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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.

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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**
20th | Year 8 and 9 Lorne Surf Camp
21st | Immunisations - Year 7 Boys and Girls
29th | Bendigo Cup Holiday

**NOVEMBER**
15th | Warehouse Shopping Tour
19th | Year 7 Camp - Campaspe Downs
20th | Year 10 Exams - BSSC
21st | Year 10 Exams - BSSC
24th | Year 10 Celebration Day - Secret Location
25th | Year 10 Celebration Dinner

**DECEMBER**
3rd | Awards Evening
8th | Kick Start week begins
9th | Orientation Day
15th | Learning Community Activities Week
19th | Last Day of Term 4

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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
*EFTPOS facilities now available*

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Speak Up Against Cyberbullying
At Weeroona College Bendigo we recognise that students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour. We place a high emphasis on making sure that we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying. We work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the yard and a focus on promoting positive behaviours.

However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and it can occur at any time of the day. Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Weeroona College Bendigo is supporting the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying. These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Term 4 Year 10 Information
It is the end of week 2, term 4 and the end of the College year is fast approaching, 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 20th November- Exams at BSSC (8.50am – 3.30pm)

Friday 21st November- Exams at BSSC (8.50am – 3.30pm)
All students are expected to attend unless they provide a Medical Certificate to the College.

Monday 24th November- Celebration Day at secret location. All students are invited to attend.

Tuesday 25th November- Year 10 Celebration Dinner at Bendigo Pottery.

Students and parents are reminded to check the Eligibility Criteria published below to ensure they are able to purchase a ticket.

Tuesday 3rd December- Awards Evening.
Students will receive an invitation via mail if they are the recipient of an award. Details will be posted with the invitation.

Student Eligibility to Attend Celebration Dinner Guidelines - 2014
All current Year 10 students of Weeroona College Bendigo will be invited to attend the Celebration Dinner unless they fit into one (or more) of the following categories:

- Suspension: Any student who has been suspended (including in-school suspensions) throughout the year is immediately excluded from attending the Celebration Dinner.
- Lunchtime Detentions/Lunchtime Catch-up Classes: Any student who has received three or more lunchtime detentions throughout Term 4 is excluded from attending the Celebration Dinner.
- After School Detentions/After School Catch-Up Classes: Any student who has received one or more after school detentions and/or catch-up classes throughout Term 4 is excluded from attending the Celebration Dinner.
- “It’s My School Too” - Any student whose name does not appear on the ‘It’s My School Too’ board will be excluded from attending the Celebration Dinner. This may be due to a personal decision by the student to not pledge their support to the statement ‘All members of the Weeroona College Bendigo community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed,’ or that the student’s name has been removed from the board due to their behaviour not being in line with the pledge they have made.
- Attendance: Students who have an attendance less than 80% over the course of the year will be required to meet with their Learning Community Leaders to discuss/negotiate their eligibility to attend the Celebration Dinner. This decision will be at the Learning Community Leaders’ discretion.
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All of the above exemptions relate to the student failing to make positive contributions to Weeroona College Bendigo either academically and/or socially.

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

SPORT

Upcoming Sport Events

| Tues 21st Oct | SSV Athletics- Albert Park |

Loddon Mallee Athletics Carnival
On Thursday 9th October the Loddon Mallee Athletics finals were held at the Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex. Competitors from Weeroona College Bendigo produced excellent results throughout the carnival.

Six students from Weeroona College were successful on the day and consequently will represent the college at the School Sport Victoria State Athletics carnival to be held at the Albert Park Athletics Track on Friday 17th October.

Below is a list of results from the carnival
Gabby (14 Girls) 800 metre - 1st
400 metre - 2nd
Maddison H (14 Girls) 1500 metre – 1st
Jess S (14 Girls) High Jump- 5th
Long Jump- 4th
Coen C (15 Boys) Long Jump- 1st
100 metre- 3rd
200 metre- 2nd
High Jump- 2nd
Discus- 2nd
Adam D (15 Boys) 100 metre- 3rd
200 metre- 4th
Discus- 4th
Javelin- 4th
Brayden T (15 Boys) High Jump - 1st
Karly M (16 Girls) Javelin- 1st
Iliesa S (16 Boys) Hurdles - 1st
Jess V (17 Boys) Discus - 2nd

16 Boys Relay – Adam D, Iliesa S, Barry M and Bugay La M – 2nd
Cycling Victoria Schools State Championships
On Sunday 12th October the Cycling Victoria School State titles took place around a street circuit of the Bendigo CBD. WCB had 3 competitors qualify for this event. Sarah B in the girl’s novice 14 year old event. Laura C in the 15 girl’s novice event and Michael C in the 16 Boys open category. All representatives competed well and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to the three competitors involved in this event. Michael, Sarah and Laura competed well at the Cycling Victoria School Titles held in Bendigo on Sunday 12th October.

CAMPS AT WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

Year 8 & 9 Surf Camp
The Lorne Surf Camp for Years 8 and 9 leaves this Monday the 20th of October. Student will be staying on the Lorne foreshore, at the Lorne Surf Club. Students will be involved in a range of activities including learning to stand up surf, beach games, bushwalking as well as many others. This 3 day camp will return on Wednesday the 22nd of October. We hope to hear many stories and adventures from this trip and will include photographs in the newsletter/website after the trip. For more information about the location, visit http://www.clublorne.com.au/

Expressions of Interest for China Tour 2015
As part of the Weeroona College Camps program we are planning to organise a tour of China in September 2015. This tour will be open to all students in Year 9 and 10 for 2015 (currently year 8 and 9) as there are no language requirements. Over first two weeks of this term students in those year levels received information regarding this potential trip.

At present we are seeking expressions of interest from students/families who believe they will be able to commit to the tour in September of 2015. The current price of this trip is based on 15 travelling students, however, will reduce if more students take up this fantastic opportunity.

The trip is a 9 day tour which includes visits to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City Summer Palace, the Great Wall, and the Terracotta Warriors as well many other cultural sites and activities. Student’s will also get to travel overnight on the Bullet Train.

For more information and a full itinerary please contact the College or visit the General Office for an expression of interest form.
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Year 7 Camp - Campaspe Downs

As part of the Weeroona College Bendigo Year 7 program, a three day camp is going to be held at the PGL ran Campaspe Downs camp. This camp has recently been taken over by PGL Adventures and has undergone a makeover and revamp, including many improvements to both the facilities and program that is provided.

Weeroona College Bendigo has had a fantastic relationship with Campaspe Downs over a number of years and we are excited to be able to offer an improved experience for our year 7 students.

This camp encourages the ongoing development of good relationships between students and their teachers in what has been a busy year for our Year 7’s.

While at Campaspe, students will be able to participate in a large number of activities and experiences (many can be seen on their website) some which we may be involved with include: Abseiling, Archery, Bush Walk, Climbing Wall, Crate Stack, Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Initiative, Exercises, Leap of Faith, Low Ropes Course, Open Canoeing, and Orienteering. Please feel free to visit the PGL Adventure website http://www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/ for further on their facilities and the programs they offer.

If you have not received a note regarding this please visit the General Office.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

A reminder that the last round of immunisations will be held next Tuesday 21st October during session 1,2,3 and 4 for all Year 7 students and Year 9 boys.

Please make sure you have a good breakfast before you receive your vaccinations. If you have any concerns, please see Sarah Warburton.

FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

Tips for Parents: To Post or Not to Post?

Privacy wary parents are increasingly pausing before they post photos, names and other information about their children ones on social media. Some are choosing a complete blackout, while others opt for nicknames and a few carefully selected snapshots.

Here are some social media tips for parents, relatives and friends.

• Ask first, post later

If you don’t know how a parent feels about having photos of their kids posted on Facebook, Instagram or elsewhere, ask before uploading a photo and before you tag the parents in a photo. This goes even for close relatives.

Actually, it’s not a bad idea to ask everyone you post a photo of if they’re cool with it, especially if the snaps were taken at a party, swimming pool or any other less buttoned-up situation. It can prevent awkward conversations later.

• Limit audiences

Facebook’s privacy settings are complex, but they also offer granular settings that let you pick who can see your updates. One way to do this: Create a “secret” group and add the members you want. The problem here is that anyone in the group can add new members to the group.

Another way to limit the audience of each post you share is to click on the right tab under your update, which may currently say “friends” or “public.” Click on “custom” and choose which of your Facebook friends you want to share with and which ones you’d like to exclude. It’s simpler on Instagram, where you can either lock your account or set it to public.

• Talk to your kids

Opinions on the age at which parents should start talking to their kids about Internet and social media use vary. Some parents start as soon as their child is old enough to use a smartphone, which can be as early as 2 or 3 years.

One parent, who blogs about her kids, often talks to her 8-year-old about posts she writes about him, but says her younger children, who are 5 and 3, know about the blog but “don’t have a concept” of what it means exactly. Another parent, waited until her son was 15 before posting a photo of him on Facebook – and asked his permission first.

• Go the old-fashioned route

Some parents opt for emailing or texting photos to one person or to a small group rather than sharing them more widely on social media. Online storage services such as Google Drive and Dropbox also let you distribute photos privately, as do photo-sharing sites such as Flickr. Of course, there’s always the old-fashioned snail mail method, if you can still find a place to print snapshots.

• Don’t embarrass them

That photo of your little one with pea soup all over her face, or the one that shows her first time on the potty might be funny at the time, but think about what she may think of the photo if it’s still online when she’s a teen. Today’s generation of parents did not grow up with the reality that their private moments growing up will be documented and often posted on the Internet for all eternity. Before posting a photo or anecdote, take a moment to imagine a conversation about it with your child 10 or 15 years from now.

Julie Nicol
Student Wellbeing Team
40 hour famine money due

Thank you for your great efforts in fundraising for the 40 hour famine this year. Any outstanding donations are now due and can be handed in at the general office.

Greater Bendigo Youth Summit

Yesterday a number of our Year 9 and 10 students participated in the first Greater Bendigo Youth Summit which drew young people together from various schools across the Bendigo region. The summit provided an open forum for young people to discuss ideas, concerns and provide feedback to their parents, schools, youth agencies and wider community.

Director of community Wellbeing Pauline Gordon said “The Youth Summit will enable local young people to have their say and inform the broader community about the most important issues for them. This is an opportunity for those young people who are passionate about the community they live in to think about the things that matter to them most and how to have a better future”.

The Summit also aimed to encourage young people to develop greater awareness about government decision making and improve their skills in communication, decision making, prioritising major issues and teamwork.

Inspiring guest speakers for the day included past Weeroona College Bendigo student Skye Kinder who is currently studying medicine and has been named this year’s Greater Bendigo Young Citizen of the Year.

The Youth Summit was organised by the City’s Youth Advisory Group which includes the following six students from Weeroona College Bendigo: Georgia C, Emma D, Jazz F, Connor H, Tallis M and Mikaela T.

Congratulations to these students for their efforts in working to organise this important event!

CHINA TRIP

On Monday 29th September, myself and 5 WCB students (Mikayla, Hayley, Amy, Riley & Jaxon) headed off on the trip of a lifetime to China.

We also travelled with teachers and students from Bendigo Senior Secondary College and Crusoe College. We saw some wonderful highlights when we were there including: The Great Wall of China, Pearl Tower, An Acrobatic Show, Kung Fu Show, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Olympic Park, visiting the hometown of Confucius, visiting a local school and who could forget the shopping!

The food was quite a challenge for lots of the students but they conquered eating with chopsticks for every meal!

Mikayla, Hayley, Amy, Riley & Jaxon were wonderful ambassadors for our college. It was tough being away from home that long but they handled everything incredibly well and I was really proud to be with them during this trip. It was a wonderful experience in learning lots of cultural and historical things about China.

For anyone interested in reading the student diary of the trip or seeing more photos, we have set up a blog: www.bendigotochina2014.blogspot.com this also includes our itinerary while we were there. For any students thinking about attending the 2015 China trip we are currently planning, we strongly encourage you to sign up!

Sonya Fergus
eligible Parents and Carers of children and young adults who are aged 6-25 years of age, who are living at home and diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Professionals wishing to attend with an eligible parent / carer can also attend free of charge.

Professionals may also attend this particular workshop WITHOUT an eligible parent / carer for a fee of $320.

Location: Melbourne CBD (exact location details will be provided to registrants closer to the date)

Dates: Saturday 25th October (10am – 5pm) & Sunday 26th October (10am-3pm).

Registrations are taken online via our website at http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops
Please note: You may search for a specific workshop location by entering the location into the ‘Search Keyword’ field. For the weekend workshop, search for the key word “weekend”. Registrations for all workshops will close if minimum numbers are not met 1 week prior to the start date of the workshop.

All workshops are now open for the remainder of 2014:

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It is strongly advised that you register early as places are limited & minimum numbers must be met at least 1 week prior to the commencement date for a workshop to proceed as scheduled.

Should you have any additional enquiries, specific training or other support needs, please contact Amber Day (Administration) or Heather Kirkhope (Program Coordinator) - Email aspectvic@autismspectrum.org.au or Phone 03 9377 6600
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To apply, please send a handwritten letter including the following:

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- Work experience records
- References.

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School-based traineeships through LEARN 2 WORK provide an opportunity for young people to complete formal training as part of their VET (VCE/VCAL) program, obtain credit to their school results and leads to meaningful work opportunities.

Benefits for students
LEARN 2 WORK provides students with:
- credit towards their VCE/VCAL results
- paid employment
- a nationally accredited certificate qualification
- skills and knowledge to help them in the workplace
- an alternative to a traditional academic stream through a hands on, practical component to their study.

Benefits for host employers
LEARN 2 WORK provides employers with:
- a trainee who is keen to learn
- a workforce development pool
- a free recruitment service leveraging a strong network in the youth market
- extra hands to build capacity
- access to a resourceful generation who is technologically savvy
  eg social media, internet, computer literacy
- a trainee employed via CVGT Australia’s Group Training program.

Benefits for the school
LEARN 2 WORK provides schools with:
- a pathway for students leading to real jobs
- a program that provides credit towards VCE and VCAL results
- an alternative to a traditional academic stream by offering the student a hands on, practical component to their study
- progress reports throughout the program.

CVGT Australia - Group Training
Under Group Training, CVGT Australia employs the students engaged in LEARN 2 WORK and is the link between schools, students, parents, host employers and trainers.

Because we employ the trainee, the host employer gets the benefits from having an extra worker while we take care of:
- Recruitment
- Payroll
- Work Health and Safety
- Management of training arrangements and monitoring
- Matching skills and demand to your business
- Mentoring and support for your trainee.

Registered training organisation - Partners in Training
Prior to commencing with their host employer, students will attend an induction with Partners in Training to ensure they are job ready. The session will cover work health and safety, professional behaviour and workplace expectation.

Partners in Training will hold weekly training workshops throughout the traineeship to provide the theory and course knowledge to the student.

How your employee student is selected
Students are referred to the program by their school.
Each student is interviewed to ensure they are a suitable match to the host employer and undertake a language and literacy test to establish they can meet the demands of work and the course.

Work placement
Students will attend their workplace for seven hours per week at a mutually agreed time. Workplaces will provide supervision and allocate tasks and responsibilities appropriate to the qualification.
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Weeroona College Bendigo & the Cybersafety Task Group would like to invite you to:

The launch of the “Cybersafety Film Clip”:

**Date:** Wednesday 22\(^{nd}\) October 2014

**Where:** The A.T.Dingle Performing Arts Centre
Weeroona College Bendigo.

**Time:** 11.30am for a 11.45am start

**RSVP:** Monday 20\(^{th}\) October
Sarah Warburton on 5443 2133 or
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Date: Friday the 7th of November, 2014

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BBQ lunch and refreshments provided on arrival at Axedale.

2 Drink stations will be situated along the route.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION
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