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WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
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 Grade 6 Orientation Day- No classes for Year 8-10
15th Learning Community Activities Week
19th Last Day of Term 4

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 *

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

Lots of things to celebrate at Weeroona College Bendigo

It was great to have so many parents and students take the opportunity to come and meet with teachers during our conferences at the start of this term. It may be term four but there is still plenty of time for students to make progress with their learning. A big reminder to everyone that ‘EVERY DAY COUNTS’ and we expect our students to maintain their focus.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Bendigo Senior Secondary College Year 12 graduation and it was fantastic to see so many of our students two years on graduating from secondary school with lots of great plans for their futures.

I would like to congratulate our school nurse Ms Sarah Warburton and the members of the Cyber safety team (Taylor F, Braydan T, Michaella P, Hayley D, Nicole H, Trent D, Kane M and Georgia C) along with everyone else involved in the production and launch of our fabulous “This is what I want” film clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXFrAhYicQ4.

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Student collection during school hours

Weeroona College Bendigo will only allow students to be collected by their parents (subject to any specific court orders) or by a person who has been authorised by the parents to pick up their child. If the authorised person collecting the child is not known to the school verification of identity using suitable photo identification (such as a drivers licence) must be sighted by school personnel. Schools are required to record the details of when a student has been collected early from school including:

- Date and time
- Reason for the collection
- Person who received the child (including this person’s signature).

In order to meet this requirement it is essential that all WCB students are signed out through the General Office. Students will not be given permission to leave the school grounds to attend the shop during lunchtimes.

Student Eligibility to attend the Year 10 Celebration Dinner

A reminder that 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.

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
FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance 2015
Our school council is writing to you about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

A number of our families have been amongst those who received this allowance to support education and schooling in 2014.

The current government has decided to ‘no longer’ provide targeted Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to families in its current form and instead allocate the funds directly to schools who qualify, from 2015.

Only those schools whose School Family Index (SFO) is above the state median of 0.5135 will receive any funding.

At WCB we will receive a small amount funding in 2015.

All Bendigo Government School Principals are concerned and frustrated by this policy decision. In the best interest of all families, there has been a unified approach developed by Principals of all Bendigo Government schools.

What does this mean for you?
From 2015, eligibility for this program will continue to be based on the same criteria as 2014. This being, holders of a current and valid healthcare card. If you qualify for EMA, your family will be supported in a similar manner to previous years. Our school will do everything in its powers to minimise the financial burden to families.

The program next year will be called WCB Family Assistance and will be $100.00 per student. Applications will be done similar to EMA on Start-up Day. Stay tuned for more details.

All Bendigo Government schools will continue to provide the best possible Educational opportunities for every child into the future.

SPORT

School Sport Victoria Track and Field Championships
Congratulations to the following students who competed in the School Sport Victoria State Athletics Carnival held at the Lakeside Complex, Albert Park on Friday.

Gabby R- 14 Girls 800 metre
Maddison H- 14 Girls 1500 metre
Coen C- 15 Boys Long Jump
Karly M-16 Girls Javelin
Braydan T- 15 Boys High Jump
Iliesa S- 16 Boys Hurdles

MINDSHOP EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

“The Mindshop Excellence program is a five day work based program for Year 10 students. You will be tasked by your host organization to work on and provide a solution, including an implementation plan, to an issue they believe is important to their business.” –Mindshop Excellence Handbook.

Our time with the Mindshop Excellence program was a really interesting and rewarding experience. WCB and Catholic College grouped their students together into a team of seven students before Mindshop sent us to Andy’s Earthmovers. Andy’s Earthmovers is a local company dedicated to the maintenance, rental and sales of heavy duty, earthmoving machines. Their problem was the loss of minor assets, which included small tools and machine attachment.

Throughout the week, we used the skills we learnt during Mindshop in order to solve this problem. We worked together to present an excellent presentation, which contained the solution, to Andy’s. It was a fantastic exercise in teamwork, problem solving and such.

A highlight of the day was the performance of Iliesa S who for the second year in succession won the hurdle event for his age group.
FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

‘This Is What We Want’ - Launch of our new cybersafety video
On Wednesday 22nd October Mayor Councillor Barry Lyons visited the college to launch our new cybersafety film clip ‘This is what we want’ which focuses on educating young people about their responsibilities in keeping safe in the online world.

The school’s Cybersafety Task Group consists of students Georgia C, Trent D, Hayley D, Taylor F, Nicole H, Kane M, Michaela P and Braydan T as well as School Nurse Sarah Warburton and College Chaplain Carl Rusbridge. The group took a holistic approach by inviting a range of community representatives to contribute to the video. This included Councillor Lyons, Jimmy Possum Director Margot Spalding, Bendigo Braves players Kevin Probert and Zach Atkinson, Bendigo for Homeless Youth organiser and local musician Luke Owens and representatives from the Bendigo Bank, Headspace Bendigo and Victoria Police.

The backing song for the film clip was also locally being co-written and recorded by Tania and Carl Rusbridge.

Councillor Lyons commended the students, school nurse Sarah Warburton Warburton for their hard work in trying to address cybersafety issues in a proactive way. “This is a great video that stresses not only to students at Weeroona College Bendigo but the wider community about the importance of cybersafety,” he said.

Students in the task group met regularly to receive lessons about understanding cyberbullying and how to be safe online. Together the students in Years 8 to 10 developed the film clip and a cybersafety package that will be delivered by the group to local primary schools and to prospective Year 7 students at the College.

The film clip, together with ongoing work from College Wellbeing Team Leader Julie Nicol has seen Weeroona College Bendigo recently become an eSmart school through The Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s program which teaches young people how to be smart, safe and responsible online.

View ‘This Is What We Want’ here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXFrAhYicQ4

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Apprenticeship Opportunities
A Panel Beating Business in Bendigo is looking for a 1st year Spray Painter. Please forward the students resumes to Michael Carty’s email: mcarty@cvgt.com.au

General First Year Plumbing Apprenticeships
It is for a roof plumbing company but they will be learning the general plumbing qualification. Please forward the students resumes to Annaleise Osborne aosborne@cvgt.com.au.

GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TRYOUTS - UNDER 17’S

GSFNC tryouts for the Under 17 development netball team and the Under 17 netball team will be held on November 5, 11 & 13 at 5.30pm at My Jet Oval Golden Square.

For more details contact Jody Richards on 0417 015 367
YEAR 8 & 9 SURF CAMP PHOTOS
Attention all current and aspiring Early Childhood Educators.

Continuing Education Bendigo would like to extend to you the opportunity to further or commence your training in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).

We are now seeking expressions of interest for 2015 courses in the following new Training packages:

- CHC30113: Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care
- CHC50113: Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

These two courses are part of the new training package which focus on the National Quality Framework and address all of the changes and new requirements of the Early Childhood Education and Care Industry.

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education Care is the entry point for the ECEC Industry. All staff employed in the industry must now have or be studying towards the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education Care.

An exciting aspect of the new training package of Early Childhood Education and Care is students are now able to commence their Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care without pre-requisites i.e. they do not need to hold a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care or Certificate III in Children’s Services.

Continuing Education Bendigo prides itself on flexible delivery of training. As such the following training delivery options are open for consideration:

1. **CHC50113: Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care**
   Training to be held one evening a week to support those students who are currently employed in the Early Childhood Industry.

2. **CHC50113: Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care**
   Training to be held over two days per week for those who are not employed in the Early Childhood Industry or who may be employed part time.

3. **CHC30113: Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care**
   Training to be held over two days per week for those who wish to enter the Early Childhood Industry at a Certificate III level.

Information Sessions are to be held at Continuing Education Bendigo on:
- Monday: 10th November @ 4.00 pm & Wednesday: 12th November @ 6.30 pm.

For further enquiries about training opportunities in 2015 and to book your place at the Information Sessions, please contact:

**Continuing Education Bendigo**
- Telephone: 54302100
- Email: admin@cebendigo.com.au
- Web: www.cebendigo.com.au
Programs offered in 2015

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Dual Certificate III in Health Administration and Business

Certificate III in Aged Care

Certificate III in Local Government

Certificate III in Education Support

The information contained in this brochure is current as at August 2014. Benefits and services are subject to change at any time without notice. Please check with CVGT Australia for full and current details.

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LEARN TO WORK

school-based traineeship
LEARN 2 WORK is a school-based traineeship that bridges school and employment through supported, structured training workshops and ongoing mentoring. It provides paid employment to secondary school students, while studying a nationally accredited certificate.

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 to 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.
DRUMMING WORKSHOPS
STARTING THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2014
ONGOING UNTIL MARCH 2015

“BENDIGO BEATS”

LCMS invites you to be part of this amazing series of workshops, every fortnight for 2 hours

LET’S HAVE FUN!!

VENUE: SAINT ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH HALL
ADDRESS: 126 MYER ST. BENDIGO
DAY: THURSDAYS FROM
TIME: 4:30PM- 6:30PM
COST $5 PER SESSION
IF YOU HAVE A DRUM, PLEASE BRING IT

BENDIGO BEATS
LET’S DRUM TOGETHER!!

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FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PLEASE CONTACT CORA AT LCMS ON 5441 6644 OR 0401 757072 OR REBECCA LA BOUCHARDIERE 0439 716 353 becstar226@gmail.com
Experience The Magic Of Hosting

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose the right student for your family and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home!

Nine (15) from Thailand enjoys playing basketball, golf, swimming, camping, reading Japanese manga, drawing and playing the piano. He is excited to learn all about Australian lifestyles and to meet new people.

Giulio (17) from Italy loves music! He plays both the electric and acoustic guitar. As well as this, Giulio is extremely athletic and previously played basketball, soccer and volleyball. He currently enjoys going to the gym and also does acrobatic gymnastics.

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact me today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

- Sylvia Kelly, Inbound Program Manager

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in January 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

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