## WCB CONTACTS

### Principal
Leanne Preece

### Assistant Principal
Jason Bysouth

### Student Wellbeing Team
- **Student Wellbeing Team Leader**: Julie Nicol
- **Chaplain**: Carl Rusbridge
- **College Nurse**: Sarah Warburton

### Wannop Leaders
- **Leaders**: Justin Hird, Erin Pilkington
- **Learning Advisors**
  - W7A: Paul Ellis
  - W7B: Vern Hardie
  - W8A: Kristen Purden
  - W8B: Geoff Dempster
  - W9A: Monica White
  - W1A: Chloe Neath
  - Therese Johnston

### Merin Leaders
- **Leaders**: Meryl Hayes, Matt Reeves
- **Learning Advisors**
  - M7A: Jacob Giudice
  - M7B: Tim Mclnnes
  - Sue Pollard
  - M8A: Michelle Griffin
  - Karen Dale
  - M9A: Christine Henty
  - M9B: Ryan Currie
  - M1A: Leigh Schroeter
  - M1B: Shawn McCormick

### Kappen Leaders
- **Leaders**: Trent Bysouth, Tracey Lee
- **Learning Advisors**
  - K7A: Paul O’Shea
  - K7B: Debbie Ship
  - Jemima Albrecht
  - K8A: Jo Morris
  - K9A: Marion Stewart
  - K9B: Matthew Greenwood
  - K1A: David Crowley
  - KIB: Eva De San Miguel
  - Sarah Trew

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## WCB UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER
- **10th**: WCB Debutante Ball
- **14th**: Vic Roads Community Session 3:30pm - 7pm
- **15th**: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences am
- **16th**: Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences pm
- **16th - 24th**: Bali Trip
- **21st**: Elective Information Evening
- **27th - 29th**: Year 8 Surf Camp
- **28th**: Bendigo Cup Holiday

### NOVEMBER
- **6th**: Next WCB Newsletter
- **19th - 20th**: Year 10 Exams
  - Conveyance Allowance Applications Close
  - Year 10 Celebration Day
  - Year 10 Transition at BSSC
- **23rd**: Advance Fiji Trip Depart

### DECEMBER
- **4th**: Next WCB Newsletter
- **8th**: Year 10 Orientation Day
- **9th**: Awards Evening
- **14th - 18th**: Activity Week
- **18th**: Last Day of Term 4
  - 1:30pm finish

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## SCHOOL TIMES
- **Start**: 9.00am
- **Lunch**: 11.45am - 12.35pm
- **Recess**: 1.45pm - 2.05pm
- **Finish**: 3.15pm

## OFFICE HOURS
- **Monday – Friday**: 8.15am – 4.00pm

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
- **Tuesday**: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- **Thursday**: 8.30am – 12.00pm
  *EFTPOS facilities now available*

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**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

**Education State - Framework for Improving Student Outcomes**
Weeroona College Bendigo is delighted to have additional equity money allocated to in our 2016 budget which will enable us to implement strategies to continue to improve academic student outcomes and increase wellbeing support.

**Find our school’s funding**
For the first time, you can see the amount of Equity Funding your school is receiving from the Victorian Government as part of its commitment to make Victoria the Education State.

**More funding for socially disadvantaged students**
New allocation criteria for equity funding will more effectively target social disadvantage. The new approach incorporates both individual factors of disadvantage and the concentration of disadvantage in the school.

**Catch Up funding for students falling behind**
This new Education State funding will target students entering secondary schools who have not met national NAPLAN minimum standards for reading in Year 5. The funding will allow schools to invest in interventions to help students catch up to their peers.

All information can be accessed using this link: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/schoolbudget.aspx

**2015 Victorian Youth Policy – Encourage a young person to have their say**
The Minister for Youth Affairs, the Hon Jenny Mikakos, has announced the development of a new youth policy to support young Victorians. The new youth policy aims to improve outcomes for young people aged 12 to 24 years, especially those who are disadvantaged and disengaged. Once finalised, the policy will build a coordinated approach to:

- Youth issues across government;
- Increasing the focus on early intervention and prevention;
- Strengthening engagement and involvement by young people in policies and programs that affect them.

Young people’s feedback is sought to ensure that Victorian Government services are relevant and support them to continue education, find employment and connect with their community. Young people are invited to join the conversation by visiting www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au to participate in an online survey to tell government about their needs. All completed survey entries go into the draw to win one of three iPads or Android tablets.

**Napier Street Duplication**
We’re letting you know that VicRoads, in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo, are holding community sessions on the future upgrade of Napier Street between Weeroona Avenue and Hall Street.

VicRoads is inviting you and your family to its community sessions where you can share your ideas and experiences using Napier Street and how it can be improved.

**Student Achievement**
During Term 3, Weeroona College Bendigo entered two teams into the Regional Schools Futsal Competition. It was very pleasing when Zac Robertson and Lewis Dunne were selected to play for Victoria because of their outstanding performance at the competition. Both Zac and Lewis travelled to Brisbane to play against other states in the 13s division. Their team was very successful, only losing one game in their group matches. They got into the finals and they unfortunately lost the semi-finals by 4 goals. Well done to both boys. Lewis was then selected to play for the Australian Schools Squad. This means Lewis will be going over to the UK next April.

Leanne Preece
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Elective Information Evening**
Year 8 and 9 students and parents are invited to the Elective Information Evening that will take place in Kappen Community on Wednesday 21st October starting at 7pm. The evening will give students and parents an opportunity to speak to staff about the subject choices that are available for 2016.

**Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**
The Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard allows us as a college to integrate attendance, conduct and teaching and learning in a single system. From the beginning of 2015 we have begun using the Dashboard for all assessment and reporting, allowing teachers to provide timely assessment of student progress to students and families.

We remind you that students and families can access the Dashboard at any time from any computer or device with an internet connection. Assessments become available as they are assessed and published by teachers providing an ongoing, up-to-date record of each student’s level of achievement. Individual task assessments include the following information:

- AUSVELS level achieved
- Behaviour and Effort rating
- Optional teacher comment

As we have scheduled Parent/Student/Teacher conferences on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October, we encourage you to access the Weeroona Learning Support Dashboard to access your child’s up-to-date report and your PTO login to secure an appointment with your child’s teachers to discuss their progress in further detail. PTO logins will be mailed out on Friday 9th October.

At Weeroona College Bendigo we strive to support all of our families in accessing their child’s data in a timely manner. If you do not have internet access, or would like further support in learning how to use the Dashboard, you can book support sessions during the conference times with our Technology support staff.

We look forward to your participation in the scheduled Parent/Student/Teacher conferences.

**STEM Toys - Drones**
To follow on from my last newsletter piece where I mentioned that I had attended a STEM conference where we were able to explore a range of toys and apps that were able to enhance educational outcomes, I am going to share another gadget. There are increasing numbers of drones on the market and as the technology continues to advance, much of this technology is becoming more affordable.

A new way of teaching students about coding involves using smart phones or tablets to control these drones. There are even some products and apps that allow students to write a code that controls the drone to complete a set of movements. If you are interested in any of these products, you can use the link below:

https://johnp.wordpress.com/2015/04/01/tickle-learn-to-program-air-drones-robots-smart-homes-and-more/

Jason Bysouth
Assistant Principal

FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE

**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 20th 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 (2nd half of the year) you do not need to complete another form.

GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE NEWS
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is over for another year with lots of students reading some amazing books.
The Challenge promotes regular reading and introduces our students to a myriad of exciting books. Two thousand two hundred and three Challenge books were completed by September 14th this year and 51 students were able to meet the Challenge.

Well done to all those students who were able to meet the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to all those who had a go but didn’t make it. Don’t forget there is always 2016!

ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

The Weeroona College Bendigo Energy Breakthrough Team ran a Fundraiser at the end of last term, in which students pedalled on a stationary bike for 24 hours. The team raised awareness and money for Cancer Council and SPAN. At the end of the 24 hours, students had pedalled 836km and raised over $1,000 for these organisations.

On Tuesday 13th October the Energy Breakthrough will be holding another fundraiser at Bendigo Stadium. If you would like to support our Energy Breakthrough team and take a night off cooking please come along for a delicious meal in the bistro from 6:00pm.

YOUNG ICT EXPLORERS 2015

On the 8th of August 2015, Mitch Hammer, Jayden Flynn and myself travelled to the Monash University in Melbourne to showcase our Arduino Security System. The day consisted of six key events. At our arrival, we had a meeting with some of the sponsors and CEO of the event shortly before setting up our projects for display to then be viewed by a group of judges.

Throughout the day we had many people approach us interested in our creation, many of which were from various professions. The judgement had started and we were psyched, making sure everything was in working order for them. Personally, this part could have been executed better if we were better setup and had worked a little more on the presentation side of things but overall we were happy with the outcome.

Later on in the day, we found ourselves being interviewed for the computing company INTEL as we role modeled how their product can be used for curriculum. Overall at the sight of the Intel representatives, we were excited.

Each of us had our turn to explain how we had used their product and how it has eased us with the creation of our security system.

1-2 hours later, after all the judging and time to view everyone's creations, we had the presentations. There was a 1st, 2nd, 3rd and merit award as well as a “Student Choice Award”. Unfortunately, we did not claim any of them, but it was still worth our trip to show off our creation and see what others our age were doing. If you ever get the chance to experience this event, we would recommend you take it.

James Ginnivan
Katyi Learning Community Leader
Dobsons Buy Early & Save

Dobsons annual buy early sale begins October 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2015

Purchase your uniform before the 1\textsuperscript{st} of November 2015 for significant savings on your uniform.

Please call the Uniform Shop to book your personalised 20 minute appointment.

**The benefits of making an appointment are:**
1. Personalised service - we look after you and your child exclusively.
2. Garments may be exchanged if necessary.
3. Avoid the back to school rush.
4. No wait time.
5. Appointment time fits into your schedule.
6. Reduced uniform prices.

**Returns and Exchanges:**
Dobsons accept exchanges and returns for current uniform which are unworn, unwashed and swing tags attached with an accompanying receipt.

**Normal Trading Hours:**
Tuesday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 8.30am – 12.00pm

**Contact:**
Janice
5444-0879
wcb@dobsons.com.au
A conversation with Fabian Dattner

Do you want to connect and engage with like-minded women? Courage or Confidence will be a motivating event for regional women at all levels with a strong passion for success in career development and personal growth.

Monday October 19, 2015
Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo
Registration 6pm for a 6.30pm start
Student Ticket $20
Adult from $50 | Adult VIP Ticket $70
For more information visit www.beStella.com.au

“Women may be the most significant influencing factor on our planet”.

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3PM SUNDAY 18TH OF OCTOBER

ADULT $15 I CONCESSION $7.50 I CHILD $5 I FAMILY $30

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