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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
21st Celebration Day for Year 10’s
22nd Year 10 Exams begin at BSSC
25th School Council Meeting (7pm)
26th Year 10 Celebration Dinner
27th BSSC Orientation Day

DECEMBER
3rd Year 6 Orientation Day – Classes for Year 6 and 7 only.
Booklists Due back
6th Last Day of 2013 Classes
9th Kick Start Week Begins
10th College Awards Evening
16th Learning Community Activities
18th WCB Pool Day
20th Clean Up Day

JANUARY – 2014
20th Book Collection Day
24th Office Opens
29th Start up Day (pm)
30th Start up Day (am)
31st First Day of School

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
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Staff Achievement
Congratulations to our staff member Mr Chas Odgers who is seen here receiving recognition for 45 years of service to state education in Victoria from The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP. A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT CHAS.

Weeroona College Bendigo Commemorates Remembrance Day
At our most recent whole school assembly we were fortunate to have staff member, Mr Ben Lee arrange for us to observe Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is the day Australians remember the sacrifices of those men and women who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts and all those who have served in the past 100 years.

After the acknowledgement of country, and our school song, we welcomed returned serviceman and Vietnam veteran Mr Michael Rohde, Naval Cadets from training Ship, Bendigo, members of the 309 Army Cadet Unit-Bendigo, Australian Air Force Cadets, 410 Squadron - Bendigo, staff, students and visitors to the commemoration. After Mr Rohde spoke to us about his experiences in battle and the contributions of others, we paused to reflect on those affected by war with a minute silence. As part of the Remembrance Day service, the Ode was read, a bugler played the Last Post, minute silence was observed and then followed by the Rouse. Tara G also sang the national anthem for us.

We appreciate the feedback that we have received from students and parents in relation to observing this important occasion on the correct day if possible and we will look to do this in the future.

Student Leadership 2014
Student leadership at Weeroona College Bendigo is an important aspect of college life for our students as it allows opportunities to learn to be leaders now and for the future.

Currently, we are encouraging our students to consider seeking nomination for a range of school leadership positions for 2014 and I am hoping that parents might encourage from the home front. We have so many terrific students with so much to offer. Sometimes they just need a tap on the shoulder to consider doing something outside their comfort zone.

Students who would like to be a part of the Weeroona College Bendigo Student Leadership Team are asked to consider the following leadership opportunities for 2014.

1. College Captains – 1 male and 1 female (Year 10 students)
2. Vice College Captains – 1 male and 1 female (Year 10 students)
3. Student Representative Council President (SRC)
4. Student Representative Council Vice President (SRC)
5. Student Representative Council Secretary (SRC)
6. Student Representative Council Treasurer (SRC)
7. Student Representative Council members (SRC)
   • 1 male and 1 female Katyil Learning Community Student Voice Leader.
   • 1 male and 1 female Kappen Learning Community Student Voice Leader.
   • 1 male and 1 female Merin Learning Community Student Voice Leader.
   • 1 male and 1 female Wannop Learning Community Student Voice Leader.
8. Learning Community Sport Captain- 2 male and 2 female for each Community (2 Senior and 2 Junior)
9. Weeroona College Bendigo School Council Student Representative – 2 students (year 10 students).

Nomination forms are currently available in the student bulletin or at the Administration office.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Footwear for 2014
When planning for the 2014 school year, I would like to remind parents and students of our footwear policy at WCB. From time to time, students arrive at school with shoes that do not meet our school council agreed uniform policy.
Footwear has to be OH&S compliant. This means they must be Black leather lace up style school shoes or black leather runners. Shoes must be totally black including laces.

I have included some photos below of footwear that is appropriate.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

MATHS COMPETITION

In the recent Australian Mathematics Competition, we had four students who achieved DISTINCTIONS at their respective Year Level.

Their achievement puts them in the top 15% of students Australia wide. There were over 45,000 students who participated in the competition. Congratulations to James M (W1A), Jack B (W7A), David S (P) and Jemma P (W1A). One of our College’s values is Personal Excellence and this certainly applies to these students.

BOOKLISTS FOR 2014

A reminder that booklists are due back on Tuesday 3rd December. Year 8 & 9 students should have received their electives for next year so parents can now fill out booklists for these year levels.

Book collection day will be on Monday 20th January in the College Gym. If you have any queries with the booklist, please contact JI Supplies on 5444 2242.

YEAR 10 NETBOOK RETURN

Year 10 students are reminded that netbooks must be returned to the College by Tuesday 26th November. To help with this process, students may return netbooks at BSSC on the exam days.

Students, Parents and Guardians are reminded that the netbooks are the property of the College. Previously BSSC have requested a list of students that have not returned WCB netbooks.

All netbooks are expected to be returned in full working order & good condition i.e. not with a broken screen. All repairs need to be organised and paid for prior to or on return of netbook.

WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO RAFFLE

A reminder that our raffle is still going. The prize is a 2013 Hawthorn Premiership Guernsey that is signed and framed. Please see the picture below.

Raffle tickets are $2.00 each and are available from the General Office. All money raised will go to further developments towards the school grounds.

The raffle will be drawn at the College Awards Evening on Tuesday 10th December, 2013.
FROM THE ZEST TEAM

Transitions- A Time Of Change
These Changes may include:
- Moving from Primary School to High School
- Moving from High School to University
- Entering the workforce
- Living Independently

These important events are about moving on, and are often called transitions. Many significant transitions occur during teenage and early adult years, although people of all ages go through them. Transitions are a normal part of life and are a part of growing and developing.

Transitions can be exciting and enjoyable, and they can also be quite stressful. Do you remember how it felt when you first started school or when you finished primary school and moved on to high school? It probably felt exciting and scary at the same time.

You probably left behind what was known and familiar and started something new and different. It’s also very likely that you had to get used to new surroundings, new friends and new teachers. You may also have experienced feelings of loss as you left behind some old friends and familiar faces.

One of the good things about transitions is they lead to growth and increased opportunities. An example of this is the increased freedom that comes with growing up.

Sometimes it’s easy not to notice these positives until you look back. Working through a transition from the old to the new can also lead to increased confidence and experience. Experience and learning gives people more skills to manage their lives and make choices.

It can also help to acknowledge there are a wide variety of feelings that accompany change and to accept these feelings and understand that you may act differently for a while. It is very normal to have these feelings and as the unfamiliar becomes the ‘new normal’ you will find they become less intense and gradually pass.

The Power Of The Shrug
This article first appeared on the Parentingideas blog which can be found here:


It was so irritating, yet so effective. When I was a boy I had a good mate called Terry. Terry had a habit of shrugging his shoulders whenever anyone teased him or tried to persuade him to their way of thinking.

-‘Hey Terry, you’re a &%\’\%$!’
-Shrug.

‘Hey Terry, I’m going to tell on you.’
-Shrug.

His nonchalance used to drive everyone nuts ... so much so that Terry was rarely targeted for teasing, despite the fact that he wasn’t sporty, wasn’t cool and matured late (all of which back then, as today, put most kids like Terry in the ‘to be picked on’ category).

I thought of Terry recently when I was coaching a young person about how to respond to some schoolyard taunts. It occurred to me that Terry’s shrugging said a lot more about him than I’d realised at the time. I’d thought he was pretty unflappable, but what I obviously didn’t understand was that he was also incredibly resilient.

Terry was comfortable in his own skin; he knew who he was and how he was and cared very little what anyone else thought.

Shrugging was his way of getting on with life, whatever it served up.

St. Luke’s Presents...
Strengthening Parents of Adolescents

When: Wednesdays 4.00—5.30pm
Where: Youth Central, 10 Mundy Street, Bendigo 3550
Child Care: Not available (please let us know if this is a problem)
Registration: Bookings preferred by calling Steve Simmons 03 5434 3922
**NO COST- Includes Afternoon tea & handouts

Julie Nicol & Carl Rusbridge
ZEST Team

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2014
Students in Year 5-10 at WCB are invited to apply for student scholarships administered by the department. The scholarships open on Monday 18th November and they range in value from $350.00 to $2,000.00.

Applicants will be required to submit their 2013 end-of-year results which must be verified by their principals.

Many scholarships identify ‘financial need’ as an eligibility criterium. Parents/Guardians receiving the Education Maintenance Allowance or families receiving Centrelink payments meet this criterium.

Students must lodge the online applications by 31st January, 2014. For more information about specific scholarships, please see the link on our website.

www.weeroona.vic.gov.au
PICNIC FOR CLIMATE

Rosalind Park, 12:00pm Sunday 17 November

Join the picnic to show our politicians how many of us want positive action on climate change. Organised by a concerned local teacher/mum, it’s one of hundreds of gatherings around Australia - let’s make it huge! No need to be an expert: unless ordinary people like us say we care about climate, the government will assume we don’t.

Come dressed in your brightest HEATWAVE colours, bring a picnic, take lots of pictures to share on social media and TELL YOUR FRIENDS.


ASSISTING INDIGENOUS BOYS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

The Goldfields Local Learning and Employment Network (GLLEN), Simon Flood and Bendigo Senior Secondary College in collaboration with the Weenthunga Program, Bendigo Local Indigenous Network and various other stakeholders have identified a strong need for a program aimed at assisting male Indigenous Youth.

On Tuesday 29th October, boys from Weeroona College Bendigo, along with students from some of the other 7 to 10 colleges in Bendigo enjoyed a day filled with many activities at BSSC.

The day started with a session in the Trades Centre where Tim White gave a very informative and animated show of the sights and delights of doing a trade. Suzie Janssen then spoke to the boys about the role of having and being an Advisor. The boys were then treated to a voucher for the canteen. After recess, Mitchell Curtis, the Young Industry Ambassador for Bendigo Health spoke about his journey to become an engineer. We then followed up with a fascinating tour of the Bendigo Hospital from an Engineering and maintenance point of view and the students were amazed with the scale of equipment.

Following a BBQ lunch, Linda Lyons spoke about a range of programs available at BSSC and the importance of using the facilities and opportunities that BSSC has to offer. The boys then went to the QEO for a skills session with Austin (Aussie) Jones, the coach of the Bendigo Gold Football Club. Students showcased their football skills and were rewarded with a Bendigo Gold Football Club polo shirt.

Marla and Lorelle from MIPS finished the day with an ‘All About You’ questionnaire and evaluation of the day.

This program will now become a 10 week program for the boys receiving a greater understanding of the employment opportunities available, the pathways that may be necessary to achieve success and a greater connection to their culture. A special thanks to Michael Hockley from Australian Industry Group for organising the Industry visit and guest speaker Mitchell Curtis.

Rosaly McNamara & Chloe Neath
Koorie Support

Saunders (VAEAI) and Joseph Drahm (Medicare Local) who spent the day talking with the boys and taking part in all the activities.

The day was very successful with many from the Indigenous Community coming together to discuss pathways with the boys: Sue Allenramge (DHS), Stephanie and Arkeria Armstrong (Weenthunga), Kym Walker (La Trobe), Robert Saunders

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2014 NETBALL TRIALS

Tuesday 19th November, 2013

Thursday 21st November, 2013

Tuesday 26th November, 2013

17/Unders: 5:30pm-7pm

Seniors: 7pm-8:30pm

MyJet Oval, Cnr Wade & MacKenzie St, Golden Sq

New, existing & past players are welcome to attend trials.

Players interested in trying out are encouraged to download a registration from the club’s website, and return via email. Registrations will still be accepted on the night. Players must attend 2 out of the 3 sessions to be eligible for selection.

Please note we will also be selecting a 17/Under Development team to play at BSNA

Enquiries
Open: Jody Richards – 0417 015 367 or jody@myjetcharter.com.au
17/Under: Kathryn Gilmore – 0458 133 754 or dkgilmore@bigpond.com
FRIDAY NIGHT FRISBEE

all welcome
come along & give it a go!

6:45PM EACH FRIDAY
STRATHDALE PARK
(MASON FIELD - RESERVOIR RD BENDIGO)
COME ALONG FOR A THROW / ULTIMATE GAME
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MORE INFO: PH CRAIG 0422 070 099
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Contact Cristean Tilkeridis
your local Saver Plus Worker:
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cristean.tilkeridis@haven.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Greater Bendigo by Haven; Home, Safe. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Date: November 29, 2013
Time: 7pm for a 7.30pm start
Where: Ted’s Shed (Holy Rosary Parish Centre)
Hamelin Street, White Hills
Cost: $20 per person (8 people per table)

> Silent auction throughout the night
> Lucky door prizes, Spinning Wheel & Raffle
> Light supper provided
> Drinks at bar prices
> Tickets available at Holy Rosary Primary School Office
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