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**WCB UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

6th Father’s Day  
10th Year 7 2016 Big Day Out  
14th Immunisations – Year 7  
15th Fretworks Music Camp  
16th Year 8 Race around LaTrobe  
18th WCB Maker Faire

**OCTOBER**

5th First Day of Term 4  
9th Next WCB Newsletter  
10th WCB Debutante Ball  
15th Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences  
16th Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences  
16th – 24th Student Free Day  
27th – 29th Bali Trip  
28th Year 8 Surf Camp  
Bendigo Cup Holiday

**NOVEMBER**

6th Next WCB Newsletter  
20th Conveyance Allowance Applications  
Close

**DECEMBER**

9th Awards Evening

**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

Thank you Weeroona College Bendigo Staff

With only a few weeks left of what has been a very busy Term Three, I would like to acknowledge the support of all of our wonderful staff that have been involved in the many extra-curricular activities that have been occurring. Energy Breakthrough training and competition, deb ball practice, year seven social, sports days, year nine camp, the Snowy River leadership development camp, STEM class excursions to Quantum, Science class trips to La Trobe University, year six transition activities, hip hop dance classes, mind shop excellence leadership development and more. Our students are very fortunate to have such terrific staff that put in the extra effort in order for all of these activities to occur.

2015 Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships

Is your child better suited to a hands on approach to learning? Have you considered studying VCAL in Years 11 and 12? If so, the Department of Education and Training have announced a new Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarship that recognises the outstanding contribution Lynne Kosky made to education and training in Victoria. Two scholarships are available for students in Year 10 who plan to study VCAL in Years 11 and 12 as a pathway to further study, employment or training. Each VCAL Scholarship will be valued at up to $25,000 in $5,000 grants each year over 5 years of study, training or apprenticeship. Applications are now open and close on Friday 18 September. Apply online via the Department website: www.education.vic.gov.au.

Communities That Care

Weeroona College Bendigo has agreed to take part in an important “Communities That Care” project looking at factors that can affect the healthy development of young people in your community. Students in Year 6, 8 and 10 are invited to take part. The information collected will help Deakin University better understand the current health and social issues facing young people in our community. Communities That Care is an effective process that uses student survey and other information to help families, schools and the local community to work together to prevent health and social problems and bring out the best in our young people.

What does your child have to do?

As a Year 6, 8 or 10 student, your child is invited to complete an online survey during class time. The survey asks about students’ health and wellbeing. The questions are about a wide range of subjects that your child is likely to talk about with his or her friends. These include questions about friendships, their community, alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs. Young people say they appreciate being asked for their view on these subjects. If there are any questions that your child does not want to answer, they can skip them.

The questionnaires are anonymous and strictly confidential. Students do not put their names on the survey. Individual responses will not be reported. A copy of the survey can be seen at the school.

Students will complete the questionnaire during class time and it takes about 50 minutes.

The survey will take place in the coming weeks. We hope that you will support your child’s participation in this important project for our community. If you decide that you would not like your child to participate, please return the passive consent form that has been included in this newsletter, as soon as possible to ‘opt-out’. For more information about the survey, please contact Julie Nicol on 5443 2133

Leanne Preece
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STEM Conference

On Friday 28th of August, I was able to travel to Melbourne with three other staff members to attend the STAV/Quantum Victoria ICT/STEM Conference 2015 “Science without Limits”. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about STEM and how technology can be used in the classroom to enhance engagement and allow for deep learning to take place.

One of the sessions that I attended was called “Playing with STEM”. In this session we explored a range of apps and educational toys that explored things like augmented reality, coding and robotics. Over the remainder of the year I thought I would share some of the educational toys that we learnt about and that are available out there. One of the toys that we had the opportunity to play with was a Sphero. Sphero is a kind of spherical robot toy capable of rolling around, and controlled by a smartphone or tablet. If you would like to know more about sphero you can see it on the following website. http://www.sphero.com/sphero
**WCB Mobile Phone Policy**

It is timely for us to remind students and parents/guardians of our mobile phone policy. I would also request that parents do not ring or text students during class time, expecting that they will be able to answer or respond. It places our students and teachers in a very difficult situation that could result in unnecessary conflict and distress. If parents need to collect students from school, then we are required to record the details of when a student has been collected early from school including the:

- Date and time
- Reason for the collection
- Person who collected 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.

**Rationale**

The use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices (eg iPods) in class can be disruptive to the learning environment of students and therefore is discouraged. Items that are dangerous or likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the whole college and the education of other students can be banned. The college acknowledges that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for students to have access to a mobile phone and/or other similar electronic device.

**Guidelines**

- The college expects that all students should have their mobile phones and other similar electronic devices switched off and out of sight during classes. This also applies to school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- Students should only use their mobile phones and similar electronic devices before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks.
- There is an expectation that students will display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.
- In-phone recorders/cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal recorder/camera would be considered inappropriate. Students may be asked to place mobile phones that they have in their possession on the table in front of them when being interviewed by staff.

- Students should ensure that their mobile phones and similar electronic devices are always stored in a safe and secure place. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to personal property bought to school. (Refer DEECD Circular 038/2005)
- Staff to use their professional discretion in regards to the use of mobile phones in classrooms.

**Actions**

- A student who does not comply with the Policy Guidelines will initially have their mobile phone or similar electronic device confiscated and taken to the Principal. It will be recorded in a ‘Register’ and remain there until collected by a parent/guardian. A second confiscation will result in the mobile phone or other similar electronic device being posted with reverse charges paid to the student’s home address.
- Appropriate action will be taken against any student who photographs, records or films other individuals without their consent or sends harassing or threatening messages. This includes the posting of mobile phone photos on the internet (cyber bullying). This action may include Police notification.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any student/s who is/are caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments.
- Mobile phones are used at their owners’ risk and school resources will not be used to try to find a lost/stolen mobile phone or similar electronic device.

**FOREWORD**

**Congratulations to Coen Moncrieff**

**Assistant Principal**

**FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE**

**Parent Opinion Surveys**

Thank you to all the Parents who returned their Parent Opinion Surveys and went into the draw for a $50.00 OfficeWorks Voucher. Congratulations to Coen Moncrieff on winning the voucher.

**Conveyance Allowance**

Application forms for Conveyance Allowance are available from the General Office or can be downloaded from our college website: www.weeroona.vic.edu.au. Application forms need to be returned to the General Office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please note: those students claiming for a public bus pass also need to send in a copy of their receipt of their half yearly pass in order for their application to be approved.

If you have already made a claim this year for a yearly pass or a ½ yearly pass (2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year) you do not need to complete another form.
SPORT

Cycling Victoria - School Road Cycling Event
Congratulations to Sarah Bateson and Michael Collier-Clarke who successfully qualified for the Cycling Victoria Road Series School titles which will be held in Bendigo. Well done to all competitors involved in the day and good luck to Sarah and Michael for the upcoming final.

Year 7 & 8 Sports Day – Hockey
The Sandhurst Division Hockey competition took place at the Ironbark Hockey Complex on Friday 28th August. WCB fielded both a boys and a girls team. The boys team defeated Eaglehawk, drew against BSE and were defeated by Girton. The boys finished third overall in the competition. The girls team competed well in all games narrowly being defeated in all of their encounters.

Year 7 & 8 Sports Day – Basketball
On Friday 28th August the Sandhurst Division Basketball competition was staged at the Bendigo Stadium. WCB fielded teams in Year 7 Boys, Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Boys and Year 8 Girls. Although not successful in winning any games of the competition, it was pleasing to see all participants working well together and enjoying the competition. Well done to the VET Sport & Recreation students who assisted in coaching and scoring roles throughout the course of the day.

Year 9 & 10 Basketball
The WCB Year 9 and 10 Basketball teams competed in the Sandhurst Division Basketball competition at the Bendigo Stadium on Wednesday 2nd September. Both teams competed very well. Well done to all involved.
**Year 9 & 10 Hockey**

Weeroona had both a Girls and Boys team compete in the Sandhurst Division Hockey competition played on Wednesday 2nd September. Both teams acquitted themselves well throughout the course of the day. Well done to all involved.

**MUSIC**

**College Senior and Combined Junior Bands**

Congratulations to the Combined Junior Band members for participating recently in the Victorian School Bands Festival.

Teachers were pleased with their efforts considering they had rehearsed only twice for this event. The band received positive comments from the adjudicators. Our Senior Band played really well and they won a Silver standard certificate. Our students had a ball and were a pleasure to take on this excursion according to the Instrumental Music teachers.

**WCB Big Day Out**

On Thursday 10th September from 1:00pm – 1:45pm Instrumental Music teachers and students will be giving a performance to the Grade 6 students demonstrating the many instruments available for tuition next year. This will be followed up on 13th October with a demonstration of all the instruments available for tuition at our College next year.

**Fretworks**

Fretworks is fast approaching. All guitar students are invited to attend this event and can get registration forms from the Music office. Places are still available.

**Bendigo Colleges’ Symphonic Band Performance at Ulumburra Theatre**

The concept of combining the Colleges’ Visual Arts and the Performing Arts resulted in a most delightful evening on Tuesday 1st September. Students’ art works were on display in the foyer and music students from all the Colleges gave a most entertaining concert at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to Cooper Bennett who received an award for the most improved new player for this year.

**Strings Excursion**

Our string students are going on a very exciting excursion called “Grand DiVisions’. It is an exciting multi-disciplinary arts performance especially for Year 7 - 10. The performance is showing at the Melbourne Arts Centre and includes beat boxing, Indian Tabla, darabuka, and gospel. It will collide with a string orchestra, vocalists from hip hop, rappers and spoken word. Many thanks to Frances Thompson for organising this.

**GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE**

**Earn and Learn Stickers**

Thank you to all those people who have sent in Earn and Learn stickers. Keep them coming in as there are still a few days of collecting left. These will help us get some great resources for our school. Stickers or filled sheets can be left in the Weeroona College Bendigo Earn and Learn box at Woolworths in Epsom, our General Office or the Global Learning Centre.
Adolescents on Social Media: A Guide for Parents

ARTICLE ONE (VIDEO ONE)

Adolescents on Social Media – A Guide for Parents.

Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc) and how to best parent our adolescent kids as it becomes more and more a part of their lives is still a relatively new frontier. The good news is with a little knowledge and some sound advice, parents can make a big difference in guiding teens to keep their online interactions safe and positive whilst avoiding potential pitfalls.

Weeroona College Bendigo will be providing our parents with access to a new online video series Adolescents on Social Media – A Guide for Parents as part of our ongoing commitment to promoting the safe and responsible use of internet-connected devices to students.

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing videos from the series that will provide lots of practical knowledge and suggestions to assist in better understanding how young people are using social media, and what parents can do to ensure they are using it responsibly.

Please make a note of the following username and password. You will need these to access the videos from the series.

Username: weeroona_parents
Password: weeroona001

In the first short video, youth worker and cyber safety advocate Jamie Roberts describes the allure of social media for young people in helping us better understand why many are spending so much time using it. The growing need to manage online reputations is explored along with an insight into the developing adolescent brain.

Access the video by either clicking, or copying and pasting the following link into your internet browser address bar: http://www.schoolwellbeing.com.au/pgv1

Enter the username and password (listed above) into the Log-In panel at the bottom of the page to access the video. You can access all 6 videos from the series.

If you are unable to access the series online and would like to watch it, contact the administration team at the general office to arrange for a loan of a copy on DVD.
headspace parent forum

headspace Bendigo is presenting 2 free information sessions for parents/caregivers of young people aged 12-25 years.

The information sessions will allow parents to explore the support available, how to access this support, and how headspace can work with a young person and their parents to overcome issues related to the young person’s mental health or other challenges.

Presentation will cover:

- What headspace offers
- Services provided within headspace
- Q & A
- Opportunity for parents to have input into future education sessions

Further information please call 54 345 345

Date: Wednesday September 16
Time: 1.30 - 3pm & 5.30pm to 7pm
Where: headspace Bendigo
78-80 Pall Mall
Bendigo
RSVP: Tuesday September 15
headspace Bendigo
54 345 345
Cost: Free
BENDIGO BANK ACADeMY OF SPORT VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD 2015 - 2016 TRIALS

Strongly supported by the Bendigo Volleyball Association

Tuesday 8th September 2015
6:30 - 8:00pm Boys and Girls Girton Grammar Gym

Places exist for up to 16 boys and 16 girls from throughout Central and North Central Victoria, with selection based on current and potential ability.

Successful candidates will be offered a nine month Academy Program beginning in October, which includes physical, skill and tournament sessions.

Training sessions Sundays 4-6 pm at the Bendigo Stadium

Players 17 years or under as at 31st Dec 2015 and must be 12 years old as of 1st Sep 2015

CONTACT DETAILS
Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport
Graham Gordon
Ph: 03 5444 7700
academy@latrobe.edu.au
www.bbgs.org.au
As a fundraiser for a Bendigo players from a variety of clubs, to tour to the USA to play basketball in December.

**Only $99 for a 3 month gym membership to DClub Gym (Bath Lane).**

So cheap!!!!!

**Less than $8 a week!!!**

All classes, all equipment.

1\textsuperscript{st} September to 30\textsuperscript{th} November.

Great for those that don’t want to commit long term but want a try before you buy.

We would REALLY appreciate the support—so if you know someone else who would be interested, let them know.

Please Contact ASAP

Xavier Salm or Erin Salm

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WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

ALL GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION

Monday Nights @ QEO (90Mins)
Under 15’s - T20 Blast
Everyone Bats & Everyone Bowls

Register your Interest by October 23rd
(Exceptions may be granted for older Players)

Andrew Stewart 0403 942 551
or juniors@whcc.org.au
B.D.C.A ALL GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION

The Bendigo District Cricket Association (BDCA), in conjunction with the 8 participating Cricket Clubs and supported by Cricket Victoria, is proud to announce the 2015-16 All Girls Cricket Competition.

**COST:** Free

**PLAYING TIME:** Monday nights (90 Minutes)

**AGES:** Under 15 as at 1 September 2015. #

There is no minimum age-- if you like cricket, this is for you.

**SEASON DATES:**

Final Registration: Oct 23rd

Pre Christmas Dates: Nov 2nd, - Dec 7th ,

Post Christmas Dates: To be confirmed

*Consideration will be given to players over the age of 15.*

**WHERE:** QEO.

**FORMAT:** T20 Blast (everyone participates)

**RULES:**
- 16 overs per innings
- Bat in pairs (4 overs)
- Everyone bowls 2 overs

**PARTICIPATING CLUBS AND CLUB CONTACTS**

- **Golden Square Cricket Club**
  Paul Soulie - 0400 399280
  golden.square@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

- **Kangaroo Flat Cricket Club**
  Brett Sholes - 0438 411 373
  kangarooflat@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

- **Strathfieldsaye Cricket Club**
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- **Maldon Gully Cricket Club**
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- **Bendigo United Cricket Club**
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- **White Hills Cricket Club**
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- **Strathdale Maristians Cricket Club**
  Richard Murphy - 0418 511 791
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- **Bendigo Cricket Club**
  Mark Ryan - 0438 672 413

- **Sandhurst Cricket Club**
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