

WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

WCB VISION

WE CARE ABOUT OUR STUDENTS AT
WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO AND
WE HELP THEM TO THRIVE



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UPCOMING EVENTS

#ISSUE NO 1

OPEN HOURS

SCHOOL

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

OFFICE

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

UNIFORMS - NOONE

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm

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CONTACTS

PRINCIPAL

Jason Bysouth (Acting)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Jason Bysouth
Anton Van Maanen (BFLO)

WELLBEING TEAM

Welfare | Julie Nicol
Welfare | Bridget Chambers
Chaplain | Carl Rusbridge
Nurse | Tammy Nancarrow

KATYIL

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Jack McIntosh
Marion Stewart

LEARNING ADVISORS

L7A Kate Flanders
L7B Meryl Hayes
L8A Scott Nicholls
L8B Matt Reeves
L9A Nadine Harper
L9B Luke Freeman
L1A Sarah Davis

WANNOP

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Karli Winzar
James Ginnivan

LEARNING ADVISORS

W7A Ryan Currie
W7B Chloe Neath
Kellie Roberts
W8A Alex Madden
W8B Gabby Sidhu
W9A Paul Oshea
W9B Neetu Mago
W1A James Ginnivan

MERIN

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Laura Mow
Trent Bysouth

LEARNING ADVISORS

M7A Kieryn McKemish
M7B Brooke Nowell
M8A Carolyn Jones
Christine Edgar
M8B Simone Godfrey
M9A Carly Whitlock
M9B Chris Emond
Kain White
M1A Sue Pollard
M1B Jian Luo

KAPPEN

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Sophie Alford
Luke Freeman

LEARNING ADVISORS

K7A Tara Pocklington
K7B Sophie Alford
K8A Yinmu Liu
Jemima Albrecht
K8B Sarah Baldwin
K9A Liam Ireland
K1A Kane Goldsworthy
K1B Leigh Schroeter

FEBRUARY	2020
13th	School photo make-up day
14th	School Swimming Sports- dress code community colours—consent on compass
MARCH	2020
9th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (No School)
19th	School Athletics—dress code community colours—consent on compass
26th	Parent Student Teacher Interviews- 4pm-8pm
27th	Parent Student Teacher Interviews—9am– 1pm– <i>No classes</i> . LAST DAY TERM 1
APRIL	2020
14TH	FIRST DAY TERM 2

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome to the 2020 school year at Weeroona College Bendigo. We hope it is a year for you that is rewarding and fulfilling as we begin or continue the partnership in education with your children and your family. It was terrific that so many of you made arrangements to participate in the Start-Up Day Conferences and I am sure that you will appreciate the commitment from all WCB staff to personalise the learning for your child/children. Please ensure that you know who your child's Learning Advisor and Learning Community Leaders are, and get to know them, so that the partnership between home and school is strengthened. For those of you that were not able to attend these important conferences, please make a time to meet with your child's Learning Advisor within the next two weeks.

FAREWELL TO OUR PRINCIPAL OF 11 YEARS

It came as a surprise to me, as I'm sure it has to all of you, to learn that our principal of 11 years, Leanne Preece, has taken up a position as a Student Achievement Manager, providing leadership for the Middle Years Literacy and Numeracy program at Bendigo Regional Office. We are very fortunate that Leanne has left the school in an amazing position and I believe that we are ready to take the next step and provide the impact that our students need to receive the best education available to them. We will organise a time to farewell Leanne properly and give the opportunity to thank and celebrate the support and opportunity that she has provided to each and every one of us. I would personally like to thank Leanne for an amazing 11 years. I have valued working with her and I learnt so much. I will miss working with Leanne in supporting our wonderful Weeroona College Bendigo community. In the short term, I will be filling the role of Acting Principal and look forward to the challenges that will come with this position. We wish Leanne every success and happiness for the future.

WCB STAFF

I am pleased to report that we have begun the year with some wonderful new staff. We still have one position to fill, however, hope to have that organised in the next week or so. In the mean time I would like to welcome back Mr Alan Aylward, who has been helping us begin the start of the school year. I would also like to welcome the following new staff.

- Ms Brooke Nowell – teacher of Mathematics
- Ms Neetu Mago – teacher of Mathematics
- Mr Kane Goldsworthy – teacher of Physical Education
- Ms Yinmu Liu – teacher of Chinese
- Ms PlaGay – Multicultural EAL support
- Ms Tilley Rose – Student support
- Mr Duncan Fells – Student support
- Mrs Lindy Robertson – Student support
- Mrs Megan King - Mental Health Practitioner
- Ms Louise Prosser - Administration

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Every Victorian government secondary school campus will have a suitably qualified mental health practitioner by 2022. Here at WCB we are very pleased to have appointed Megan King to this role, beginning day one of 2020.

Role of the Mental Health Practitioner

The mental health practitioner will work flexibly, based on the needs and priorities of their school and students. Schools can access a new mental

health toolkit, with a suite of resources, guidance and advice tailored for the new mental health practitioners and other school-based health and wellbeing staff.

The role of their mental health practitioner will include:

- Provision of direct counselling support to students in schools and other early intervention services
- Coordination of supports for students with more complex needs
- Fostering a whole-school approach to health prevention and promotion

EVERY DAY COUNTS

In the past week I have spoken to all students and our staff about the importance of students getting to school on time, remaining all day and having as few absences as possible. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. **Parents/Carers support your child/children by ensuring that school attendance is a priority.**

INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF THE WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO SCHOOL COUNCIL?

As the new school year begins, we are looking for students and parent representatives for our school council.

Frequently asked questions.

- **Do I need special experience to be on school council?** No! What you need is an interest in our school and the ability to work cooperatively with others to help shape its future.
- **Why is parent membership so important?** Parents on councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.
- **If I am interested, what do I do?** Nomination forms are being sent home with students or may be obtained from the Administration Office

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Weeroona College Bendigo. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school/ school website and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on **Monday 17th February 2020**.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member – full term (2 years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	3

Student member – full term (2 years)	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	2
DE&T employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 To and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at school.

WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO 2020 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION SCHEDULE	
EVENT	DATE
Notice of election and call for nominations via Compass, parent emails and our College website.	Friday 7 February 2020
Closing date for nominations	Monday 17 February 2020
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be displayed at our College	Wednesday 19 February 2020
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Friday 21 February 2020
Close of ballot	Monday 2 March 2020
Vote count	Monday 2 March 2020
Declaration of poll	Monday 2 March 2020
Council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Monday 23 March 2020
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Monday 23 March 2020

MOBILE PHONES

On 26 June 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria.

The new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020, and requires that students who choose to bring mobiles phones to school must have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.



THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY

We live in an exciting and technology-rich world and mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. The school acknowledges that access to a mobile phone by children is important to many of our families in providing a sense of safety for their child while travelling to and from school, and for confirming or changing after school arrangements.

MANAGING THE IMPACT OF MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones often create disruptions and distractions in classrooms. Establishing a 'mobile phone free zone' helps teachers to establish and maintain a focused and productive teaching and learning environment.

Research has found that **mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school (e.g. accessing inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and unauthorised photography)**. Additionally, research shows that the **unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students'** capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion. A summary of recent, relevant research is available on the Department of Education and Training's [website](#).

At recess and lunchtime our school also values the opportunity for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device, particularly when using the device to engage with social media.

The new policy does acknowledge that technology is increasingly impacting the way in which students learn and communicate. Therefore, when a student has been given explicit permission to access and use such devices to enhance learning by the classroom teacher, mobile phones will be permitted for that specific purpose.

For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this.

I encourage each member of our school community to read the new policy which is available on our website. This policy outlines the school's expectations of staff, parents/carers, and students regarding the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones by students at school.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In the event of an emergency or if you need to contact your child, I ask that families contact the staff in the school office who will pass on a message as needed. The school acknowledges that this new policy may require some adjustments. As such, I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in its implementation.

Key elements of the mobile phone policy:

- A new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020.
- Students will be required to switch off and store phones securely from the first bell until the last bell each day.
- Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children.

SCHOOL PRIVACY POLICY

The Department of Education and Training (which includes all Victorian government schools, central and regional offices) values the privacy of every person and is committed to protecting information that schools collect.

All staff including contractors, service providers and volunteers of the Department, and this Victorian government school (our school), must comply with Victorian privacy law and this policy.

In Victorian government schools the management of 'personal information' and 'health information' is governed by the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) (collectively, Victorian privacy law).

Weeroona College Bendigo has a privacy policy which explains how our school collects and manages personal and health information, consistent with Victorian privacy law.

This policy can be accessed on our College webpage or by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Weeroona-College-Bendigo-Privacy-Policy-2019.pdf>

Jason Bysouth

Acting Principal

WELLBEING

ANXIETY IN TEENAGERS

Anxiety is very common in the teenage years.

This is because teenagers have new experiences, opportunities and challenges. They want more independence and their brains change.

For example, teenagers might worry about starting secondary school, looking a particular way, fitting in with friends, sitting exams, performing in plays at school or going to school formals. Sometimes they might even have irrational concerns about the world ending.

Also, as their independence increases, teenagers might worry about being responsible for their own actions and getting jobs. Feeling anxious is part of the normal range of emotions, just like feeling angry or embarrassed. For most teenagers, anxiety doesn't last and goes away on its own. But for some teenagers it doesn't go away or is so intense it that it stops them from doing everyday things.

HELPING YOUR TEENAGER FACE ANXIETY

- Acknowledge your child's fear – don't dismiss or ignore it. It's important for your child to feel that you take him seriously and that you believe he can overcome his fears. He also needs to know that you'll be there to support him.
- Gently encourage your child to do the things she's anxious about. But don't push her to face situations she doesn't want to face.
- Help your child set small goals for things that he feels a little anxious about. Encourage him to meet the goals, but don't step in too early or take control. For example, your child might be anxious about performing in front of others. As a first step, you could suggest your child practises his lines in front of the family.

Try not to make a fuss if your child avoids a situation because of anxiety. Tell your child that you believe she'll be able to manage her feelings in the future by taking things step by step. Try to acknowledge all the steps that your child takes, no matter how small those steps are.

HELPING YOUR CHILD EXPLORE AND UNDERSTAND FEELINGS

- Tell your child about your own worries as a teenager, and remind your child that lots of other teenagers feel anxious too.
 - Help your child understand that it's normal to go through a big range of emotions and that sometimes these can be strong emotions.
 - Talk with your child about his other emotions – for example, 'You seem really excited about the swimming carnival'. This sends the message that all emotions, positive and negative, come and go.
- Listen actively to your child. By listening, you can help your child identify her thoughts and feelings, which is a good first step to managing them.

GIVING YOUR CHILD LOVE AND SUPPORT

- Show your child affection – for example, by hugging him and telling him regularly that you love him/her. Your love lets them know you're there to help cope when they are feeling anxious.
 - Avoid labelling your child as 'shy' or 'anxious'.
- Try to be a good role model for your child in the way that you manage your own stress and deal with your own anxiety.

THINKING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY LIFE AND ROUTINE

- Make time in your family routine for things that your child enjoys and finds relaxing. These could be simple things like playing or listening to music, reading books or going for walks.
- Spend time with people your child likes, trusts and feels comfortable around.

Strong parent-teenager relationships are good for young people's mental health. A sense of belonging to family and friends can help protect teenagers from mental health problems like anxiety disorders. Your support can have a direct and positive impact on your child's mental health.

GETTING HELP FOR TEENAGE ANXIETY

If you think your child needs help dealing with anxiety, ask for professional help as early as possible.

You might feel uncomfortable talking to your child about anxiety or other mental health problems. But by talking about anxiety with your child, you give her permission to talk to you. Your child also needs your help to get professional support.

Options for help and support include:

- [school counsellors](#)
- [psychologists](#) and [counsellors](#).
- [your GP](#) – sometimes teenagers are more comfortable talking to a GP who doesn't also see their parents, or to a younger doctor or a doctor of the same gender
- your local community health centre local mental health services.

If you're unsure where to go, your GP can guide you to the most appropriate services for your family.

Student Wellbeing Team

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2020

School Swimming Sports will be held on **Friday the 14 February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool.**

Students are encouraged to wear their community colours with pride and compete in a variety of "In water & Out of water" activities to earn points for their community and hopefully be the winning house overall for the day.

Students are reminded to "Slip Slop Slap Sunscreen, Sunnies and Shade".

Consent is only available on Compass, please ensure you complete the consent form by Thursday 13 February



START OF YEAR

Reminder to ALL Students & Parents that they are required to sign the following forms for 2020:

- 2020 ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
- 2020 Permissions (SMS/Email/Publishing of photos) &
- Immunisation Card (Year 7 Only)
- These were in Start Up Day Packs and at Start Up Day Interviews.

If you have not yet signed these, please see the Administration Office.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Application forms will be available at the Administration Office from the 28 January 2020.

We require a new application for each eligible student (siblings are able to be on the same form), and the **original receipt** of either their ½ year or full year pass.

Applications close: 6 March 2020

BOOKLISTS

Any families who need assistance with 2020 booklists please contact the Administration Office.

Administration

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Weeroona College Bendigo takes attendance very seriously. This is because we want to give your child the best possible education. If your child is genuinely sick, please keep them at home. If they don't want to come, send them to school.

Here are some very surprising statistics.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equal...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 min per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Compass Kiosk is now being fully utilised at the Student Services window when students are signing in and out.

If your student is arriving or departing outside of normal school hours, an explanation is required from the student's parent/carer. This can be done in the following ways:

- Log onto Compass and record the absence.
- Phone the Administration Office on 5443 2133 (press 1) to leave a message or (press 2) to speak with an attendance officer.
- Write a note with an explanation to be handed in by your student to the Administration Office.

Our IT staff are always available and happy to guide you through any Compass assistance needed to be able to explain absences quickly and efficiently. They can also help with setting up the App on your phone or electronic device. It is worth seeking assistance with Compass as this is the program that is also used by Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

Unexplained absence letters are sent home every month with a reply paid envelope for your convenience. Absence explanations must come from a student's parent/carer. It is important to return these letters as soon as possible to avoid receiving them every month for the same absences.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in calling the Administration Office and speaking to either myself, or Wendy in attendance.

Martine Elms

Attendance Officer

FIRST AID

FIRST AID MATTERS

With the start of a new year, we would just like to remind parents/carers to please return any medical forms to the Administration Office.

If your child suffers from a medical condition it is **really important** that we are made aware of this so we can provide the appropriate care/support for them. Many serious conditions, such as Asthma and Anaphylaxis, require an ASCIA Action Plan to be filled out by a Doctor and returned to school with a current photo of your child.

A reminder that students should not have any medications stored in their school bags, particularly things like Panadol and should not offer these medications to other students. If these medications are required from time to time students can have them safely stored at the First Aid Room by a parent/carer completing the relevant forms and dropping off the medication in its' original packaging to the Administration Office for future use when required.

If you have an email address registered with us you will receive an automated email as part of our Compass First Aid system whenever your student attends the First Aid room at school. This is just to let you know they have attended the First Aid room or have been given prescribed medication. If you are required to pick up your student from school due to ill health or another reason we will contact you to organise this.

Please see below email example of what you will receive from us:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today your student has presented at the Sickbay with the following symptoms:
Symptoms

Your student has been provided with the following treatment/s:
TreatmentProvided
TreatmentOther

Our staff are taking care of your student and **we will contact you if necessary.**

If you require further information, you can contact our Administration Office on 5443 2133.

Weeroona College Bendigo

We have a GP who visits onsite at Weeroona College every Tuesday. This is bulk bill service and students are able to attend with or without their parents/carers during school hours. Appointments are made via the Administration Office or Bridget Chambers who is in our Wellbeing team. We also have a School nurse onsite every Tuesday and Thursday who is available to discuss any complex medical conditions if needed.

We are very lucky to have access to such fantastic expertise onsite at Weeroona College Bendigo and we hope that you take advantage of these services if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact our First Aid Officers in the Administration building; Martine Elms and Wendy White as a first point of contact should you have any further questions regarding First Aid or use of our services.

Wendy White

First Aid Officer



CANTEEN

BREAKFAST from 8.30 to 8.55 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- Toastie—\$2.50
- Hashbrowns- \$1.00
- Hot Chocolate—\$2.00

Lunch orders are kept until the end of recess and if not collected are then thrown out. The order will not be available on another day unless arranged with the canteen prior to lunch.

QKR- Canteen orders can be made through QKR before 9.30 am on the day.

VOLUNTEERS are needed once or twice a Term, please contact Bronwyn on 5443 2133.



**WE
CREATE
BRILLIANCE**



CANTEEN PRICE LIST
OPERATING HOURS:
 8:30 - 8:55AM
LUNCH & RECESS TIMES
 *LUNCH ORDERS TAKEN AT CANTEEN FROM 8:30AM
 BREAKFAST - Mon, Wed, Thurs.

HOT FOOD	
Toastie	\$2.50
Baked Potato (G/F)	\$4.00
Fantastic Noodles	\$3.50
Hot Chick. Roll/gravy	\$5.50
Nachos (G/F)	\$4.50
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$4.50
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Soup - Bowl	\$3.50
Cheesy Pasta	\$4.00
Fried Rice (G/F)	\$4.00
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Pizza slice (1/4 pizza) - Tuesday only	\$3.50
Pie	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$3.50

COLD FOOD	
Buttered roll	\$1.00
Salad Rolls -ham or chicken	\$5.00
Salad Sandwich - ham or chicken	\$4.50
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$3.30
Small Fruit Pack (G/F)	\$2.50
Large Fruit Pack (G/F)	\$3.50
Salad Wrap - ham or chicken	\$4.00
Cesar Salad	\$4.50
Cesar Salad with chicken	\$5.50

DRINKS	
250 ml Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
300 ml Orange Juice	\$2.50
200 ml Just Juice - assorted flavours	\$1.50
600 ml Water	\$1.50
350 ml Quench	\$2.50
1L Pump Water	\$2.50

G/F - Gluten Free

FOCCACIA	
Chicken - cheese, tomato, spinach, mayo, avocado	All \$5.50
Veggie - avocado, mushrooms, tomato, cheese, spinach, capsicum	
Beef - cheese, tomato, rocket, capsicum, relish	

HEALTHY	
Salad Pack (G/F)	\$4.50
Chicken or Ham Salad Pack	\$5.00
Quiche and Salad	\$5.00
Pieces of fruit	\$1.00

ICE CREAMS	
Cruncha	\$1.00
Slushy	\$1.50
Mini Calippo	\$1.00
Zooper Dooper	.50
Moosies	\$1.50

SNACKS	
Chips - Honey Soy Chicken	\$1.50
Chips - J.J.	\$1.50
Jelly Cup	\$1.50

BREAKFAST MENU	
Toastie - Ham and Cheese	\$2.50
Toastie - Cheese	\$2.50
Hash Brown	\$1.00

GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE

The Global Learning Centre (GLC) is comprised of the following areas: Book Café, Multimedia Classroom, Makerspace, IT Office and the Library. The GLC is open before and after school as well as most lunch and recess times. The GLC is staffed by registered teachers, Ms. Oliver and Ms. Waycott. The GLC offers students a wide variety of experiences and opportunities, these include, but are not limited to:

- **Book Borrowing:** Students can borrow three books for up to three weeks.
- **Netbook Borrowing:** If a student's device is broken or unavailable for the day, the library has a limited number of Netbooks that students can borrow with a pass from their classroom teacher.
- **Makerspace:** The Makerspace always has a selection of STEAM activities on offer for students to participate in. These activities change weekly.
- **Book Club:** The GLC hosts WCB's Book Club which meet at lunchtime a couple of times per term to discuss reading material, undertake activities and get first selection of new books.
- **The Premiers' Reading Challenge:** All students of WCB are registered to participate in this challenge which is coordinated and managed from the library.
- **Lunchtime Activities:** In addition to the Makerspace, the library is also open for quiet reading, communal colouring, working on jigsaw puzzles and playing board games and educational computer games.

THE GLC GOES COLLECTIVE NOUN CRAZY!

Throughout Term One, many of the STEAM activities the library will offer are centred on collective nouns. A collective noun is a word used to describe a group of people, animals or things. Many of the collective nouns we use today can be traced back to fifteenth-century hunting traditions in England, in fact the first known collection of these terms was published in *The Book of St Albans* in 1486. Collective nouns are a quirk of the English language beloved by many and we hope students will join us in the Makerspace to explore:

A Swarm of Bees

A Rabble of Butterflies

A Caravan of Camels

A Murder of Crows

A Flamboyance of Flamingos

A Troubling of Goldfish

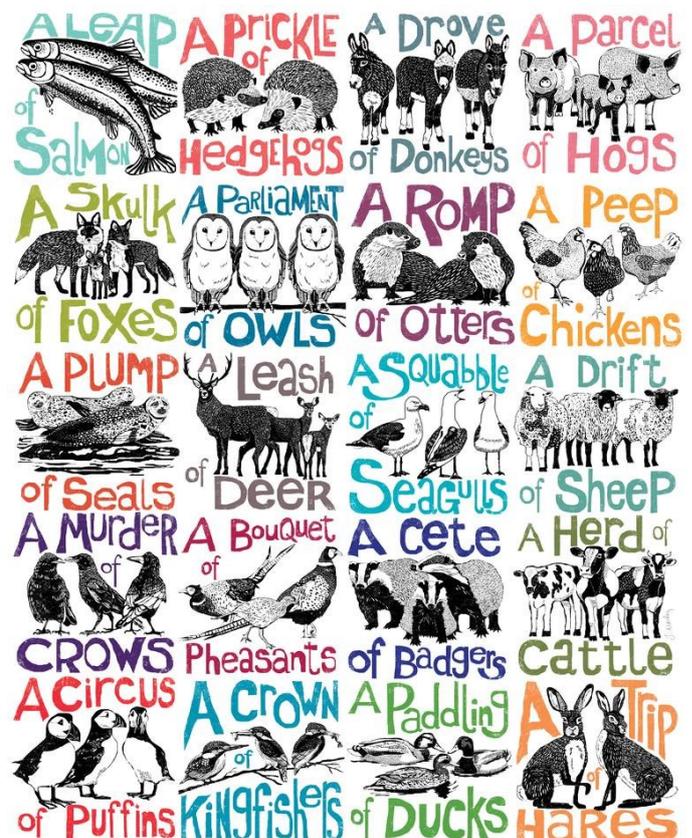
A Loveliness of Ladybirds

A Mischief of Mice

A Parliament of Owls

A Constellation of Starfish

There will also be quizzes and competitions throughout the term, for all students to participate in. Keep an eye on Compass for these.



The GLC has been a hive of activity these past few days with students: constructing ladybirds, designing with magnetic tiles, partaking in communal colouring, playing board and card games, reading and piecing together a jigsaw of the solar system.



LITERACY NEWS

CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH LITERACY

Welcome back to the students and families of Weeroona College Bendigo, and a special welcome to all of the new members of our school community. At our College we are dedicated to being at the forefront of literacy teaching and strive to provide the most engaging and effective lessons to allow all our students to reach their greatest potential.

As discussed at Start-Up Day interviews, we have an expectation that all students complete 20 minutes or more of reading at home each night on top of the reading completed at school. This has such a positive effect on young people's learning in many areas. Please encourage your child to keep a record of this in their student learning diary.

Here at school we have started off the year with a continued focus on vocabulary in all subjects. A reader's vocabulary for a topic is the building block they use to build further knowledge. It also improves a reader's ability to understand what they are reading.

Some quick and easy strategies to practice literacy at home include:

- Talking about what book your child is reading in class. Ask about the characters. What qualities do they have? What is the 'problem' in the storyline or what challenges must the characters overcome? What predictions can be made about the ending?
- Listen to your child read.
- Tell stories, and ask your child to tell you about their day.
- Writing a letter to someone special.
- Turn on the captions on television shows and movies.
- Add some new words from vocabulary tables from your school books into websites like www.spellingcity.com to practice spelling.
- Play literacy apps on your devices



PERFORMING ARTS

AND WE'RE BACK!!!!

From everyone here in Performing Arts we hope everyone had a fun and safe break.

RECRUITMENT

The first task of every year in the Performing Arts department is instrumental student recruitment. While our main focus is Year 7 students and getting them started on their new instrument, we welcome any year level to start learning an instrument. Whether you're in Year 8, 9 or 10, if you have a burning need to fill your head with musical and instrumental skill, come see us and we'll happily oblige.

Important dates to note with regards to recruitment are listed below

Wednesday 12th Feb – Instrumental Recruitment/Info Evening

Friday 24th Feb – Instrumental Preferences announced

Monday 24th Feb – Year 7 Instrumental lessons commence

Two things you should know: 1. The Instrumental Recruitment/Info Evening isn't exclusive to Year 7 students. I mentioned earlier, if you have a desire to learn an instrument in 2020, come along, this will be a perfect opportunity to try all the instruments on offer and meet the teachers that teach them. 2. The Recruitment/Info evening starts at 7pm sharp. I'll be doing a brief address to everyone present and then you'll be let loose in the Performing Arts building to try as many instruments as you can.

Have a look at the flyer in the newsletter for all the BIMP Instrumental Tryout Night details, or contact the Performing Arts Department here at Weeroona College Bendigo for more info.

COLLEGE PRODUCTION - GREASE

Given the size of the production, Mr E and I started planning the 2020 Production in November last year. We also announced that Weeroona College Bendigo will be putting on Grease at the same time.

To get started, we have two sets of dates for everyone to be aware of –

Production Auditions – March 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

Production Week (performances and dress rehearsals) November 11th – 14th.

Interested ?????? Keep an eye on the Performing Arts Building. We will post up information on what's involved in being part of the College Production.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

To continuing instrumental students, hopefully you've been practicing and by now your instrumental teacher has made contact with you. Timetables are being setup and lessons are being entered into Compass as I type. Unless your instrumental teacher has instructed you otherwise, Year 8, 9 and 10 instrumental student lesson will start up on the week beginning of Monday 17th Feb. If you have problems with your instrument, please come and see myself so we can try and get it sorted out before your lessons begin. Ensemble rehearsals will start up in the same week and will be up on Compass as well.

All the best,

Chris





PLAY MUSIC

@ Weeroona College Bendigo

 Flute	 Clarinet	 Saxophone	 Trumpet
 French Horn	 Trombone	 Euphonium/ Tuba	 Violin/ Viola/ Double Bass
 Guitar & Bass	 Percussion		

INFO, TRY-OUT & SIGN UP:
CRUSOE SC - 11TH FEB 7PM
WEEROONA - 12TH FEB 7PM
EAGLEHAWK SC - 13TH FEB 5PM
MEET IN PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING



For further information or inquiries please email info@bimp.org.au or contact your school.

FROM THE CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over drive-ways or double park.

A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off and No Parking area's (stipulated times) These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

WCB SPORT



WCB SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Weeroona College Bendigo swimming carnival will be held on Friday 14th February at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool. We encourage all to attend. No cost for the carnival in 2020. Please ensure that the compass documentation is completed well prior to the event.

TERM 1 SPORTS

Term 1 is traditionally a busy one in relation to college based sport and 2020 is no exception. Below is an outline of college based sporting events for term 1.

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th February - WCB Swimming Sports (East Bendigo Swimming Pool)

Friday 28th February- Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival (Bendigo Aquatic Centre)

MARCH

Wednesday 11th March - Volleyball (Yrs 9&10 Boys Yrs 9&10 Girls)
- Cricket (Yrs 9&10 Boys)
- Tennis (Yrs 9&10 Boys, Yrs 9&10 Girls)

Tuesday 17th March - Cricket (Yrs 7&8 Boys)
- Tennis (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)
- Volleyball (Yrs 7&8 Boys, Yrs 7&8 Girls)

Thursday 19th March Loddon Mallee Swimming Carnival (Swan Hill)

Thursday 19th March - Weeroona College Bendigo Athletics Carnival

Friday 20th March – Sportsforce Advance – Heathcote Community Day

Tuesday 24th March - Multicultural Sports Day

Shawn McCormick

WCB Head Of Sport

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Feb 2020

What a busy start we've had to 2020, we have had over 60 students attend try outs. This week the squads were finalised and are listed below. Congratulations the following students.

Junior 1	Junior 2	Senior Squad	EEV (9-10)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ned Howie • Ryan Clay • Xavier Cain • Tyler Ball • Nikita LeFevre • Madi Thomas • Maggie Fitzgerald • Skye Barnett • Ryan Birchall • Lexi Ferbrache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesse Gill • Lachie Ross • Arden Thacker • Ollie Lythgo • Aymee Robinson • Aleksia Franklin • Skye Webb • Dakota Buckow • Hannah Coates • Jay Wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke Fitzgerald • Darcy Ball • Jude Wheelhouse • Riley Beard • Kealie Lambert • Tannisha Murley • Madison Lawrence • Steph Clay • Jett Patullo • Georgia Barnett 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom McGuinness • Joe McKoy • Heaven Moo Poe • Savior Poe • Harry Darcy • Ollie Duffy • Brodie Nankervis • Jordan Aldridge

We will be entering all three teams in the all four races during the Victorian HPV Series and Maryborough Energy Breakthrough challenge in November. We will be continuing our EEV project this year and hope to build on our success from last year!

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring the team please contact the school.

Our senior team will be training on Friday nights after school every week, and our juniors will be training after school on a Wednesday night every week at this stage but is subject to change.

We will be having a parent information night for new and existing parents to find out how we will be running the program this year, notes with more information will be sent home next week.

We're looking forward to an exciting year, all support is appreciated.

Jack McIntosh

Energy Breakthrough Leader



SPORTING CLUBS



White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Day for season 2020

We welcome all current and new players for the 2020 season.

Registration day will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Sunday, 16th February 2019, 3.00pm – 5.00pm.**

We will be registering teams in under 9, 10, 12, 14 and 16 boys grades and under 12, 14 and 16 girls grades. For further information visit our website, Facebook or call Lisa Meersbergen on 0428527528. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club whjfclub@gmail.com



JUNIOR
NETBALL
2020

NORTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL
NETBALL CLUB
WELCOME ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS
TO THEIR REGISTRATION NIGHT

MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2020

5-6 PM

**PLAYERS FOR 12&U,
15&U + 17&U'S.**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
LAUREN BELL 0421 568 295

Help shape the future of Greater Bendigo's landscapes, waterways and food!

We've developed three important plans for the future and we want you to have input into them.

The three plans are:

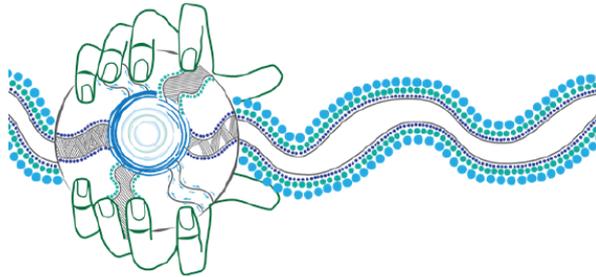
- Reimagining Bendigo Creek
- Greening Greater Bendigo
- Greater Bendigo's Food System Strategy

If you'd like to learn more and have your say, you can catch us at:

- Bendigo Community Farmers Market
Sidney Myer Place
Saturday February 8
- Summer in the Parks
Garden for the Future
Friday February 21
- Summer In the Parks
Cooinda Park
Friday February 28
- Zinda Festival
Rosalind Park
Saturday March 14

For more information go to www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/your-say





REIMAGINING BENDIGO CREEK

Reimagining Bendigo Creek is a turning point. It marks the beginning of a process of renewal, understanding and connection over many generations, which aims to create a healthier, more inclusive, more connected and more beautiful Creek that we all respect and value.

A vision and plan to guide this process has been created with the input and guidance from the Greater Bendigo community.

We invite you to be part of further shaping the *Reimagining Bendigo Creek* Draft Plan.

For information about how to get involved, including a link to the interactive map and online survey, please visit the project's webpage:

www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/bendigocreek



Y-SPACE YOUTH HUB
MUSIC, GAMES, WIFI, SNACKS, HANG-OUT

13-18YO FULLY SUPERVISED INSTA @YMCABENDIGOYOUTH PHONE 0448 753 936

FRIDAY'S 4-6PM | YO BENDIGO, 45 MUNDY ST BENDIGO

