

Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families and to new families commencing the 2017 school year at Benalla P-12 College. We are very excited with the events and programs we have planned for our students this year. You are your child's first and most important teacher and I hope you will enjoy many opportunities throughout the year to become actively involved in your child's education and in the many activities and events conducted at our College.

We have enjoyed a very smooth start to the school year. As I have visited each of the campuses it has been wonderful to see how happy the students are and very ready to focus on their work. It's been a great start for 2017.

Foundation Students 2017

Last Wednesday our Foundation students commenced their first year at school. They settled in very quickly and enjoyed every minute of their first day. We are very proud of them.



Year 12

Our Year 12 students are already very focused on their work in readiness for the challenges of the year ahead. They will be participating in their Study Camp today and tomorrow to help them identify the skills and attributes they need to enable them to achieve their best this year.

Whole School Assembly

Our first Whole School Assembly for this year will be held next **Tuesday 14th February** commencing at 9:45am in the Gymnasium. All our families and friends are invited to attend. This is a special assembly when our Year 12 students will present the Year Prep students to the whole school. I look forward to seeing you there.

School Uniform

All students are required to be in full school uniform including wearing a navy hat. If you are experiencing difficulties purchasing the uniform please contact your child's Campus Leader. The Uniform Policy is attached to this Newsletter.

Speed Limit on School Days

Road users are advised that the 40km/h school speed zone will be in place around each of the College Campuses from 8:00am until 9:30am and from 2:30pm until 4:00pm on school days during school terms.



Student Accident Insurance, Ambulance Cover Arrangements.

I would like to remind parents that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Private Property brought to School.

I would also like to remind parents/guardians that the Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, bikes, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal.

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Avon St Campus

(Prep-Gr 4)

Ph: (03) 5762 1646

Fax: (03) 5762 2740

Attendance Hotline
5762 1646

Waller St Campus

(Prep-Gr 4)

Ph: (03) 5762 2600

Fax: (03) 5762 3863

Attendance Hotline
5762 2600

Faithfull St Campus

(Yr 5-9)

Ph: (03) 5761 2777

Fax: (03) 5762 4076

Attendance Hotline
5761 2747

Barkly St Campus

(Yr 10-12)

Ph: (03) 57621 2888

Fax: (03) 5762 5276

Attendance Hotline
5761 2810

Everyday Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

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.

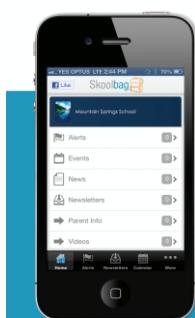
We ask that students and parents schedule appointments outside school hours so access to learning is not impacted on. If we all work together we can make a difference and continue to improve student outcomes.



SUNSMART



We are a SunSmart school so it is important that students wear the school hat and use the shade and sunscreen as appropriate. Students are also encouraged to drink plenty of water.



Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Don't forget to like us on Facebook! 

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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School Photo Reminder

Students and families are reminded that Avon & Faithfull St Campus

photos are scheduled for Monday 20th February.

Waller & Barkly St Campus photos are scheduled for 3rd March.

Please note envelopes and payment are to be handed to the photographer on the day.

PLEASE NOTE

2017 Intercampus travel permission forms have been sent home please complete and return to your campus office as soon as possible.

REMINDER – SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

A big thank you to those families who have already paid their 2017 Parent Payments (School Fees), your early payment is greatly appreciated.

A reminder to those who have not yet done so that payment was due on 1 February. If you are experiencing difficulty with payment or would like to discuss a Payment Plan please contact our Business Manager Leanne Fry on 57612777 at any time.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS PAYMENT FOR 2017?

If you hold a valid means-tested Centrelink Card (ie Health Care Card, Pension/Veterans Affairs Card, Youth Allowance Card) you are eligible to receive CSEF funding. This is available to help families with the cost of **Camps, Sport & Excursions**.

Please complete the application forms with a copy of your valid Centrelink card and return to any campus office by 25th February to receive funding.

Term 1 Monday 1st February - 31st March 2017

Feb 6th & 7th	* Year 12 Study camp-Valley Homestead
Feb 7th	* Years F-4 Welcome BBQ Avon & Waller Campus 5.00-6.30pm
Feb 8th	* Year 7A & 7B Mentor Day * Uniform Shop Open-Faithfull St Campus 3.00-5.00pm * Years 5-9 Welcome BBQ-Faithfull St Campus Pool
Feb 10	* Year 7C & 7D Mentor Day
Feb 14	* Whole School Assembly-Clarke St Gymnasium commencing 9.45am
Feb 15-17th	* Year 12 Sport & Recreation Surf Camp-Torquay
Feb 20	* School Photos AVON & FAITHFULL St Campus 9.00am * Year 10-12 Welcome BBQ * Year 12 Parent Information Session 7.00-8.00pm
Feb 27	* Year 9 Future Makers Program 12 Day Camp-15mile Creek Outdoor Ed School -Camp A * VCE English SAC-9.00am
Feb 28	* VCE English SAC-9.00am
March 1	* Years 7-12 Swimming Sports
March 2	* VCE English SAC-9.00am * School Photos-Waller St Campus-9.00am * School Photos-Barkly St Campus-1.30pm * Years 5/6 Ovens & Mitta Swimming- Wangaratta
March 3	* Years 7-12 Southern Ranges Swimming * Year 7 Immunisations * VCE English SAC-1.30pm



Benalla P-12 College BELL TIMES 2017

Foundation to Year 4 –Avon & Waller St

Session 1	8:50am – 11:00am
Recess	11:00am – 11:30am
Session 2	11:30am – 1:30pm
Lunch	1:30pm – 2:10pm
Session 3	2:10pm – 3:10pm

Year 5 to Year 12-Faithfull & Barkly St Campus

Tuesday - Friday

Period 1	9:00am – 9:47am
Period 2	9:49am – 10:36am
Recess	10:36am – 11:08am
Period 3	11:13am – 12:00pm
Period 4	12:02pm – 12:49pm
Lunch	12:49pm – 1:28pm
Period 5	1:33am – 2:21pm
Period 6	2:23pm – 3:10pm



Foundation students will have each Wednesday off until the 15th March.

- Avon Street Assembly is each Friday 2.45pm
- Waller Street Assembly is each Monday morning 9.00am
- Yrs 5/6 Assembly is each Friday 9.00am All Welcome.

After School Care: The Waller P-4 Campus and the Avon P-4 Campus both operate an After School Program each weeknight throughout the school year. Care is provided in the Multi Purpose Room at Waller Street and the Avon Campus music room from **3.10pm until 6.10pm** each school day from Monday until Friday. Both programs employ qualified staff and provide safe, and stimulating environments for students requiring care after school hours. The weekly program and snack menu is advertised each week in the school newsletter. The cost for each night is \$13.50 based on a 3-hour session. For the last day of each term when early dismissal occurs, the cost of care is \$18.50, based on a 4-hour session.

Vacation Care: Both campuses also operate a Vacation Care Program for 8 weeks of the four term school holidays, which provides care from **8.30am to 6.00pm**. The cost for one day of care on either campus is \$42.75 per child. Families are to supply their own lunch and snacks. The program may also include special excursions such as swimming and movies, which are an additional charge to the daily cost. These days are advertised to families several weeks prior to the care and are invoiced to families at the end of the program. An optional early drop off is also available from 6.45am, for an extra \$10 per child, per day.

Before School Care: Operates each school morning at the Avon and Waller Campus, from **6.45am to 8.45am**, at a cost of \$9, per child, per day. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast and play games and activities in a secure and comfortable environment. Prior bookings are required for care.

Child Care Benefit (CCB): *Families are eligible to claim some level of Child Care Benefit (CCB). This benefit is in the form of a fee reduction depending on the number of dependants and combined income of your family. If you are a new family using the program, you need to ring the Family Assistance Office on **136150** to register for CCB.*

STAFF

Avon Street Campus - Supervisor: Tali Treacy **Waller Street Campus - Supervisor:** John Hanrahan

Educators: Kerry Masters, Jade Hodson, Nadia Holmes, Vicki Tuckett & Di McKenna

Program and Snacks:

The program includes a range of educational experiences including cooking, indoor/outdoor games, crafts, Ipads, Lego, board games and many activities chosen by the children themselves. We provide healthy snacks each night including fresh fruit, sandwiches, biscuits and spreads, pasta, cereal and custard. The weekly program and menus are included in the school newsletter.

Further Enquiries: Call in to talk to the OSHCS staff or leave a message at the office for the staff to contact you.

Bookings: New families need to complete an enrolment form available from the school office or the Educators on duty. Bookings can be made by phoning the school or the program mobile on:

Waller Street: 0407 715 660 or 5762 2600 **Avon Campus:** 0428 014 133 or 5762 1646

Bookings that are not cancelled are charged at the normal rate.

PERMANENT BOOKING FORM – TERM 1, 2017

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Parent Name: _____
Phone Number _____

I would like to book my child/children in each week for the following nights.

Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Casual only ☐

Please return this form to the school office



97-99 Belmore street, Yarrawonga vic 3730
Phone: (03) 5744 1269
Fax: (03) 5743 2985

I need school uniforms? What do I do? How do I get more when needed?

There is currently a couple of options for purchasing school uniforms depending on the urgency of your needs.

For urgent orders contact the staff at Judds Yarrawonga on 5744 1269. They will take your order over the phone and ship your order to the campus required for your collection. You will need a valid credit card. You can also direct transfer money into their bank account via internet banking or calling into your local National Australia Bank branch. Once your payment appears in their account your order will be shipped to the advised campus. We freight Wednesday weekly as required to Benalla

Bank details are located on the bottom of all uniform order forms.

Otherwise email your order to juddsyarra@netspace.net.au or fax an order sheet to 5743 2985.

Order sheets are available to print from the schools website or campus offices.

Please do not send cash with order forms as we cannot be held accountable for cash going missing.

Faithfull Street Campus School Sports Hall will be open on the following days and times.

BACK TO SCHOOL (SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

Wednesday 18th January 2017 10am - 3pm

Thursday 19th January 2017 10am - 3pm

Friday 20th January 2017 10am - 3pm

First Day Back for Students: Monday 30th January 2017 9am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 1st February 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 8th February 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 15th March 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 19th April 2017 3pm - 6pm

Wednesday 10th May 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 14th June 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 19th July 2017 3pm - 6pm

Wednesday 23rd August 2017 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 11th October 2017 3pm - 6pm

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

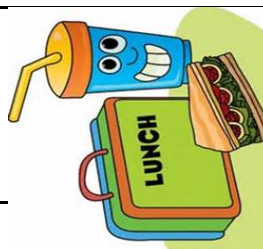
(Prep Intake and last uniform shop day for the year) 10am - 5pm

We are here to help. Call Judds Yarrawonga on 57441269 for any further details.

AVON & WALLER ST FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

THE PINK SHOP - 2017 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Please write your child's name, class, order and total money enclosed on an envelope.
(Ensure correct money is enclosed as no change is given, thank you.)

<u>Hot Food</u>	<u>Sandwiches</u>		<u>Rolls</u>		<u>Drinks</u>	
Pie	Ham or Beef	\$4.50	Ham or Beef	\$4.30	Small Milk (chocolate, Strawberry or ice coffee)	\$2.60
Sausage Roll	Ham or Beef w/Cheese	\$4.00	Ham or Beef w/cheese	\$4.50	Large Milk (chocolate, Strawberry or ice coffee)	\$4.00
Party Pie	Ham or beef w/Salad	\$1.50	Ham or Beef w/salad	\$5.50	Small Orange/ Apple/ Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.60
Hotdog	Chicken	\$3.50	Chicken	\$4.30	Large Orange/ Apple/ Blackcurrant juice	\$4.00
Hot chicken & gravy roll	Chicken w/Mayo	\$7.50	Chicken w/mayo	\$4.50	Small Water	\$2.60
Hot beef & gravy roll	Chicken w/ Salad	\$7.50	Chicken w/ salad	\$5.50	Large Water	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce	Salad		Salad	\$4.50	 <p>The Pink Shop 167 Bridge St BENALLA 3672 Ph: 5762 2135</p>	
	Cheese	50c	Cheese	\$3.00		
	Cheese & vegemite		Cheese & vegemite	\$3.20		
	Peanut butter/ Jam/ Honey/ vegemite.		Peanut butter/ Jam/ honey/vegemite.	\$3.00		