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WCB VISION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Issue 5

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

21 Queen Street Bendigo.
(03) 5440 5600

JUNE	
25th	<i>Last Day of Term 2. 2:30 dismissal</i>
July	
12th	<i>First Day of Term 3</i>

CONTACTS

PRINCIPAL

Jason Bysouth

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Sarah Trew (Acting)

WELLBEING TEAM

Wellbeing | Julie Nicol
Wellbeing | Bridget Chambers
Chaplain | Carl Rusbridge
Nurse | Tammy Nancarrow
Mental Health Practitioner | Megan King

KATYIL

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Jack McIntosh
Marion Stewart

LEARNING ADVISORS

L7A Michelle Griffin
L7B Callum Draper
L8A Kate Flanders
L8B Meryl Hayes
Brian Edebohls
L9A Scott Nicholls
L9B Matt Reeves
L1A Sarah Davis
L1B Mark Adams

WANNOP

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Karli Winzar
James Ginnivan

LEARNING ADVISORS

W7A Maddison Morrow
W7B Lucas Cruz Rocha
W8A Ryan Currie
W8B Casey Williams
W9A Alex Madden
W9B Tilley Rose
W1A Paul Oshea
Geoff Dempster
W1B Amy Bradley

MERIN

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Nadine Harper
Trent Bysouth

LEARNING ADVISORS

M7A Kellie Simson
M7B Lucy James
M8A Kierny McKemish
M8B Brooke Nowell
M9A Christine Edgar
Chris Emond
M9B Robyn Turner
M1A Matt Tyrrell
M1B Jian Luo

KAPPEN

COMMUNITY LEADERS

Liam Ireland
Ryan Pollard

LEARNING ADVISORS

K7A Kane Goldsworthy
K7B Ebony Mclean
K8A Tara Pocklington
K8B Sophie Alford
K9A Yinmu Liu
Liam Ireland
K9B Sarah-Jane BALDWIN
K1A Leigh Schroeter

FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Dear WCB Community,

Welcome to the end of Term 2 and the half-way point of our school year. We would like to thank our amazing staff, wonderful students and supportive parents/carers for making Weeroona College Bendigo such a positive place to be throughout what has been a challenging 2021. After the year that we had last year, we all hoped that 2021 would be much more settled and predictable. Unfortunately, a couple of lockdowns have impacted this and as a result teachers and students have had to transition between remote and face-to-face learning. We would like to congratulate our students for the manner in which they have dealt with these challenges and the positive attitude that they have continued to display.

We hope that students are able to have a restful mid-year break and return to the College in Term 3 with all the energy that is required to achieve their personal best.

Kind Regards

Jason Bysouth

Principal

Sarah Trew

Acting Assistant Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Late Arrivals

If your child is running late to school we ask that you notify the school as to the reason for the late arrival. You can do this via Compass, writing a note or calling the absence line on 44334911 (be sure to state the child's name, date and reason for late arrival).

Absence Notification

If your child is absent or late for one or more classes and you have not notified the school, you will receive a notification via Compass. We ask that you act on this message by either clicking on the link provided or calling the Administration Office on 5443 2133 to explain the absence.

Unexplained Absence Letters

If you have not notified the school of your child's late arrival/absence from school, you will receive an unexplained absence letter in the mail. These 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.

Early Departures

We understand that sometimes appointments can only be made during school hours. If you need to pick your child up early from school, we ask that you please write a note and give it to your child to hand into the Administration Office to get a leave pass. Alternatively, you can put a note on Compass or call the absence line.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in calling the Administration Office and ask for Martine or Wendy in attendance.

Camp deposits are now closed and places have been secured unless you have been put on the waiting list.

Camp balance has been put up on Compass, for those who are paying with CSEF you do not need to pay via Compass.

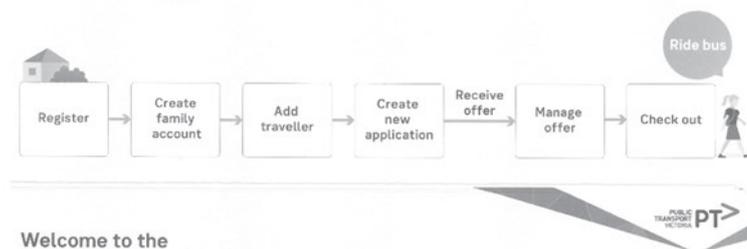
Contact Details- If you have changed your address/mobile or any other details please contact the Administration Office on 5443-2133

Student ID cards - have been handed to all students in their advisory - students must have their ID cards when signing in/out at the Administration Office.

Early finish time - Friday 25/06/2021 – last day of term 2, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm – buses will be leaving early as well.

Bus Information

Getting to and from School



Welcome to the SCHOOL BUS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Your school bus network is participating in a pilot to improve the administration of school buses, through the introduction of an online travel application system.

The new online system improves school bus access and travel records for parents, schools and bus drivers.

To login and apply for travel visit schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au
For more information contact PTV on 1800 800 007.

Application renewal key dates

Term 2	End of February
Term 3	End of May
Term 4	End of August
Next year travel or term 1	Mid November

PTV will notify families when applications are due for renewal.



Premiers' Reading Challenge

All students of WCB are registered to compete in this very achievable challenge. Students are asked to read 15 books between January 5th and September 16th. Students need to record their reading using the Online App which can be found at:

<https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

Students can log into this website using their Compass details or a username and passcode given to them by their English teacher. If students are having any difficulties using this website or have any general questions about the Challenge they can visit the GLC and talk to one of the librarians.

As of this week, WCB students have registered 1447 books on the Challenge website and 14 students have already successfully completed the Challenge.



Book Care Public Service Announcement

So, you've chosen me off the book shelf,
Well, you'd better watch yourself,
I'm tired of being treated with little regard,
Your abuse and neglect has left me scarred.

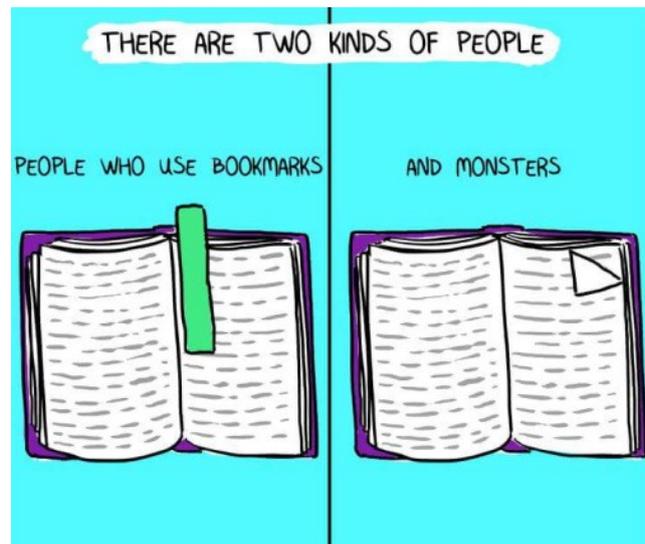
Shoving me in your pencil case is plain wrong,
And don't abandon me outside all day long,
Wash and dry your hands before you touch me,
Being covered in food and grime is ghastly.

I am not a ball, so don't throw me about,
Don't graffiti me with pencil, ink or white out,
Do not bend my delicate spine and bear in mind,
I must be kept away from liquid of any kind.

Use a flat bookmark to keep your place,
Dog-earring my pages is an utter disgrace,
My contact is not a scab you should pick,
Refrain from ripping my pages like a lunatic.

A hot car is not an appropriate place to reside,
Melted glue binding is not healthy nor dignified,
Pets of varying types and I do not get along,
And babies can be destructively strong.

So...you'd better start treating me nice
Or prepare to pay the ultimate paper cut price!



LEGO Week

During the week of the 7th-11th of June, the GLC played host to Lego Week. During this week students had the opportunity to participate in a range of structured and independent Lego themed activities. There were also some competitions and a special meeting of Book Club.





'I did the majority of the activities and my favourites were building Lego and making Lego cookies.' – *Ebony M8B*

'The large Lego sets were so much fun and the food (as always) was amazing! – *Madi M8B*



'It was such a fun experience and I enjoyed all the activities. My favourite part of Lego Week was the Ninjago pipe-cleaner ninjas.' – *Sophie K8A*



'I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the Book Club afternoon tea. I had some great conversations with my friends.' – *Blodan M1A*



'I enjoyed making the Lego biscuits, because who doesn't like food!' – *Ruben M8A*



ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Lockdown 4.0 brought things to a halt again for us at EBT, but fortunately it was only a couple of weeks this time around. Training resumed for all teams last week, featuring the return of our COVID safe practices to ensure the safety of all riders. A small price to pay to get back out on the track.

Our Pit Crew had their second training session this month where they were introduced to the art of sanding one of our fairings, all team members enjoyed the experience.

Our latest fundraiser sees the return of the Scouts Victoria Monster Raffle with a bit of a twist! Tickets are now sold digitally, if you would like to purchase some to support our program please click the following link or scan the QR code below. It would be fantastic if as many parents and friends could share the raffle link from our school Facebook and Instagram.



<https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/weeroonacollege?v=1>

A reminder that tickets are sold for \$2 each and \$1.50 of that is returned to us from every sale! First place is a brand new car, so click that link!

Last month the Victorian HPV series announced two races for the year which this week we received dates for they are as follows:

Sunday 29th August at the METEC Driver Education Centre - Kilsyth

Sunday 24th October at the Lang Lang Rec Reserve

*Races this year will look very different due to crowd limits and density limits in pit spaces. The above two races will only have active riders in attendance. Pit crew and Reserves will be able to attend our Maryborough camp as normal. **There will be a parent letter coming out with more details first week of term 3.***

If you, or someone you know, is interested in sponsoring the team please contact me via the school for more information.

Jack McIntosh

Energy Breakthrough Leader



ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH TEAM PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS



PERFORMING ARTS

Weeroona College Bendigo presents GREASE in 2021-

Rehearsals are well underway in preparation for this year's exciting production GREASE!

To be staged at the Capital Theatre in August, our company of performers are looking forward to bringing you all the classic songs! 'Grease', 'Summer Loving', 'Sandy', 'Hopelessly Devoted to You', 'Grease Lightning', 'You're the One that I Want' and more!

Stay tuned for news on tickets sales soon.

Go Greased Lightning!



WCB WE CREATE BRILLIANCE

School holidays

Here are a few tips that you can do during the school holidays. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

01

Have enough sleep at night - try and aim for 8 - 10 hours a night. For more information, check out



<https://headspace.org.au/assets/Factsheets/HSP225-Sleep-Fact-Sheet-DF3.pdf>

02

Aim to get to bed and wake up around the same time each day - your routine during the school term.



03

Make sure you eat well and have regular meals and water.



04

Other tips that might help.



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During school holidays

This is a great time to relax and spend time with friends and family. It is also a great time to enjoy the outdoors, sunshine and spend time doing things you enjoy (within the restrictions).

Get physical

Exercise releases "feel good hormones" called endorphins. Try a walk outside, interactive gaming e.g. Wii Dance, Just Dance or a bike ride with friends or family.

Do something relaxing

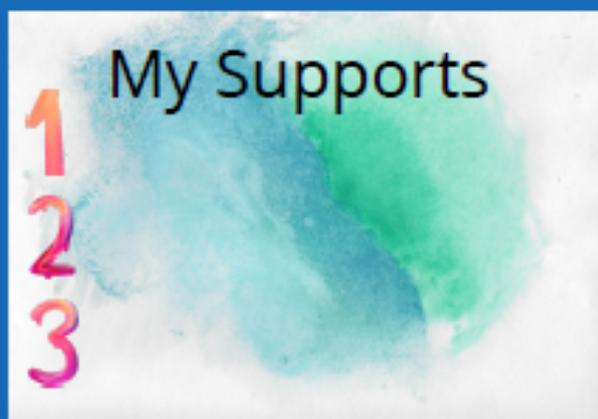
Some relaxing activities include puzzles, reading, watching TV, listening to audiobooks, colouring, writing or mindfulness.

Practice Gratitude

Take a few minutes each day to write down or share with someone 3 things that you are grateful for. Practicing gratitude improves your psychological health.

Where to go for help during school holidays

- Contact the WCB wellbeing team at wcbwellbeing@gmail.com
- Make an appointment with your GP
- Call Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800 (24/7)
- Call Bendigo Health Psychiatric Triage on 1300 363 788 (24/7)
- Headspace: headspace.org.au/eheadspace





family & friends support group

The headspace Bendigo family & friends support group is an opportunity to

- Learn ways to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people in your care
- Learn about adolescent development and 'why your teen is acting the way they are'
- Learn more about how headspace can support you in supporting young people
- Engage with other members of the community who are experiencing the same support journey as yourself



When

Tuesday May 25 (Fortnightly thereafter)
5:00pm – 6:30pm (Arrive at 5.00pm for 5:15 start)

Where

headspace Bendigo 78-80 Pall Mall Bendigo

Contact to Register Attendance

headspace Bendigo – 03 5406 1400



headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

COMPASS LEARNING TASK CATEGORY TAGS

In order to identify the purpose for each Learning Task on Compass, the following Category Tags are used:

Assessment

The red "Assessment" tag identifies Learning Tasks that relate to work that is graded. This includes Learning Tasks that students are required to submit work to, such as a SAT (School Assessed Task).

This tag also applies to the Progressive Report that includes an overall grade on a particular unit of work and judgement against the College values.

General

The green "General" tag identifies Learning Tasks where students submit class work and receive feedback to monitor their progression of skills.

Homework

The blue "Homework" tag identifies Learning Tasks where students submit work that is completed at home to practise the skills learnt in class.



UPCOMING SPORTS DATES

JUNE

Tuesday 13th July– Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country

Wednesday 14th July– Year 7/8 and 9/10 Boys Netball

Thursday 15th July– Year 9/10 Boys Football

Friday 16th July– Year 9/10 Girls Football

Wednesday 21st July– Sport force Advance Primary Netball Carnival

Thursday 22nd July– Year 7 Boys Soccer Carnival

Monday 26th/27th July– Sports force Advance Bendigo District Primary Football Carnival

Smash your savings goals and we'll match it up to \$500



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus you must be 18 years plus, have regular income from work (you or your partner)*, have a child at school / starting next year or be studying yourself, and have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment*.

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact us for more information



laptops & tablets



camps & excursions



uniforms & shoes



lessons & activities



sports fees & gear



books & supplies



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