

10TH MAY 2024

NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING DATES

MAY

Education Week May 13th - 17th 2024

JUNE

Kings Birthday 10th June - *Public Holiday*

End of Term 2 - 28th June

OPEN HOURS

START - 9.00AM

LUNCH 11.45AM -12.45PM

RECESS 1.45PM -2.05PM

FINISH 3.15PM

OFFICE

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 8.15AM - 4.15PM

FRIDAY 8.15AM TO 4.00PM

UNIFORM - NOONE

21 QUEEN STREET BENDIGO

(03) 5440 5600



FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM :::::

Grade 6 Information Evening/Open Night

Parents and schools have an important role to play in a child's education. Working together will improve a child's learning, health and wellbeing. Relationships are key to working together. The education of a child is a shared responsibility between family, the school, other students and the broader community. When schools and parents engage in a child's learning, it encourages and supports them to enjoy their education. Positive relationships and attitudes towards education give children confidence that the system is supporting them to achieve their best.

MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS

A meaningful parent-school partnership requires a joint effort and should be established as early as possible. Schools and parents can both learn from each other to support the child. Good partnerships are based on:

- open and honest communication
- trust and respect
- working together
- fair and reasonable expectations by all


Strong and positive relationships between schools and families demonstrate to the child that everyone is working together in their best interest. This encompasses the desired values to accomplish mutual respect and treat each other fairly.

On Monday night, it was wonderful to meet and greet our prospective Year 7 families for 2025, to begin this partnership. I would like to acknowledge and thank our committed staff and students who represented our College so proudly as they performed, demonstrated and discussed all the amazing educational opportunities that Weeroona College Bendigo offers.

Jason Bysouth
Principal

Sarah Trew
Assistant Principal





WEEROONA COLLEGE BENDIGO

Education WEEK

MAY 13-17

- All week*
 - Monday to Friday**

Literacy riddle posted on Compass each morning - \$5 Canteen voucher for winner

Numeracy riddle posted on Compass each morning - \$5 Canteen voucher for winner
- Tuesday*
 - Tuesday Lunchtime**

EBT Sticker making in Wannop
- Monday to Wednesday*
 - GLC Lunchtimes**

Colouring competition








How many Jellybeans in a jar competition

STEM Activities
- Thursday*
 - Thursday Lunchtime**

Spelling Inter-community
- Friday*
 - Friday Lunchtime**

Paper plane inter-community competition

Free BBQ - Wannop courts



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE :::::

FINDING WORK EXPERIENCE



Talk to your Family

- Chat to family members about your interests and potential types of work you are keen on.

Ask your Friends

- speak to your friends about the ideas they have for work experience





Interests/Hobbies

- Think about your interests and research some businesses that align with them

Google it!

- using google maps check out the local businesses close to home





SCHOOL TO WORK

GLLEN

- The Local LLEN have a portal with Work experience opportunities

Talk with your teachers

- Your teachers know you really well and might have some ideas for you to follow up



Dates: 24th-28th June 2024
Dates: 16th-20th September 2024

School Contact: Ben Gardner
 Email: Benjamin.Gardner@education.vic.gov.au



"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take, what have you got to lose?"

Year 10 Work experience is coming up!

All Year 10 students have the opportunity to partake in 5 days of work experience, with the first 5-day block running in the last week of Term 2 (June 24th–June 28th).

At this point in their secondary school journey, it is expected that students, with the assistance of carers or parents, are willing to contact potential businesses themselves and organise their own placement. To support your child in doing this, you can:

- Discuss information about occupations and industries that your child could consider for a work experience placement.
- Where required, assist your child in finding a work experience placement.
- Share your own work experiences and address any uncertainties your child may have.

Once students identify a potential employer, they are encouraged to contact the employer via phone or email, to discuss work experience. If they need support with this their Advisor or myself can provide them with a phone or email script to help them formulate the discussion. If they are given the go ahead by the employer to spend the week with them, the next step is to have the Work Experience Arrangement Forms completed. These can be provided to the student by their advisor. Once these forms are completed and returned to the school, they are good to go!

If you have any questions relating to any of this, please feel free to email me via Benjamin.gardner@education.vic.gov.au

Thanks,
Ben Gardner

THIS WEEKS EXCUSIONS :::::

Latrobe University and Hanging Rock

Year 8 students this week have been going to Hanging Rock to undertake some geography fieldwork. They spent the day exploring the rock and its surroundings, learning about how it was formed and making observations of the natural and human environments.

"Our day at hanging rock was great and it was good exercise to get out of campus. It was a great day to hang out with mates and the activities were very fun to do. Overall it was a great experience" – Caleb and Bowden, M8A



YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMPS :::::

Year 7 PGL Campaspe

Wednesday 14th of August - Friday 16th of August (Week 5, Term 3) Approx. \$330

This camp offers a fun and challenging opportunity for students to bond with peers and staff from different Learning Communities outside the classroom. Over three days, students will participate in a variety of exciting activities, including canoeing, rock climbing, and the thrilling giant swing. Don't miss out on this chance to enhance student connectedness and create lasting memories!

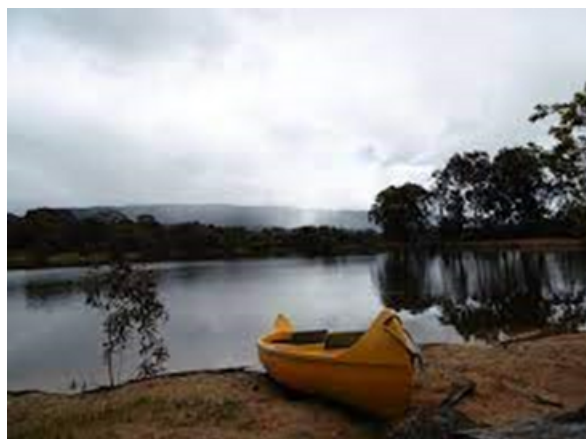


Year 8 Grampians Halls Gap

Wednesday 21st of August – Friday 23rd of August (Week 6, Term 3) Approx. \$370

This camp is set in the Grampians National Park, Halls Gap. This venue captivates with its stunning natural beauty and rugged landscapes, from cascading waterfalls to breathtaking hiking trails, this enchanting destination offers endless opportunities for adventure and exploration.

As part of this camp students will be participating in: abseiling, canoeing, raft building, team initiatives, hike to Venus Baths and a visit to the Halls Gap Zoo. More details regarding camp and itinerary will appear on Compass soon.





ALERT: GET READY FOR THE FUNNEST, MESSIEST DAY EVER!

Hi Weeroona College Bendigo families,

We're holding a Food Fight to raise much needed funds for Foodbank Victoria and we're asking all families to pitch in!

We are super excited to announce that we will be holding our event on Friday the 17th of May here at the school.

What is the Foodbank Food Fight?

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's similar to a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happens at school and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target and then choose your target prizes. In your profile you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target.

Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do this week is create an online profile at foodfight.com.au. The first class from each community to 75% of students signed up will all get an icy pole!

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there!

Thank you all in advance,

The WCB school captains

PERFORMING ARTS: : : : :

Keep your eyes peeled.....

Events are coming up thick and fast and rehearsals are popping up like mushrooms. Please ensure you keep an eye on Compass and click consent so our growing musicians don't miss any opportunities.

NOTE : Term 2 instrumental lesson fees were due on the 29th April. I need to add that you can't pay for instrumental lesson through Compass, payment is made using a BPay transfer. Apologies to everyone I told that you can use Compass.

Alright, what's happening in the Performing Arts Building.

College Production 2024 – 'Aladdin' -

We are certainly up and running. Rehearsals are running after school on Monday, and after school on Wednesday. There are rehearsal schedules pinned up in the Performing Arts Building at the beginning of each week, so it's super important to check these schedules due to Mr E and Mr Hickmott adding in the occasional extra lunchtime rehearsal.

We would also like to congratulate Rex Bell for stepping into the Genie role. Welcome aboard !!

Music Week –

If Music Week is on your Compass event list, click YES I want to go !!! If you commit to this event, then you will learn so much, have a ton of fun and meet some great people (both your age and old, like me).

Music Week is run by the Bendigo Instrumental Music Program (BIMP) and replaces the last school week of Term 2 with a music program. It is a very healthy mix of band rehearsals (much like String Ensemble, John Williams Band or Count Basie Band), instrument tutorials and music activities. It also is one of those rare events that involves all 4 public secondary schools (Weeroona, Eaglehawk, Crusoe and Bendigo South East).

Please come and see me if you have questions about Music Week. Be it the event itself, paying for it... anything. This event is up on Compass now, the dates are – Monday June 24th to Thursday 27th.

Events -

Speaking more about events, here is what's coming up in Term 2 -

Count Basie Band visit to Crusoe College – 28th May and 4th June

Count Basie Band and Crusoe Band Performance @ Bendigo Library – 6th June

Bendigo Competitions Performance @ Ulumburra Theatre – June 11th

End of Semester Concert – June 13th

Music Week – June 24th to 27th

Have a look below at the student interview with John Williams Band, Symphonic Band and Eclipse's percussion legend, Chloe Stephens.

Parents and guardians, please feel free to contact me through Weeroona College Bendigo on 5443 2133 or via email at christopher.blackshaw@education.vic.gov.au .

All the best, Chris





Chloe Stephens

- What do you love about your instrument?

I love the different sounds that different techniques make.

- What do you love most about learning to play music?

I love how involved I am with the Performing Arts community.

- What are your favourite pieces to play right now?

In John Williams Band my favourite is 'Feel It Still' and in Eclipse my favourites are 'Iron-man' by Black Sabbath and 'Song 2' by Blur.

- What music do you listen to at home?

Anything from Emo music, to rock, to musical numbers.

- What are the goals that your teacher has set for you this week?

To learn and practice the starting fill for 'Park Life' by Blur

- What do you find to be most challenging?

Semi-quavers that go slightly faster than I can handle, it just sounds muddled up

- Can you tell me how you succeeded in what you were trying to achieve?

I slowed down the parts I found difficult, and when I was comfortable, I would speed it up little by little

- When is your next performance?

The Bendigo Competitions at Ulumburra on May 15th (the date has been changed to June 11th, Chloe. CB)

- What would you say to a Year 7 student who has just signed up for lessons this year?

Remember to practice and learn things outside of your comfort zone or else you won't get any better at your chosen instrument

Year 7 Boys Football

Tuesday 23rd April saw the Year 7 Boys compete in the Sandhurst Division Football Carnival. The squad played a full length game against Crusoe College. Although we were beaten on the day, it was pleasing to see sustained effort and enthusiasm. Well done to all involved.



Junior Girls Football

The WCB Year 7/8 Girls team competed at the Sandhurst Division Football Carnival on Wednesday 24th April. The squad were involved in three highly competitive games. The team had strong victories against Castlemaine Secondary College and Victory College and were narrowly defeated in a very competitive game against Bendigo South East Secondary College. The team played some excellent team based and skilled football throughout the course of the day. Well done to all who were involved in the team.

WCB Cross Country

Picturesque Lake Weeroona was the venue for the College-based Cross Country. The following students will now represent WCB at the upcoming Sandhurst Division Cross Country to be held at Sebastian Harness Racing Club on Friday 10th May. Students listed below will represent the college in this event.

12-13 Boys – Cooper Boyd, Moses Poe, Dustin Sinclair, Andrew Robinson, Lucas Hunt

14 Boys - Kaiden Wilson

15 Boys – Bailey Peters, Jack Burriss, Nate Thurrowood, Sean Taylor and Dylan Chessum

12-13 Girls- Charlie Jones Beale

14 Girls – Maleah Alford and Olivia Gustin Mcguill,

16 Girls – Maddison Gill, Jayda Alford and Tahli Gilchrist



Loddon Mallee Volleyball Championship

WCB has produced fantastic results in relation to college based Volleyball and 2024 is no exception. Three teams from Weeroona College Bendigo represented the Sandhurst Division in the Loddon Mallee Finals held in Mildura on Tuesday 1st May. After a very long drive WCB produced excellent results with the Year 9/10 Boys squad victorious in winning the Loddon Mallee Competition. The Year 7/8 Boys and Year 7/8 Girls squads were also extremely competitive in their competitions and only narrowly missed out on qualifying for the School Sport Victoria State Finals both finish runners up in the competition.

The Year 9/10 Boys team will now represent the College at the School Sport Victoria Finals. Well done, a fantastic efforts from all involved.

Well done to all competitors and to Mr. Jones and Mr. McKemish for their efforts in coaching and making the long journey to and from Mildura.

Term 2 Sports Day – Year 9/10 Boys and Girls

WCB fielded full teams in both boys and girls in Soccer, Badminton, Volleyball and Girls Netball held on Thursday May 3rd. From reports, all squads conducted themselves in a fine manner and had an enjoyable time. Well done to all coaches and players who were involved in this day. The girls Volleyball competed extremely well, finishing a narrow second in the competition with the girls soccer squad making the semi finals.





Catherine McAuley College, Junurton was the venue on Friday 2nd May for the Sandhurst Division Year 8 Boys Football Carnival. Although not victorious on the day, the team were spirited and displayed some fine passages of Football. Well done to all involved.



Sportsforce Advance

A cohort of VET Sport and Recreation students have done a sterling job helping in official roles and umpiring over the past weeks. These events have included the Year 7 Boys and Year 7/8 Girls Sandhurst Division Football Carnivals, the Loddon Mallee Primary School Netball trials and The White Hills Primary School Athletics Carnival. All involved were great ambassadors for the college and worked in a fantastic manner. Well done to all involved.



ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH :::::

Our Weeroona College EBT Team, who recently participated in an a seven our race at Calder Park Raceway last weekend. Our talented students showcased their skills and sportsmanship, making us proud with their outstanding performances.

Junior Team:

Our Junior Racing Team Intimidator displayed remarkable determination and skill on the track. They navigated challenging courses and demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout the event. We congratulate them on their impressive efforts finished second in their category and look forward to their continued success in future races.

Girls Team:

The Girls Racing Team Boomerang battled throughout the race. They maintained a strong presence on the track and represented Weeroona College with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. We commend them for their outstanding performance and dedication finishing a commendable fifth place.

Senior Team:

Last but not least, our Senior Racing Team Banshee delivered an outstanding performance, showcasing their expertise and passion for racing. They demonstrated strategic racing techniques and determination, earning commendable results in a highly competitive field. Congratulations to our senior racers for their third place finish.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff and parent supporters who have played a crucial role in preparing and cheering on our racing teams. Your encouragement and guidance are instrumental in shaping our students' success both on and off the track.

Sponsorship

A special thank you goes out to our new and returning sponsors, this year we are sponsored by Bendigo Commercial and Domestic Flooring, Thackers Trucks and Engineering, Bendigo Embroidery Service, First Class Finishes, Terrabyte Consulting with more to come. Your generous support enables us to provide valuable opportunities for our racing teams and enrich the overall student experience at Weeroona College.

Training

As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to more exciting opportunities for our racing teams to shine. Stay tuned for further updates on compass about our team and any news. Our first Tom Flood training session is set to go ahead tonight, with two more for the term, selected students will receive a consent form to be completed on compass so that they can participate. A reminder that students are to arrange their own transport to and from the event.

Warm regards,

Jack McIntosh and Callum Draper
Energy Breakthrough Leaders



School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are not permitted in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ✗ Rudeness
- ✗ Intimidation
- ✗ Insults or offensive communication
- ✗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ✗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ✗ Threatening gestures
- ✗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ✗ Threats
- ✗ Harassment
- ✗ Violence

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about how you can build positive relationships with school staff in the department's *Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy*.



Scots Baseball Club



**You're invited!
Come and Try**

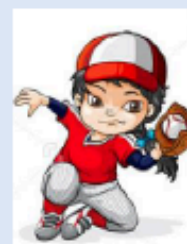


If you are 8 years old and above and looking for a sport to play, why not come and try baseball?

Baseball teaches players to work with others,
build confidence and more.



Wednesday nights
6 pm
Albert Roy Reserve
Eaglehawk



Interested?

Contact Marc on 0467 330 577
or
scotsbaseballbendigo@hotmail.com

