIRLS
1. Meg R (14.20)
2. Sally W (17.35)
3. Carlin P (21.24)
4. Tasymyn G

15 BOYS
1. Tom M (19.03)
2. Adam D (19.19)
3. Bailey G (20.17)
4. Joseph B (20.46)
5. Dylan C (25.51)

16 GIRLS
1. Georgia C (16.24)
2. Jordan W (18.22)

16 BOYS
1. Harry B (17.33)
2. Tallis M (17.35)
3. Michael F (20.03)
4. Nathan J (25.36)
5. Brock B (28.27)

The annual Weeroona College Bendigo Cross Country took place on Wednesday 7th May at the picturesque Lake Weeroona. Many students were involved in the events and several of the races were extremely competitive. All girls plus boys in the 12-13 and 14 Year age group ran a distance of 3 kilometres with the 15 year and 16 Year Boys age group running 4.2 kilometres.

The listings below are the top five competitors from each age division. These students will now represent Weeroona College Bendigo at the Sandhurst Division competition to be held at the Sebastian Harness Racing Complex on Tuesday 20th May. Competitors who win through to the next stage will then compete at the Loddon Mallee Cross Country championships to be held at St Arnaud (Nelson’s Park) on Tuesday 3rd June.
**Upcoming Sport Events**

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Please note: There has not been a date set for the Sandhurst Division Athletics that was cancelled due to the weather. When a date has been set, all families involved will be notified.

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**MUSIC**

Please see below for some important dates:

**Friday May 23rd**

All our Band students and String Ensemble students are participating in the Bendigo Competitions on Friday 23rd May at 9:30am in the BSE Auditorium. Parents are encouraged to attend to hear and support our students. Students will be in attendance all day so they are able to listen to other school ensembles and appreciate a wide range of styles, pieces and standards. Students should have returned permission forms and $10.00 to cover bus fares and registration fees to the General Office.

**Wednesday June 4th**

The Senior Band, Rock Band and String Ensemble will be visiting White Hills Primary School and Huntly Primary School to promote our WCB Music Program and encourage students to learn a music instrument next year. Students are currently working on music items for this and will show the primary students all the instruments available for tuition.

**Monday June 23rd**

The BIMP Music Week is fast approaching. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to have four days of intense music tuition and a lot of fun with guest conductors and students from other Secondary Government schools. Parents from previous years have always commented on the amazing skill development in their children at the concluding concert. We recommend all band and string students attend this event.

Music Week will be held at the Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortoun, on Monday June 23rd – Thursday June 26th. A gala concert for parents and friends will be held on Thursday evening.

Registration forms are available from the General Office and the Music Office. Students need to pay $120.00 before attending this event. Please contact Mrs Johnston, Mr Moncrieff or Ms Geddes if there are any enquiries.

**Reminder for Senior Band, Junior Band and Strings Students**

Senior Band, Junior Band and String Ensemble rehearsals are always on, unless you:
- hear from your conductor or
- receive an SMS explaining that the rehearsal has been cancelled.

School activities such as the Cross Country, Sports and NAPLAN should not affect rehearsals. Parents are reminded that it is a requirement to send an SMS to the conductor explaining their child’s absence.

*Mrs Therese Johnston*

**School Music Coordinator**

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**FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM**

**Talking to Parents**

As you get older your relationships with family members may change, especially with your parents. For example, the more your parents ask about what is going on with you, the more you may want to keep to yourself. Or, the more advice you are given, the more you may think ‘they have no idea’.

If you think back to just a few years earlier, you might remember feeling OK about talking with your parents and wanting them to be interested and to help you with your problems.

So, what has changed? Why does talking with your parents feel so annoying or difficult?

**Why has it changed?**

Adolescence is a time of major change. You often start to develop your own ideas and want to solve problems for yourself. You may also feel more confident and want to start exploring who you are and what you want from life. When this happens, it can take a while for you and your parents to adjust, and this can cause conflict.
As you develop your own identity you may want to start separating yourself from your parents’ way of thinking and doing things and start expressing your own ideas and opinions. At times you may voice your opinions really strongly, or you might feel like you have to keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself to avoid upsetting others.

This can be a confusing time not only for you, but also for your parents. Until this point in time, your parents were probably used to you mostly listening to and doing what they say and not questioning their way of doing things.

What can you do about it?
When people come together with different ideas and communication is not clear, conflict can occur. At times like these, talking with your parents might seem really annoying, tiring or frustrating. Parents can find it annoying, tiring or frustrating too! However, there are ways to make things smoother. Below are some ideas to think about.

- Start a conversation - it might be easier to begin by talking about day-to-day stuff.
- Think about what you want to achieve from the conversation - You may want your parents to help by doing some of the following; listening and understanding; providing advice or help with a situation; giving permission for something. You could share with your parents what you are hoping to achieve from the conversation so that they understand what kind of help you are seeking from them.
- Listen to what your parents say - be fair, it’s important to listen too. If you show respect and maturity in the way you communicate with your parents they are more likely to listen to what you are saying and to have confidence in your ability to make good decisions.
- Avoid putting down their ideas - nobody likes being told ‘That's stupid’ or ‘You have no idea what you are talking about’.
- Use "I" statements - such as 'I feel stressed out when you won't let me go to the movies with my friends', instead of ‘You're always stressing me out and never let me to the movies like everyone else’.

Talking about difficult issues
Talking to your parents about sensitive things and asking for assistance or advice can be really tough, particularly if you are going through something difficult, or need to talk about something big. Although it might feel uncomfortable, talking about difficult things can often help. Your parents may know how to help and offer support, or just listen to you and understand at these times.

Below are some ideas to think about.
- Let them know if it is urgent - some things can’t wait.
- Think about what you need to say – get clear before you talk.

- Think of the best way to communicate it - eg face-to-face, by phone or by writing a letter or email.
- Let them know how you feel - this will help them understand where you're coming from.
- Choose the time and place to talk - try to make it a time when you’ll have their full attention.

Keep in mind that good communication takes time, energy and practice. There may also be times when things just don’t work out, no matter how hard you try. Take a break and try again later. Talking with a counsellor or someone you trust as you work on this can often be helpful.

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing Team Leader

Bendigo Chaplaincy Dinner
The members of the BENDIGO CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE invite you to join them on Monday 26 May 2014 at the West Bendigo Stadium for their Annual Dinner and AGM.

Guest speaker Chris Helm, is a member of Melbourne-based ‘Skipping Girl Vinegar’ Band. He is also a support School Chaplain. Musical entertainment is provided by a group of the school chaplains.

The Cost is $28.00 pp and Bookings and payment are essential by Monday 19th May to Ray Harvey, 9 Samuel Court, Spring Gully 3550. For enquiries please call 5442 1732.

UNIFORM SHOP
Sales Person Required
We require an adult sales person for our on campus Weeroona College School Uniform Shop. Computer knowledge and retail experience an advantage.

Hours will vary from approx. 7 – 35 per week consisting generally of two three hourly shifts before and after school, predominately during school terms as well as extra opening times during peak demand such as during the January holidays prior to school commencement

Hours are
- Tuesdays 2pm-5pm
- Thursdays 8.30am – 12pm

Commencement: immediately.

Please register your interest by emailing Mary Morgan mmorgan@dobsons.com.au.
Adding or deleting payment cards:

To add, delete or edit your payment cards from the 'Settings':

1. Open QkR
2. Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen
3. Tap on the word 'Settings'. This will open the settings page and present you with a number of options to personalize the way QkR works for you
4. Tap 'Manage Payment Cards'
5. To delete a card: Tap and hold
6. To edit details of an existing card: Tap quickly to enter 'Edit Card' screen
7. To add a new card, tap the icon on the top right of your screen (an image of a card with a ‘+’ symbol on Android devices or the word ‘Add’ on Apple devices)

To add another card from the check out screen:

1. Tap on your registered card
2. Tap 'Add Card' option
3. Provide card details
4. Tap the ‘Done’ button (Apple devices) or ‘tick’ icon (Android devices) on the top right of your screen to save changes
2014 Netball Victoria Regional Clinics

Join Netball Victoria’s coaches to learn some new tips & skills and receive some great giveaways.

ARARAT
Venue: YMCA Stadium
    High Street, Ararat
Date: Thursday 3rd July 2014
Time & Ages: 10am-12pm / 10-15 years

ST ARNAUD
Venue: St. Arnaud Indoor Sports & Squash Stadium
    Cnr Bowen & Navarre Streets, St Arnaud
Date: Friday 4th July 2014
Time & Ages: 10am-12pm / 10-15 years

HORSHAM
Venue: Horsham Lanes & Games
    Jenkinson Ave, Horsham
Date: Thursday 3rd July 2014
Time & Ages: 2:30pm-3:30pm / 5-9 years
            3:45pm-5:45pm / 10-15 years

BENDIGO
Venue: Flora Hill Indoor Sports Stadium
    56 Ellis Street, Flora Hill
Date: Friday 4th July 2014
Time & Ages: 3pm-5pm / 10-15 years

$40 Per Participant

To book your place, visit www.nvclinicsandcamps.com.au
For further information call 03 9321 2222
cyber(smart:)

Internet privacy in an age of oversharing

We are holding an information session for parents on:

Thursday 7th August 2014

@ 6pm - 7.30pm: Weeroona College Bendigo.

RSVP: 28th July on 54432133

Join in the discussion with an ACMA Cybersmart expert.

Arm yourself with the knowledge of ‘what’s trending’ and how to assist your child navigate safety online.

www.cybersmart.gov.au
Bendigo Community Health Services together with some friends are running a weekly 'Soup Kitchen' for those who are looking for, are in need of a warm meal.

Join us in the arcade outside 'Café De Mill' in Hargreaves Street (opposite Brit) each Thursday night at 4:00pm for a free warm bowl of soup and fresh roll each week.

Everyone is welcome...

Warm coats are also available should you or your family need some extra warmth over winter.

Café De Mill
becklegal
Bath Lane Bakery
Active kids are healthy kids

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 23 May 2014

Take the Challenge

Download the FREE APP

walk.com.au

SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
To,
Ms S Fergus
Werrona College
383 Napier Street
Bendigo
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By email only: fergus.sonya.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Re: Confirmation of our visiting dates to your school by the Mobile Dental Team

Dear Ms Fergus,

I thank you for your reply to participate in the program of Mobile Dental Services.

The proposed dates for our team to attend your school is from 20th April 2015 to 25th April 2015.

I attach herewith our company letter addressed to your school parents for distribution.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the following by way of email to ss@armdc.com.au or alternatively you can call me on 0413 900190 or text me to my mobile 0413 900190 (I would appreciate your response as soon as possible and preferably by 15th May 2014).

1. Whether the proposed date is suitable for you

2. Are you happy with the contents of our letter to the parents

3. Will you be able to distribute the letters to parents 8 weeks before the proposed visit date through students class diaries or other means
   If no then please let us know the suitable date

4. Are we allowed to provide services during our proposed service hours on your school ground?
   Will we have access to the school ground after school hours and on Saturday?
   Can Parents/Guardian pick and drop student for dental appointment during school hours?
   Proposed service hours: Mon to Fri: 8am till 6 pm & Sat: 9am till 2 pm

5. Will you give permission to your school students to attend our service during the school hours if the parent/Guardian is agreed to be present during the appointment period

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AUSTRALIAN MOBILE DENTAL SERVICES PTY LTD
An Affiliate of ARMDC
ABN: 32169033523
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Gladesville, NSW 2111
For Correspondence
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Gladesville, NSW 2111
Tel: 1300 073 639 & Fax: (02) 9475 5175 Mobile 0413 900190
Re: Visit by Mobile Dental Van to School

Dear Parent,

We are pleased to advise that fully equipped Mobile Dental Van with qualified Dentist will provide services to students of the Werrona College from 20th April 2015 to 25th April 2015.

If you are in possession of Dental Voucher (Child Dental Benefit Schedule) for your child/children or have private Health fund, you will be entitled to avail service without any out of pocket expenses. If you have not received Dental Voucher please contact Medicare Australia office close to you to ask whether you are entitled for such voucher.

Oral Health is important in the earlier stage of life so routine check-up as well reducing gum disease and other relevant disorders can provide healthy oral health fundamental to overall health and reducing socially unacceptable bad breath.

We believe the convenience of having mobile dental service on school ground from 8am till 6 pm Monday to Friday and from 9am till 2 pm on Saturday will assist you to consider this service. We encourage you to make an appointment for your child/children to see our dentist during the school hours as out of school time normally is in high demand for parents who has severe difficulty to attend during school hours resulting in accommodating as many kids as possible.

We also believe that your child/childdren’s time of absent from the school will be much lower if you use our service compare to the use of dental practice as travelling time between school and dental practice can be eliminated. We have informed school for short time off for students during visit to Dentist in our Mobile Dental Van.

Please contact us on 1300 073 639 to make an appointment for your son/daughter. We would appreciate your response as soon as possible as appointments close 3 weeks before the above mentioned our school visit date.

Please note that one of the parent/Guardian has to be present during the appointment and you need to inform class Teacher by writing a note in the school diary or by other means that your son/daughter will be absent during this appointment period, if Dentist feel that your son/daughter is unable to attend school after treatment you need to inform school and return with your son/daughter back to home.