

21ST JUNE 2024

NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING DATES

JUNE

Year 10 Work Experience Week - 24-28th

Year 9 Exams - 26th/ 27th June

End of Term 2 - Friday 28th June - 2.30pm Dismissal

JULY

Start of Term 3 - Monday 15th July

Open Hours

Start - 9.00am

Lunch 11.45am -12.45pm

recess 1.45pm -2.05pm

finish 3.15pm

Administration Office

Monday to Thursday 8.15am - 4.15pm

Friday 8.15am to 4.00pm

Uniform - NOONE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM :::::

Dear WCB Community,

We would like to thank and acknowledge all teachers, support staff, students and families for what has been a very successful semester. We are incredibly proud of the variety of opportunities and experiences that we have been able to provide for our students to support their learning growth, so far this year. Students have excelled on the sporting fields, in the academic arena and in providing service to our community. Below are some images that celebrate our journey so far.

We would like to wish all of our Year 10 students the very best of luck as they head out on Work Experience next week. We hope that you are able to gain some insight into future pathways and what life is like in the workforce.

As we head into our last week of term and our mid-year break, we hope that everyone is able to have a restful break and return ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities of the second half of the year.

Jason Bysouth and Sarah Trew

Principal Team



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RAINBOW CLUB :::::

Pride Cup!

Students volunteered to help run a Rainbow Club stall for Sandhurst Football Netball Club who were hosting a Pride Cup footy match on Sunday 2nd June between Sandhurst Womens & Eaglehawk Womens teams at the QEO in Bendigo. The students held the banner for the players to run through and helped with the coin toss! The students also did loads of face painting, with Rainbows very popular with the kids! Thanks Sandhurst Football Netball Club for a really fun inclusive day 😊

IDAHOBIT Day

On Friday 17th May Rainbow Club students ran a fundraising stall for IDAHOBIT day (International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia & Inter-phobia). Students & staff wore rainbow pins & badges and we sold LOTS of cupcakes raising \$113 for LGBTQIA+ Youth Charities! Thanks to everyone who participated in the games, wore a rainbow, bought a cupcake, and supported Rainbow Club on such an important day! We're really proud that WCB is an inclusive school!

Movie Night!

Rainbow Club ran a Movie Night on Friday 14th June for all students as an event supporting wellbeing & inclusion at WCB. It was soooo fun! There was Just Dance, pizza, hot chips and we watched "Juno" the movie. We had a 'Chill Out' space where the glow sticks & globes were a big hit! Thanks to staff and the amazing Rainbow Club Mentors for helping organize and run the event. What a fantastic, friendly & fun group of students!



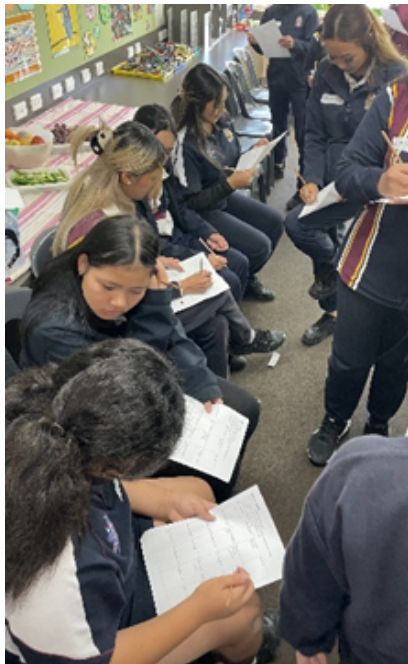
EAL TERM 2 :::::

Our Multicultural Support Program, at WCB, hosted sessions for multicultural female students.

The sessions were designed to build upon topics covered in the current Health/PE program for WCB students. The program was delivered Fiona Phelan – WCB School Nurse and Janeen Barker EAL teacher with support from Anna Daykin and Paw Nee. (Karen interpreter).

Here's some of what the students said:

- This was great and helpful, and I'd love to do this again.
- I liked how there was a lot of relatable things we talked about and felt comfortable in these lessons.
- I think it was worth it. And I liked these sessions because I learnt new things. And I don't think we need to improve anymore because it is already good.
- I think that the sessions were amazing. It was a good idea to make a group of multicultural students to talk about important things that girls go through together. I think there should be more session through the whole year so we can get to know one another more.



Cafe FOR a Day

YOUTH FOOD EXPERIENCE



Scan to order your meal

Hoo-gah Cafe

Monday 24th June 2024

Take-away or Dine-in

On the menu is a delicious Ricotta Gnocchi with Italian tomato sugo - cooked by Weeroona College Bendigo students

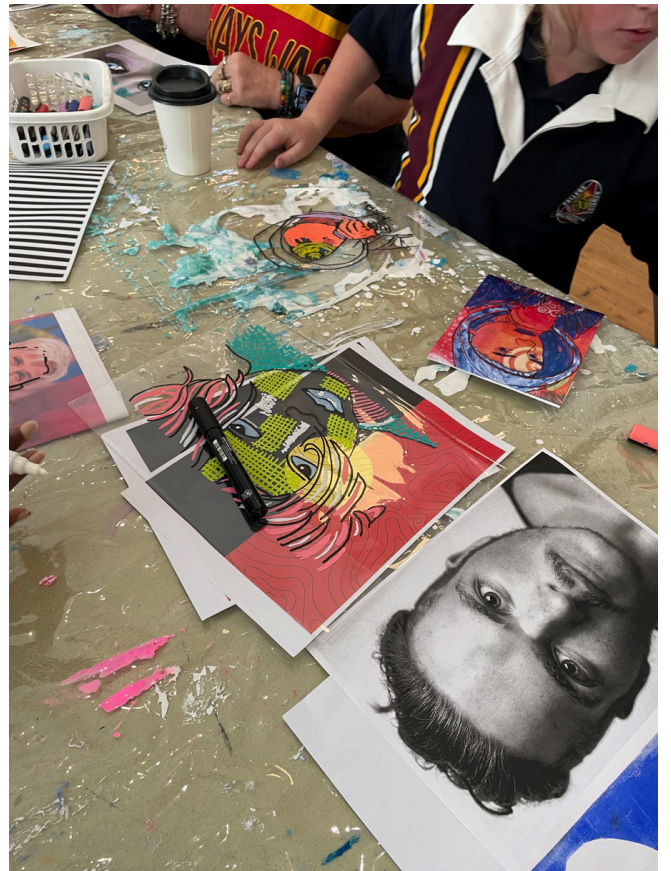
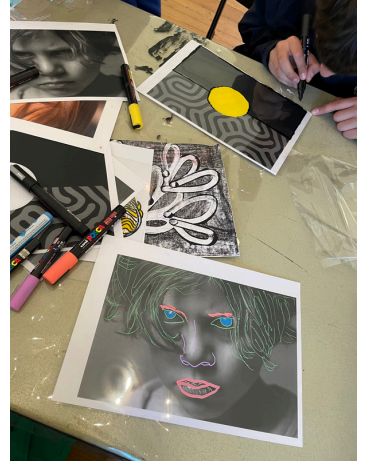
\$17 + booking fee



ART EXCURSION :::::

Youth Koorie Art Day

On Tuesday March 26, First Nations students attended a Youth Koorie Art Day. The day began at Djaa Djuwima where we heard from local Koorie artists Annie and Lorraine Brigdale, Jesse Munzel and Trina Dalton-Oogjes. We had a tour of Djaa Djuwima, Bendigo Art Gallery and Dudley House, where we saw lots of art from First Nations artists. The day ended with an art workshop at Dudley House with Annie. Students had the opportunity to make their own piece of art to take home.



YOUNG MOB EXCELLING :: :: :: ::

Young Mob Excelling

Young Mob Excelling tells the stories of First Nations youth who are making their mark across a range of activities. Included in the exhibition are photos and profiles, along with memorabilia and original artworks. Levi Oogjes, Kiera-Lee Healey and Ethan Evans all have a profile in the exhibition. This is located at the Djaa Djuwima Gallery at the Bendigo Visitor Centre.



Kiera-Lee Healey
Age: 12
Mob: Yorta Yorta

Equestrian is my activity. I go horse riding, my horse's name is Jay Jay.

I started riding around eight years ago, when I was four. When I first started, I was in Pony Club. I come from a family of horse riders. My Nanna did trotters and my dad did horse racing.

I try to train every other week, or whenever my instructor is free.

Bronte, my riding instructor is someone who inspires me. She's really talented.

I'd like to go into horse training when I grow up.



Levi Oogjes
Age: 13

I play basketball. I play for the Bunjils, we play every Wednesday at Red energy Arena.

I started playing basketball in Grade 6. I really like basketball and the Golden State Warriors (a team in the NBL in America) so my nan helped me to sign up for the Bunjils.

The team trains on Tuesdays and we play games on Wednesdays. I also play in my spare time as I have a basketball ring at home.

My favourite player is Stephen Curry, he plays for my favourite team, the Golden State Warriors. He is one of the greatest shooters of all time.

I really want to be a professional basketball player when I grow up.

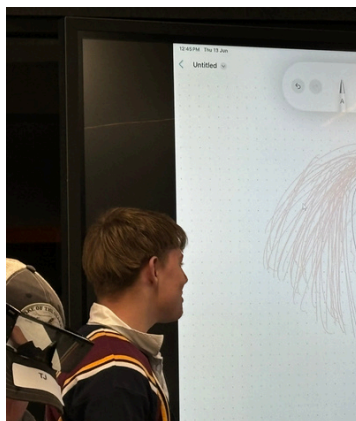
Earlier this year (2024), my team, Bunjils, won the grand final so I am hoping we can do that again.

STEAM EXCURSION :::::

Bendigo Tech School Galka: STEAM Experience

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of June Cruz, Maddison and Chace attended the Galka STEAM Camp for First Nations Youth. The two-day event began at the Bendigo Tech School, where students became familiar with the Insta360 technology. Troy Firebrace, Bendigo artist, spoke about his journey to being an artist. Following lunch, we headed to the Whipstick Forest to learn about measuring the health of country through various methods, at a site where a recent Cultural Burn was conducted.

Day 2 started at the Wanyarra Dum (Frog Ponds), where students learned about how we heal land and connect with country at site that was revived by First Nations people and learned about plant identification. Back at Bendigo Tech School, students worked with the Djaara 'Malimiya' to learn about artefacts with the heritage team and created their own short film.



Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Challenge encourages children and students to 15 books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 4.3 million students have read over 60 million books. All WCB students are registered to participate in this achievable challenge. This year, the closing date is the 6th of September. Congratulations to the 20 students who have already successfully finished. More information about this opportunity can be found on Compass, in the GLC or by asking your English teacher.



Education Week in the GLC

The Makerspace was a hive of activity during lunchtimes with students having the opportunity to participate in a range of STEM themed activities. These included: Oreo phases of the moon, sherbet and bath bomb making as well as kinaesthetic sand 3D shapes.



Book Club

Book Club have met three times this term to partake in a variety of literacy-based activities. As part of our Book Week celebrations (Term Three 19th-23rd August) members of Book Club have been asked to construct a hat to wear to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Tuesday 20th of August.



Book Week this year, is Week 6 of Term Three. The theme is 'Reading is Magic'.

On Tuesday 20th of August, the GLC will be hosting a Mad Hatter's Tea Party for all Book Club members.

As part of the week's celebrations, we will be running a Mad Hatter's Hat Competition. This is a compulsory requirement of Book Club. All members of Book Club must partake to ensure their continued membership.

The GLC will provide you:

A blank felt top hat (yellow or green)

An assortment of craft supplies to decorate your hat (feathers, pom poms, ribbons, flowers, buttons etc.

These supplies will be set out in the Makerspace for the remainder of Term Two, you can choose to construct your hat at lunchtimes, in the Makerspace, or take the hat and supplies home to construct it there.

You must bring your completed hat to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on the 20th of August.

There will be prizes awarded for various categories.



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.



PERFORMING ARTS: : : : :

Semester One, all done.

Who would believe that we're halfway through our school year, almost. Whilst we haven't had as many performances through Term 1 and 2, as we have had in the past, all the performances we have done have been great.

Here's a wrap up of Term 2 and Semester 1 -

College Production 2024 – Aladdin

Have a look at the full page article from Mr Emond and Mr Hickmott about how our College Production, Aladdin, is progressing.

Music Week –

By the time you read this, Music Week will be very close, if not already running. Music Week runs in place of the normal school week from Monday 24th to Thursday 27th June. It's an amazing event that is fully endorsed by school leadership, so students can attend without worrying that they will fall behind in school work.

Year 10 students, we have organized so you attend Music Week and complete your Work Experience last in Term 3.

Year 9 students, hopefully you will have completed your exams last week, as organized by Ms. Edgar and myself.

Parents, make sure you get along to the Music Week concert Thursday night. It's always a great event.

End of Semester Concert -

Thursday, last week, we ran our Arts Showcase. This year we were lucky enough to be able to showcase Visual Art works and Performing Art projects on the same night.

Ms Dibben setup comprehensive display of student Visual Art work in the main hallway of the Performing Arts building

Term 3

Well, what does Term 3 hold for us ??? Off the top of my head, Production (and not just rehearsals, but the performances), Fretworks, Rock Band performances (we've not had enough of those).....

I'll make sure communication is nice and clear as to when everything is happening and have events up on Compass, so keep your eye peeled.



NOTE : Term 3 instrumental lesson fees were due on the 24th July. Please contact us if you any concerns or questions – christopher.blackshaw@education.vic.gov.au or weeroona.co@education.vic.gov.au

Have a look below at the student interview with James Treloar. College Captain, saxophonist, drummer and vocalist. 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.



STUDENT PROFILE :::::

James Treloar

- What do you love about your instrument?

I love the ways that you can change how the note sounds in so many ways.

- What do you love most about learning to play music

The different ways to be creative with your instrument and learning how to be unique.

- What are your favourite pieces to play right now?

I'm currently enjoying a study called 'Jazz Etude' and 'It's been a long long time' by Harry James.

- What music do you listen to at home?

I listen to many kinds, but my favourite genres are Jazz and Classical.

- What has been your highlight so far this year?

I loved the Navy Band coming to Bendigo and the opportunity to learn from them.

- What do you find to be most challenging?

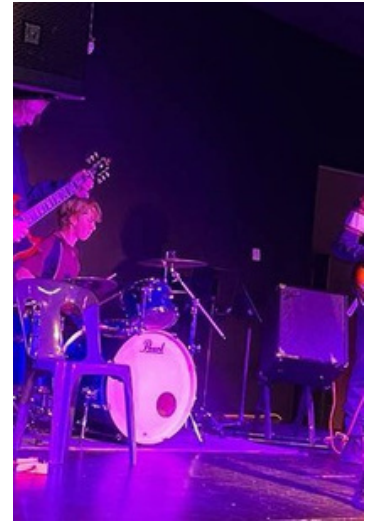
I find that learning songs with little help is quite difficult and preparing for exams made me realise this.

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

Practicing often, with the help of a metronome, makes the problem less difficult.

- What would you say to a Grade 6 student who wants to sign up for lessons next year?

I would say that it's a lovely experience that everyone should try.



WCB PRODUCTION :::::

Weeroona College Bendigo Presents Disney's Aladdin Jnr!

Welcome to Agrabah, fabled city of enchantment! The Genie's out of the lamp and our talented cast of actors, singers and dancers continue to bring Aladdin Jnr to life. Our cast are well into rehearsals and learning the show. The scenes and songs are taking shape, infused with energy and enthusiasm. We are excited about showing you the results of all our student's hard work and dedication.

The venue is the Capital Theatre, View Street, Bendigo. Public performance dates occur in August.

Thursday 29th – Evening Performance

Friday 30th – Evening Performance

Ticket sales will be announced soon.



Sandhurst Division Cross Country Event

A small, but competitive, range of students took part in the Sandhurst Division Cross Country event held at the Sebastian Harnesss Racing Club on Friday 10th May.



WCB Sandhurst Division Cross Country competitors.

Term 2 Sandhurst Division Sports Day – Year 8 Girls Netball and Year 7/8 Girls and Boys Soccer

The Year 8 Girls Netball squads journeyed to the Golden City Netball Complex to compete in the Sandhurst Division Netball Carnival. All teams competed in a fine manner. Well done to all involved including the students from the VET Sportsforce Advance class who assisted in the coaching and umpiring throughout the course of the day. Year 7/8 Boys and Girls Soccer competed at Epsom Recreation Reserve. Both teams were competitive in all games. Well done to all involved.





Sandhurst Division Boys Netball Carnival

The Sandhurst Division Boys Netball carnival took place at the Golden City Netball Complex on Wednesday 22nd May. WCB had 4 teams representing the College, with all teams engaging and competing well.



Year 7 Sandhurst Division Netball and Badminton Competition

WCB fielded 2 Girls Netball teams, plus a Boys and Girls Badminton Squad, at the Sandhurst Division competition held on Thursday 30th May. All teams competed very well and an enjoyable day was had. Thanks to Miss Billings and Miss Klemm for their organising of several WCB Netball teams over the past month plus the efforts the Sportsforce Advance students who have been of valuable assistance.



Badminton

Two students from Weeroona College Bendigo participated in the Ballarat Badminton Junior Classic on the weekend with some very good results. Congratulations to the following 2 students-

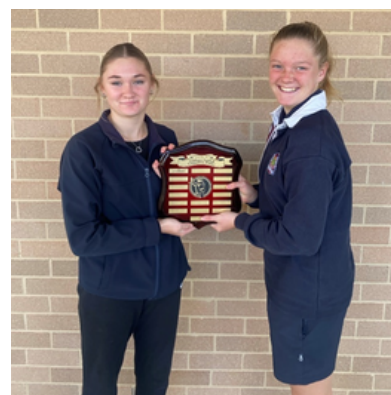
Tahnee Richardson
7/8 Singles – Top 4
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Bianca Engi
9 and Above Girls Singles – Top 8
9 and Above Doubles – Top 8



Year 9/10 Girls Football

The Sandhurst Division Year 9/10 Girls competition was conducted at Catherine McAuley College in brisk and windy conditions on Wednesday 12th June. The WCB side played a full length game against Girton Grammar after a late cancellation of one of the competing teams. The WCB team displayed a fine brand of football and were deserved victors in their game defeating Girton Grammar by 21 points. Well done to all involved.



Year 9/10 Boys Football

The Sandhurst Division Year 9 and 10 Boys Football Carnival took place at Catherine McAuley College (Junorton campus) on Tuesday 18th June. WCB were involved in 3 games throughout the course of the day competing against Victory College, East Loddon P-12 and Eaglehawk Secondary College. The Weeroona boys displayed some polished skills and were successful in all of their 3 games taking home the shield with conclusive performances. A fantastic result. Well done to all involved.



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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 28th JUNE

Wathaurong | Bacchus Marsh

Friday 2nd August

Sunday 4th August

Wurundjeri | Bundoora

Sunday 4th August

Wednesday 7th August

Transport, accommodation, meals
& activities provided

Enquiries can be sent to
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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**

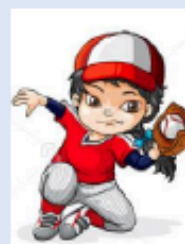


If you are 8 years old and above and looking for a sport to play, why not come and try baseball?

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





Safe to school

How to drop off and pick up children safely



keeping victorians connected



What you can do

Supervise children in or near traffic.

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own so providing supervised practice is important.

Walk or cycle to school with your child.

Take the healthy option. If you can't walk the whole way, consider parking a few streets away and walking the rest of the way. Children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on footpaths and so can adults riding with them.

Respect the road rules and parking signs.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children.

- Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

Wait on the same side of the road as your child.

- Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
- If picking up your child from the bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors and ensure your child is using a booster seat or correctly adjusted seatbelt.

The safest doors are kerbside doors, away from traffic. For information about Victoria's child restraint road rules, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

Participate in the development of a safe drop off and pick up strategy for your school.

Raise this issue with your school council and participate in the development of a 'safe to school' strategy. Visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safetoschool for more information.



Obey these signs



40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



No parking

If there is a 'no parking' sign, you can stop for 2 minutes in that area:

- if you are picking up or dropping off passengers or goods
- you stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



Bus zone

Take extra care and be on the lookout near school bus stops as children may be trying to cross the road nearby.