**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

Welcome to Term 2, when we get into the full swing of the year. This is the term where we all lay the foundations for the success of the rest of the year. It was terrific to see so many parents and students take advantage of the three way conferences, held last week, to meet with teachers and gain a sound understanding of improvements made in Term One and establish opportunities for improvement for 2014. I would like to report 100% attendance but unfortunately this was not the case. If you were unable to meet with your child’s teachers, please take the opportunity to contact them at your earliest possible convenience.

Farewell to Ms Helen Tuohey
Last week we farewelled our Assistant Principal, Helen Tuohey. Helen has had a successful career in education and educational leadership beginning after she graduated from the Bendigo College of Advanced Education with a Diploma of Primary Teaching in 1977 (she later completed a Bachelor of Primary Education). Helen has worked in a range of schools including Rushworth, Heathcote, Huntly, Camp Hill, and Goornong Primary Schools where she has been a classroom teacher, leading teacher, and principal. Helen was appointed as Assistant Principal at WCB in 2004 and has worked with a great many students, families and staff during these ten years. Helen will be missed for her professionalism, willingness to support students, their families and colleagues and her ability to liaise with community agencies to ensure that students had viable pathways and assistance as required. We wish her all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Mr Ben Lee
Last week we also farewelled Ben Lee, who has been appointed to a teaching position at Echuca College. We wish Ben all the best at his new school and thank him for his contributions to the teaching, learning, and extracurricular activities at WCB during his five years with us.

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform
With the weather getting colder it is timely to remind students and parents of Weeroona college Bendigo uniform policy. It is a College Council policy that all students must wear College Uniform at all times at school. Weeroona College Bendigo uniform consists of the following:

OUTER GARMENTS:
- Navy woollen jumper
- College Polar Fleece
- College Spray Jacket
- College Rugby Top
- College Scarf

SHIRTS:
- College Polo Shirt
- White long sleeve business shirt and college tie.
- College PE shirt to be worn on physical education or sports days

TROUSERS, SLACKS & SHORTS:
- Navy College trousers or slacks (Choice of styles available from shop.)
- Navy College shorts are a summer option for all students.

Additional security for Weeroona College Bendigo
During the last term break, we had external surveillance cameras installed around the College grounds to ensure additional security for our beautiful facilities.

Anzac Day Commemorative Service
WCB Student Leaders at the Anzac commemorative service in Bendigo last Friday.
DRESSES/SKIRTS:
- College winter skirt and navy tights or socks.
- College summer dress and white ankle socks.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT:
- Choice of 2 styles of navy shorts
- College navy track pants
- College PE/Sport white & navy polo top

Black shorts and hooded jumpers are not part of the Weeroona College Bendigo uniform policy. Students who attend school without correct school uniform will be expected to exchange their incorrect items for freshly laundered spare items which are kept in each of the Learning Communities. Spare items kept in the communities include; polo shirts, polar fleece jumpers and black leather shoes.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE
Well done to the seven students who have already completed the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. So far 850 books have been finished by our enthusiastic readers. Keep reading and enjoying the fantastic books!
Mrs Payne and Ms Oliver

SPORT

Dragon Mile 2014
It was fantastic to witness 15 students from Weeroona College Bendigo compete in the Bendigo Bank Harriers Athletics club Dragon Mile held on Easter Sunday in the Bendigo City precinct.

The college has been a long supporter of this event and it was excellent to see students give up their time to compete in the event.

The event this year was more taxing for competitors as they had to run up the steep View Street incline. Highlights for Weeroona College Bendigo were the performances of Jordan W who finished 4th overall in the Year 7 and 8 Boys Division and Gabby R who finished third in the Year 7 and 8 Girls Division. Again well done to all involved in this event.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Cyber-Safety Task Group
Being cybersafe and a good cybercitizen is primarily about learning how to behave in the online environment.

At Weeroona College Bendigo, we have developed a group of students who will be involved in helping the
whole school community to be cybersafe. The aim of the group is to present Cybersafety information to students, staff and incoming Grade 6 students, which will help them to engage with the online world safely and positively protect them from online risks.

The Cybersafety Task Group consists of the following students:
Georgia C
Lucy H
Milly B
Kane M
Braydan T
Taylor F
Jack T
John W
Hayley D
Trent D
Michaella P

Each week the group will be meeting with members of the public from Bendigo Police, Headspace and Country Awareness Network in order to provide the school with the most up-to-date cybersafety information. The group will also be producing a short film clip on cybersafety.

Information regarding Cybersafety will be regularly posted in the school newsletter and school website. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information about cybersafety.

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse

SCIENCE NEWS

The La Trobe Rural Health School recently conducted a focus group with Year 9 Science students as part of their community consultation for a new diabetes screening sensor. Professor Jane Farmer and her colleagues, pictured above, are developing a sensor that will test urine to measure glucose levels of individuals and they were seeking community input on how this new technology could be made accessible to the public.

Students were shown the device and how it is proposed to be used. They then participated in group discussions about how the technology could be used and made accessible to them and other people in the community. The students showed a great interest in the device and gained satisfaction from contributing to a real community consultation process where their opinions were being listened to.

It was also beneficial for students to hear from the students at La Trobe who are researching this device and hopefully it will inspire them to broaden their own potential career paths.

NEW GOVERNMENT DENTAL SCHEME – ONE THOUSAND REASONS TO SMILE!

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with $1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au
Explore the possibilities
BSSC Open Day

Explore the possibilities
Sunday 4 May 11am – 2pm

Open Day is the perfect opportunity for prospective parents and students to see what BSSC can offer.

You are invited to see the unique resources and programs that sets the college apart.

BSSC offers the widest range of curriculum choices in Victoria, including a number of specialist programs, and flexible learning options, all of which are designed to create an environment that supports young adults.

Tour the facilities with student leaders and see state of the art facilities.

Talk to careers advisors and teachers and learn about the specialist programs BSSC is renowned for.

The new Performing Arts Centre plans will be on display.

Attend an information session with principal Dale Pearce at 12 pm and 1 pm in the James King Hall.

Learn more about enrolling at BSSC for 2015.

Our ROLE is to empower learners for individual, community and global leadership. We value Respect, Optimism, Learning and Environment.

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Safer social networking

Teenagers

Social networking describes a variety of online services like Facebook, YouTube, Foursquare, Twitter and online games such as World of Warcraft and Runescape. These services let children and teens communicate with other people online. This can enable children and teens to stay in touch with friends and family. However, teens may disclose too much information online. They may also behave in ways that they wouldn’t offline. The following tips will assist teens to behave safely when using social networking.

- Talk to your teen about managing personal information on social networking websites. Encourage them not to put key personal information on their profiles. This includes their phone number, home or school addresses, information about workplaces or clubs.
- Remind your teen not to post photos of themselves or others that they would not want strangers to see, or that may have a negative impact on how others view them.
- Ensure your teen understands the privacy features—in particular how to set their profile to private and limit access to their information. Encourage teens to screen online ‘friends’.
- Remind your teen that not everyone is who they claim to be. Although they may enjoy having many online friends, adding people that they don’t know on ‘friends lists’ allows those people to learn all about them. This information could be used for scams or cyberstalking.
- Talk to your teen about the use of location based services. Services such as Foursquare and Facebook enable social networking users to report their physical location to other users by ‘checking in’. Some services let people report their friends’ locations and have location based functions turned on by default. Your teen can review their settings and block this function or limit who sees their location based information. Remind your teen that allowing strangers to see where they are, or where their mates are, is a risky behaviour.
- You may also like to contact your mobile phone company for assistance with blocking internet, Bluetooth and GPS functionality on their child’s mobile phone to limit their ability to notify others of their whereabouts.
- Encourage your teen to keep their online friends online. If they do want to meet someone that they haven’t met so far in person, they should ask a parent or another trusted adult to go with them and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.
- Remind your teen not to respond if someone sends them negative messages or asks them to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. They should tell a trusted adult and save the messages.
- Encourage your teen to set up a separate social networking account if they want to promote themselves or an interest and engage with like minded people that they don’t know offline. They should ensure the site does not contain their personal information.

More information

The Cybersmart program provides a range of cybersafety materials for parents and their children. For more information, resources, advice and tips, visit the Cybersmart website at

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www.cybersmart.gov.au. Encourage your children and teens to take a look around the website. If you have young children, you may like to explore it together to help them understand how to protect themselves against online risks and make the most of their experiences online.
Bring the world home!

"Always interested in that culture."
"We gained tolerance and learning how to include someone else in the family."
"A good way to learn language skills and a deeper understanding of that country's culture."
"We now have an expanded family overseas."
"To help prepare our own student for her exchange program."
"To make friends for life."

All over Australia, volunteer families play a significant role in international relations, nowhere further than under their own roof as they develop a deeper understanding of a different culture.

Volunteer families help promote the skills of sharing and compromise, and they gain the satisfaction of seeing an international "son" or "daughter"—and their own children—develop maturity and perspectives, while becoming more confident and tolerant of differences and diversity.

The international connections that are made, the maturities gained, including educational and future career goals and the desired language skills, all contribute to an indelible experience for the whole family.

Expose your family to different customs and ideas. Develop an international network for your whole family. Learn more about your favourite foreign culture. Share your daily life with sportive and talented international exchange students from countries such as France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Japan and the U.S.A.

Students are aged 15—17 and arrive in mid-July. Volunteer host families may choose a student according to age, gender and program duration (3, 5, or 10 months). Southern Cross Cultural Exchange makes all school, insurance and travel arrangements. Phone S.C.C.E. at 1800 500 501 as soon as possible to request a selection of student profiles.

1800 500 501 scce aust@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au
Workshops for Secondary Students

National Theatre Drama School
Thursday, 3 July to Saturday, 5 July
Book directly through The Capital.

Opera Australia Student Scholarship
Friday, 18 July
Ten students will have the opportunity to take an individual audition with an Opera Australia appointed Chorus Master. From the national tour, four students will receive a Scholarship including workshops, coaching, tickets, accommodation and travel to Sydney. Contact The Capital for information.

Speaking to the SRC
Thursday, 13 August
A morning presentation about how to speak to the SRC and what to expect at a hearing. Presented by a Barrister.

Henry V Regional Access Workshops
Tuesday, 22 July
Presented by a Bell Shakespeare Arts Educator the Regional Access Workshops will cover plot synopsis, character journeys and design images from the production. Schools to book via The Capital.

Melbourne Chamber Orchestra
Saturday, 28 July
Book through The Capital.

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Keep connected

These are just some of the ways The Capital connects with the broader arts community. There are always new opportunities and events coming to light throughout the year, so make sure you’re following Capital Community Connect on Facebook: Facebook.com/CapitalCommunityConnect

Foyer Exhibitions

The Capital has an ongoing program of foyer exhibitions featuring the work of local artists. In advance of the Theatre Season performance of Sons and Mothers on Wednesday 8 October, there will be an exhibition of work created by artists from the CreatAbility art program.

Special events in the library

For children

Introducing the marvellous Mr McGee
Friday, 30 May
10.30-11.30am Storytime Special for children 3 – 9yrs. Library

The Gruffalo is in Town!
Wednesday, 4 June
11am-12pm Storytime Special for children 3 – 5yrs. Library

Think Pig - Fun and Games with Peppa Pig
Friday, 11 July
11am-12pm Storytime Special for children 3 – 6yrs. Library

For adults

1984 book club
Monday, 14 April
5.30pm Join a special book club to discuss Orwell’s 1984 in preparation for the shake and stir performances on 20 & 21 June. Library

The Capital is on Jaara land, part of the Kulin Nation, and the staff and wider theatrical community acknowledge its traditional custodians.

Detailed in this brochure are correct at the time of publication. The Manager reserves the right to add, withdraw or substitute artists and vary the program should the necessity arise. The Capital is proudly owned and operated by The City of Greater Bendigo.
Theatre Performance Subsidy Program
Performances in the Bendigo Bank Theatre by the finest local musicians. Performance time and ticket details available closer to the performance.

Orpheus Piano Trio in Concert
Friday, 13 June
A concert of music for piano trio.

Claude Bolling’s Concerto
Friday, 25 July
Concert featuring Claude Bolling’s Concerto for Classical guitar and Jazz trio.

Noble Quartet & Aequales Ensemble in concert
Friday, 22 August
The Noble String Quartet, featuring local students, share the stage with their mentors, the Aequales Ensemble.

Twenty Years of Harp and Song
Friday, 17 October
Meryl Wilkinson performs beautiful songs, accompanied by the harp, complemented by a diverse range of instrumental music, showcasing the different styles of music she has enjoyed since taking up the harp 20 years ago.

Bendigo Writers Festival
School’s Day - Bendigo Writers Festival
Friday, 8 August
The Capital.

Write on the Fringe
Friday, 8 & Saturday, 9 August
A program of events to coincide with the 2014 Bendigo Writers Festival.

Bendigo Library.

RAW Arts Awards
RAW Arts Awards Announcement
Thursday, 29 May
6pm
Announcement by the Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo of the winners of the 2014 RAW Arts Awards, Dudley House.

RAW Arts Exhibition
Thursday, 29 May to Sunday, 1 June
11am-6pm
Exhibition of entries for the 2014 RAW Arts Awards, Visual Art Acquisitive Award, Dudley House.

RAW Digital Showcase
Friday, 30 May
4-6pm
Screening of entries for the 2014 RAW Arts Awards, Digital Prize, Bendigo Library Performance Space.
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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 Toy Library presents the

**BABY & KIDS MARKET**

Saturday 10 May 2014  9am—1pm
Strathdale Community Centre, Crook Street

Pre-loved baby and kids items at great prices
Cots, prams, high chairs, clothes, toys, books and more

Entry by gold coin donation
Cash only—no credit facilities

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**Stalls available from $30***
*early bird special until 28 March, thereafter $40 per stall
Clear out the cupboards or get your spare room back!
Why not share a stall with friends?

All proceeds to the Bendigo Community Toy Library

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For enquiries: Annemarie 0466 641 213 or toys@bendigotoylibrary.org.au