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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
11th Remembrance Day
17th -19th Energy Breakthrough
17th Year 10 Exams
18th Year 10 Exams
21st Year 10 Celebration Day
22nd Year 10 Celebration Dinner
23rd BSSC Orientation begins
28th School Council Meeting 7pm

DECEMBER
6th Grade 6 Transition Day – No school for year 8 or 9
7th Awards Night
15th Final Newsletter for 2016
16th End of Year Pool Day
19th Curriculum Day – No classes
20th Clean Up Day – 1:30pm finish
Office Closed 12.30pm.

JANUARY
22nd Sunday Booklist Collection Day – CVOS Kangaroo Flat
27th Office Opens For 2017
31st Start Up Day Interviews – PM

FEBRUARY
1st Start Up Day Interviews – AM
2nd First Day Of Classes

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

OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday
8.15am – 4.15pm
Friday
8.15pm - 4.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm
*EFTPOS facilities now available *

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**

Our school review

Every four years our school undergoes a review and the development of a new strategic plan. This process provides everyone with an opportunity to reflect on the extent to which we have achieved our goals from the previous four-year strategic plan. School reviews provide analysis of current school improvement, performance and practice, and make a positive contribution to the school’s efforts to improve student outcomes. All school reviews include a registration requirements check against relevant regulatory standards. School councillors, myself and our school leadership team, our Senior Education Improvement Leader and school reviewer will be involved in the review process. There will also be opportunities for students, staff and parents so please keep a look out for these opportunities. It would be great to have your input.

Bendigo Tech School – one step closer.

Last week, my principal colleagues from secondary schools across all sectors in Bendigo, along with industry and business representatives and other interested community groups met at La Trobe University with Maree Edwards MP, Department of Education and Training North Western Victoria Region area manager Anne Cunniff and La Trobe head of campus Rob Stephenson where we signed the charter indicating our commitment to the Bendigo Tech School project. This is the results of many, many months of consultation and discussion across all of these groups. La Trobe University will host this innovative educational facility, as part of a multi-million dollar State Government funded program. Our new Tech School will provide state-of-the-art equipment and resources for secondary-level students from across Bendigo. It will promote and encourage study in 'STEM' disciplines – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This will help us ensure that our students are well prepared to take advantage of future opportunities in employment, vocational training and higher education. It will also benefit Bendigo’s business and manufacturing sector. Plans for the design of the building and the development of the curriculum are well underway and the Bendigo Tech School is expected to be ready for students by the start of 2018.

Leanne Preece  
Principal

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**FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Key Dates for Year 10 Students for Term 4

The following responsibilities and activities have been planned for Year 10 students to celebrate the end of their time at Weeroona College Bendigo. The following indicates Year 10 students’ requirements:

**Thursday 17th November Exams at BSSC**  
**(8.50am – 2.30pm)**

**Friday 18th November Exams at BSSC**  
**(8.50am – 2.30pm)**  
All students are expected to attend unless they provide a Medical Certificate to the College.

**Monday 21st November Celebration Day (Ice Skating, Melbourne)**  
All Year 10 students are invited to attend. Students are reminded that they must adhere to our college values or risk being sent home.

**Tuesday 22nd November Year 10 Celebration Dinner at Bendigo Pottery – Arrivals from 6:30, proceedings 7:00 – 10:00**  
Invitations have been given to eligible students.

**Wednesday 7th December Awards Evening at Ulumbarra Theatre**

Award recipients to arrive at 6:00pm  
Proceedings start 7:00pm sharp  
Students will receive an invitation via e-mail if they are the recipient of an award. Further details about the evening will be sent with the invitation.

**Year 8 Surf Camp – Lorne**

On Tuesday 18th October the Year 8 students had their three day learn to surf camp to Lorne. The weather as we were leaving did not appear promising for surf as it was raining quite heavily. By the time we arrived at Lorne the weather had cleared and students settled into their accommodation for the next few nights. Students were fitted for wet suits and had three surf lessons throughout the camp. Almost all students and staff were able to stand on the board by the end of the trip. Students were involved in a hike to Teddy’s Lookout, beach activities and a night walk out to the pier. Students were provided the opportunity to learn about surf lifesaving and beach safety. Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed being able to spend this time with such a great bunch of students. I would like to thank the wonderful staff that made this trip possible and congratulate the students on the way that they conducted themselves for the duration of our stay.

Jason Bysouth  
Assistant Principal
YEAR 10 EXAMS
Year 10 exams will take place at BSSC on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November. Students will be completing 4 exams during this time English and Science on Thursday and Maths and Humanities on Friday. Students should be using homework time now revising for these and are encouraged to speak to staff if they have any concerns.

COLOUR RUN
It was fun to watch people running through the clouds of coloured powder. They had powder on their faces which looked great and was funny. I will definitely go in the colour run next year.
At the end everyone had heaps of coloured powder on themselves, even the teachers. Some people looked like monsters. It was great fun and gave everyone some exercise.
We hadn’t done a colour run before so I didn’t know what to expect. It was awesome. It was a great day to do it as it was sunny.
It was amazing to see the clouds of colour on the oval. There was so much colour. Lots and lots. I wish it had gone for longer.
I loved the Colour Run. It was so great. I hope we do it again one time.
At the start, there was a few coloured dust particles and then by the end there was a huge coloured cloud. Let’s do it again!
From M7A

MINDMATTERS SURVEY
MindMatters is a mental health initiative for secondary schools that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people. MindMatters helps schools promote positive mental health through the whole school community, and aims to prevent mental health difficulties in students by taking steps to improve relationships and resilience.
You’re invited to take part in a survey about your child’s school’s approach to mental health and wellbeing. On Monday 14th November 2016, you will be sent a link to the MindMatters Survey. This survey will be open until Monday 21st Nov.
This survey has been issued by the school MindMatters Action Team, which is gathering parent and family opinions as part of the school’s involvement with MindMatters, a mental health initiative for secondary schools. Your responses will help inform the school’s future work on mental health.
This survey contains 28 questions and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your responses won’t identify you and will be confidential.
Got more questions? The MindMatters website has more information about this survey, or you can speak to the school MindMatters Action Team.

http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/
Sarah Warburton, Meryl Hayes, Julie Nicol & Alex Madden.
The MindMatters Action Team
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

Mosquitoes

The mozzies are out in force this year as most of you are probably aware. There have been a large number of students who are making their way to the First Aid Office complaining of bites and requesting mosquito repellent. We strongly encourage students to apply mosquito repellent at home before coming to school. Students can also bring roll on or gel mosquito repellent to school to reapply throughout the day. Aerosol and pump sprays are not permitted at school due to health risks.

Like sunscreen, repellent is only effective if applied to all exposed skin. A few dabs here or there will not keep mosquitoes away. Aim to apply a thin, even layer to all exposed skin. If using a liquid formulation, such as a lotion or gel, pour or squeeze straight onto your hands and spread a thin, even layer on all exposed skin. Avoid getting repellent on your eyes or lips. Wipe or wash the palms of your hands after application.

If using an aerosol or pump spray (at home), spray directly onto exposed skin to create a thin, even layer. Do not apply aerosols or pump sprays direct to your face - spray them on your hands first and then carefully rub the repellent onto your face and neck to avoid getting the repellent on your eyes or lips. Wipe or wash the palms of your hands after application.

Cancer council

A dual-use sunscreen lotion that will save you from sunburn and also has active ingredients that repel annoying insects such as flies and mosquitoes:

• SPF30+ protection
• Broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection
• Protects from sun and repels annoying flies and mosquitoes
• 2 hours water resistant

Please see the attached brochure from The Better Health Channel: Beat the bite! Protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne disease.

Sarah Warburton
School Nurse

Never Give Up

Abraham Lincoln overcame great setbacks and obstacles on his journey. Take a look at the synopsis of his life and see whether you would have had the courage to continue on.

1809 Born February 12
1816 Abraham Lincoln's family was forced out of their home and he needed to work to support his family.
1818 His mother passed away
1828 His sister dies
1832 He ran for the State Legislature. He lost.
1832 In the same year, he also lost his job. He decided he wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.
1833 He borrowed money from a friend to start a business. By the end of the year, he was bankrupt.
1834 He ran for the State Legislature again. This time he won.
1835 The year was looking better as he was engaged to be married. Unfortunately, his fiancée died and he was grief stricken.
1836 This was the year he had a total nervous breakdown and for 6 months was bedridden.
1836 He sought to become Speaker of the State Legislature. He was defeated.
1840 He sought to become Elector. He was defeated.
1842 He gets married to a woman named Mary Todd. They have 4 boys but only one would live to maturity.
1843 He ran for Congress. He lost.
1846 He ran for Congress again. He won and moved to Washington.
1848 He ran for re-election to Congress. He lost.
1849 He sought the job of Land Officer in his home state. He didn't get the job.
1850 His son, Edward, dies
1854 He ran for the Senate of the United states. He lost.
1856 He sought the Vice Presidential nomination at a national convention. He got less than 100 votes.
1858 He ran for the Senate again. He lost again.
1860 Abraham Lincoln is elected President of the United States
1862 His son, Willie, dies at age 12.
1865 On April 14, Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.

Amazing how much he went through yet he kept on going. A lot of people would have given up after the first failed business. Abraham Lincoln is a perfect example of why you can't let setbacks knock you down for long. His life made a difference in the world and yours can too, if you just keep going after your dreams.

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing
The Tech School initiative is part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to creating the Education State, ensuring every Victorian student has access to a great education.

THE TECH SCHOOL INITIATIVE

The Government is investing $128 million to establish 10 Tech Schools across Victoria, to help prepare secondary students for the jobs of the future.

Tech Schools will operate differently to a school. They will be high-tech learning environments, with innovative education programs, hosted by a university or TAFE and linked with local industry, delivering real world learning to students. Tech Schools will emphasise employability skills vital for the 21st Century and have a science, technology, engineering and mathematics focus. Tech Schools will enhance the programs that schools provide and help give students the skills they need for the jobs of the future. They will also benefit teachers through professional development and enriched experience.

THE BENDIGO TECH SCHOOL

Secondary students from 13 partner schools will have access to high-tech learning at the cutting edge Bendigo Tech School.

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The Bendigo Tech School will build connections between schools, tertiary partners and industry to prepare and inspire students for future industries.

**BENDIGO TECH SCHOOL PARTNER SCHOOLS**

- Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- Bendigo South East Secondary College
- Bendigo Special Developmental School
- Catholic College Bendigo
- Creek Street Christian College
- Crusoe College
- DOXA Bendigo
- Eaglehawk Secondary College
- Girton Grammar School
- Kalianna Special School
- Marist College Bendigo
- Victory Christian College
- Weeroona College Bendigo

**PROGRESS UPDATE – 1 SEPTEMBER**

- Site selected
- Industry focus selected
- Local governance committee established
- Education program development commenced
- Tech School Director appointed
- Architect appointed
- Architect designs approved
- Construction commenced
- Construction complete
- Anticipated opening

*Dates are subject to confirmation through the appointment of architects and signing of funding agreements.*

For more information about Tech Schools:
Visit: techschools.education.vic.gov.au
Email: tech.schools@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mosquito-borne diseases – the facts!

- Most mosquitoes are just a nuisance, but some spread disease.
- You can only catch mosquito-borne diseases from the bite of an infected mosquito. You cannot catch them from an infected person or animal.
- The best protection from mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid mosquito bites.
- Mosquito-borne diseases typically occur around inland waterways and coastal regions.
- Mosquitoes need water to breed. Heavy rains and flooding can bring more mosquitoes.

Mosquito-borne diseases in Victoria

Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus disease

The symptoms for Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus diseases are similar. Both can cause joint swelling and pain, fatigue, fever and rash. Everyone recovers, although some people can have symptoms on and off for a year or more.

Murray Valley encephalitis virus disease

Murray Valley encephalitis virus (MVEV) disease is rare but can be very serious. Encephalitis is a brain infection that can cause the brain to swell, leading to brain damage or death.

Most people who get the virus show no symptoms at all. For those that do, it can take around seven to 28 days between getting bitten and becoming sick. Symptoms include high fever, severe headache, seizure (especially in young children), neck stiffness, drowsiness and confusion. In severe cases, delirium and coma can follow.

If you have any health concerns see your doctor or phone NURSE-ON-CALL 1300 60 60 24.

For more information contact your local council or visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Beat the bite!

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne diseases

For more information visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
We love getting outdoors while the weather is warm. The problem is – so do the mozzies. They’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you can Beat the bite! and protect yourself and your family.

Many mosquitoes bite at dusk and dawn, but in some areas mosquitoes will also bite during the day.

**Protect yourself**

**Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors**
- Mosquitoes can bite through tight-fitting clothes.
- Make sure cuffs around ankles and wrists are firm.

**Use effective mosquito repellents on exposed skin**
- Products containing picaridin or DEET are the most effective. The greater the strength, the longer the duration of protection.
  - Use repellents according to the product label, and reapply frequently, particularly after swimming, showering or heavy sweating.

**Protect babies and small children**
- Use mosquito repellents safely and follow the instructions on the product label.
- Never allow young children to apply their own repellent.
- Choose a lower strength repellent (no more than 20 per cent picaridin or DEET) and apply a thin, even layer as required.
- Cover their skin as much as possible.
- Dress them in loose fitting clothes.
- Drape mosquito nets over prams, strollers and infant carriers, ensuring there are no gaps.

**Mosquito-proof your holiday**

**Ensure your accommodation is mosquito-proof**
- Check that your accommodation, including caravans, are fitted with well maintained fly screens.
- Use mosquito nets in tents and cabins.

**Don’t forget to pack repellent and long, loose clothing**
- Check you’ve packed plenty of mosquito repellent containing picaridin or DEET.
- Take long, loose-fitting clothes for all the family, including the kids.
- Take some mosquito coils or repellent candles – they can be effective in small outdoor areas.

**Mosquito-proof your home**

**Try to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home**
- Maintain fly screens on windows, doors and vents.
- Use ‘knockdown’ sprays, plug-in “zapper” vaporisers or mosquito coils.
- Ceiling or floor fans can reduce mozzies.
- Remember, try to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home in the first place!

**Remove stagnant water so mosquitoes can’t breed**
- Remove disused pots and tyres.
- Cover or overturn trailers, wheelbarrows, boats and tools.
- Clean gutters and drains and mend leaking taps.
- Change pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vase waters at least once a week.
- Put sand around the base of pot plants.
- Keep swimming pools well maintained or empty.
- Keep fish ponds tidy with minimal vegetation.
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed back.

**Check your rainwater tank or water storage devices**
- Water tanks must be completely sealed. Check lids, covers and inlet pipes for any gaps.
- Fit removable screen mesh to the outlet end of overflow pipes and to all inlets.
- Make sure any water collection containers have secure lids or screens.
Being SunSmart in Victoria

When UV is 3+

- Slip on covering clothing
- Slop on SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can’t be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

When UV is below 3

Sun protection isn’t required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Download the SunSmart app to find sun protection times for your location in Australia.

sunsmart.com.au/app
$1 from the sale of Pharmacy Choice SPF 50+ sunscreen lotion (1L) and spray (200mL) will be donated to community partners like us.

**How does it work?**

1. Visit any of the four UFS Pharmacies stores and look for the ‘Shine’ display.

2. Scan your UFS member card at checkout and $1* from each purchase goes to your group!


If you’re not a UFS Member, sign up and we’ll also get half your membership fee – now that’ll really make us shine!


* Conditions apply, UFS Members only promotion, only Pharmacy Choice SPF 50+ 1 Litre pump & 200ml spray are included in this promotion.