



Monday 20th February 2017

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HIGH EXPECTATIONS INTEGRITY

# Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

## Whole School Assembly

What a wonderful whole school assembly we held last Tuesday. Our Year 12 students were very attentive and caring towards our new Foundation students as they welcomed them to our college community when they walked them into the stadium to meet the rest of our students and staff. This was a significant event as our Foundation students commence their first year at Benalla P-12 College and our Year 12 students commence their final year. Our College Captains Emily Neilson and Freyr Hubbard and our Vice Captains Maisy Lister and Zac Cooke were presented with their badges. Our Campus Leaders, House Captains and House Leaders were announced, introduced to the college community and also presented with their badges by Mayor Mr Don Firth. We wish all our students a successful school year in 2017.



## Barkly St Welcome BBQ and Year 12 Information Evening

Families of students in Years 10 to 12 are invited to attend a welcome BBQ tonight at Barkly St commencing at 5:30pm followed by a Year 12 Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

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## School Council Elections

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Benalla P-12 College's School Council is comprised of 8 Parent Members, 5 DET (Department of Education and Training) Members and 2 Community Members.

School Councillors are elected for a two-year term. School council must meet at least 8 times in each year, and at least once per school term.

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel an greater sense of belonging.

This year there are 6 Parent Member positions vacant and 2 DET member positions vacant.

Our current School Council members and their end of term dates are:

Name	Member Category	End of Term date
Sheryl Stubbs	Parent Member	March 2017 - two year vacancy
Anita Larkin	Parent Member	March 2017 - two year vacancy
Leanne Lefebvre	Parent Member	March 2017 - two year vacancy
Vacant Position	Parent Member	Two year vacancy
Stephen Lister	Parent Member	March 2018
Samantha Mahoney	Parent Member	March 2018
Maran Hazell	Parent Member	March 2018
Michael Plex	Parent Member	March 2018
Alison Schneider	DET Member	March 2017 – two year vacancy
Deborah Robinson	DET Member	March 2017 – two year vacancy
Richard Hubbard	DET Member	March 2018
Heather Leary	DET Member	March 2018
Vacant position	Community Member	March 2017 – two year vacancy
Vacant position	Community Member	March 2017 – one year vacancy
Barbara O'Brien	Executive Officer (DET)	

**I am therefore calling for nominations for 4 Parent Members which are all two year positions**

**I am also calling for nominations for 2 DET members – both positions are for two years.**

Once these members are elected they have the responsibility for co-opting 2 Community members onto Council. Members of this category are appointed by a decision of school council because of their capacity to assist the work of the council.

**Nomination forms can be obtained from each Campus Office.**

- Nomination forms must be lodged at your Campus Office by **4:00pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**
- If a ballot is required, the list of candidates will be posted up at each campus on **Wednesday 1st March 2017.**
- The ballot will close at **4:00pm on Wednesday 8th March 2017** nomination forms can be obtained from each Campus Office.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*High Expectations*

*Integrity*



## Avon St Campus Leaders



Introducing Avon Street Campus Leaders including Indonesian leaders, SLG Representatives Campus Leaders and House Captains.

## Avon Breakfast Club

Avon Breakfast Club runs each Friday morning for students commencing at 8.15-8.45am. It is a terrific opportunity for children to meet friends and a great way start the day!

If you would like to volunteer for the program please contact Viv at the Avon Street campus.



## Students of the Week!

Congratulations Audrey, Lilly, Daisy, Nuceya, Roman and Serentiy.

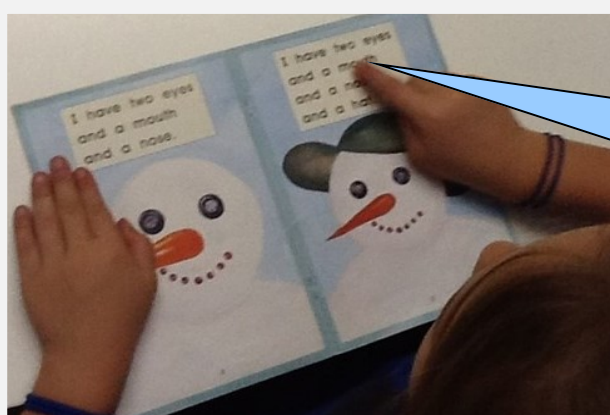


## Finger Pointing Under Words When Reading

It is important that early readers finger point under the words, to match what is read aloud with the printed words on the page.

The finger pointing acts as a check for accuracy.

Eventually, the finger pointing will decrease, as the child is able to follow the text with his or her eyes. A child may return to finger pointing when a word is tricky or when the text is difficult. The child will then use learnt strategies to solve a new word or reread to self-check what has been read



## My hands have jobs when I read.

*If I write with my right hand-*

My right hand points under the word as I read it.

My **left** hand holds the book flat on the table so it doesn't move.

*If I write with my **left** hand, my hands have different jobs when I read.*

My **left** hand points under the word as I read it.

My right hand holds the book flat on the table so it doesn't move.







## Waller St Students of the Week

L-R: Caleb, Elizabeth, Emily, Clare, Marli, 3/4 Milvain represented by Desteny, Imogen, Zaidyn, Nicholas, Lucas.



## Congratulations to our House Leaders

**Hotham:** Cooper & Ochre  
**Buller:** Jai & Koren  
**Buffalo:** Claude & Cienna  
**Stirling:** Emily & Mackenzie



Don't let anyone  
feel left out....



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**



TOMORROW TODAY

BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE  
YEARS PREP-4

*Parents As Partners in Learning*

Term 1, 2017



## Parents as Partners in Learning Workshops

Waller Campus	Avon Campus
Tuesday 7 March 2017 2pm-3pm <small>Kate Hammond's room</small>	Thursday 9 March 2pm- 3pm Prep classroom
Tuesday 14 March 2017 2pm- 3pm <small>Kate Hammond's room</small>	Thursday 16 March 2017 2pm- 3pm Prep classroom

Parents as Partners is a series of two workshops run by Tomorrow Today and our reading recovery teacher, Mandy Brown. The workshops are designed to support families in helping their child with reading, writing, speaking and listening, homework and organisational skills.

"How can I help my child with their learning?"

"What tips do you have for helping my child be more organised?"

"How can I help my child with their homework?"

*Afternoon tea supplied.  
Babysitting available for toddlers if needed.*

Sharon  
Waller Campus  
5762 2000

Karen  
Avon  
5762 1646

RSVP to Sharon or Karen by Monday 6 March 2017.





Kitchen started this week for some very excited Year 3/4 students. After getting their kitchen licences last week, Miss Clarke's students took their spots in their kitchens and carefully practiced the skills they had learnt the week before. Everyone then enjoyed some delicious food to finish off our first cooking class.



## BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE WALLER ST CAMPUS

Dear Families and Students,

The Waller St Campus School Photos are scheduled for **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**.

Photo envelopes have been distributed to students. Students and families are reminded to return their photo envelopes with correct money enclosed and give to the photographer on the day of School Photos.

Please DO NOT return School Photo envelopes to school prior to School Photo Day.

Family photos are also scheduled for this date as well.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and bring along their biggest SMILE.



## Parents & Friends Association



Welcome to the new school year. Now that our kids have had the opportunity to settle in a little bit, it's now time for us to get the Parents and Friends club started as well.

For those that are interested, we are a very casual group who meet occasionally to see what we can do to improve things in the school. We don't believe in pushing people into things or making people feel guilty if they aren't able to help us and yes, please feel free to bring your little ones to the meeting with you. We'd love to see lots of helpers and even if you can't make a meeting, please don't ever feel that you can't participate again. Turn up at any time and join in. If you have further queries, you can always email us at [p-fbenallawallerst@hotmail.com](mailto:p-fbenallawallerst@hotmail.com) or if you know any of us, we can answer you face to face too.



**MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY  
WALLER ST STAFF ROOM**

ABOUT 9.30 (it is held at the conclusion of the school assembly)



# Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!



# 5/6 News!

Off to a flying start!

The grade 5/6 hub has made an outstanding start to the year with all students eager to learn, keen to make friends and impress their teachers.

“We are trying to make our school look awesome with more thoughts and “no bullying” signs, but we don’t bully each other anyway.” – Imogen.

“I got surprised when we were reading The Cay and the boy became blind. I like maths and reading. We have lots of great challenges in our class.” – Hailie.

I love the book that I’m reading. Someone dies and he doesn’t tell the truth. It’s fun doing readers notebook.” – Mia.

“I love how we don’t have to go on the bus to get to the pool.”

“We are learning about our friends in the classroom from our Hot Seat activity.” Imogen.

Already the 5/6 teachers are impressed with the start that the students have made to the year, displaying great attitudes and setting the bar high in their work. Our week includes swimming, cooking, music, art, Blue Earth and so much more.

Congratulations to the Grade 5 & 6’s – keep it up!



## Visitor from the Indonesian jungle!

Benalla P-12 College was fortunate to receive a visit from Ibu Titik this week. Ibu Titik won the prize for Best Teacher in her region of Kalimantan. Those of you present at the whole school assembly may have seen her in her vivid pink outfit amongst the sea of blue.

Heard of Kalimantan? It’s the Indonesian part of Borneo. Three quarters of the island belongs to Indonesia, and Ibu Titik comes from the east coast, near Samarinda. Yes, Borneo is where the orang utans come from.

Ibu Titik spent the day with the Grade 5/6 Bilingual class and they all chatted to her in Indonesian. She even brought presents for us, hand-crafted bead animals from Kalimantan! And we finished the day by playing volleyball with Ibu Titik outside.

“Ibu Titik was very active. She likes playing volleyball.” – Mia.

“She took lots of photos and videos of the class. Indonesians love their mobiles.” – Imogen.

We look forward to our next Indonesian visitors in March. They will be coming from Kupang in West Timor – how exciting!





## Year 7 Mentor Days at Nillahcootie Camp

Last week the Year 7 students braved the heat and visited our Lake Nillahcootie Camp with their teachers. Students and teachers were involved in some team building activities. The day was designed for the students to show teamwork, persistence and initiative to get the highest score in each challenge. Some of the activities involved keeping a beach ball in the air for as long as possible and swinging across the Tarzan swing to get the most students standing on the island (crate). A BBQ lunch was provided before a water fight broke out to help everyone escape the sweltering heat.



## School Vaccination Program: Benalla P-12 College

The first round of school vaccinations is being conducted at this school on **Friday 3 March 2017**.

The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINES OFFERED
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	GARDASIL (HPV) DOSE 1 OF 3
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	BOOSTRIX (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough) 1 DOSE ONLY

These vaccinations are funded on the National Immunisation Schedule. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they will not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years.

Parent information packs were sent home recently.

The consent card (Part A) must be completed, signed and returned to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

To consent to your child being vaccinated with one or more vaccines, please tick and sign the relevant **YES** sections of the consent card. If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child vaccinated with one or more vaccines or if your child has **already been vaccinated**, please tick the relevant **NO** section on the consent card and return them to the school by **Friday 17 February 2017**. Please return the card to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

*If you have any enquiries about the program or your child's vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council's*

*Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.*

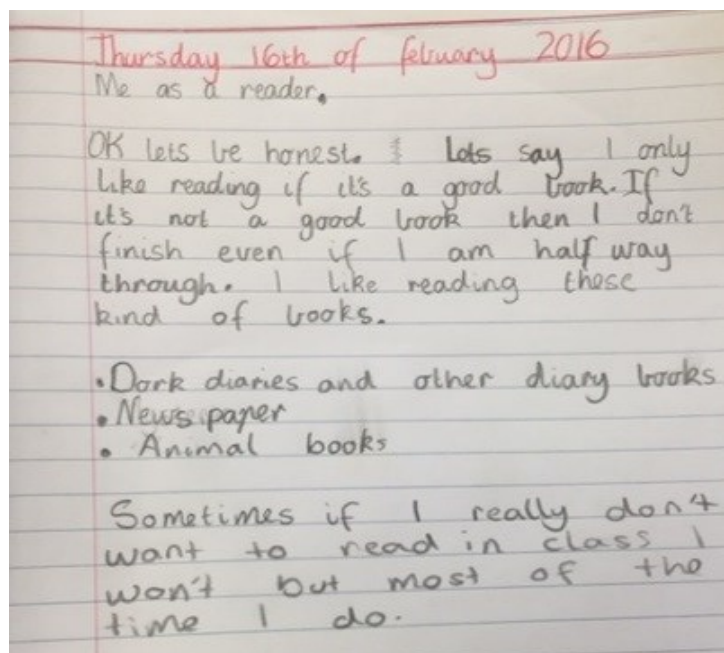






Congratulations Ella, Sam, Harley, Montell and Claudia on being this weeks Students of the Week

This week the 5/6 students thought and wrote about themselves as a reader. They had to write an honest review about themselves including how often they read, what motivates them to read, authors and books they are interested in and genres they enjoy. Each student



## Barkly News.....



### Photo Day at Barkly:

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the photographers will be on Barkly campus to take individual, Mentor group and family photos as needed. Students are being given their Photo Day envelopes to take home this week. **These envelopes need to be given to the photographer on the photo day.**

Photos on the Barkly campus will be taken during period 5 & 6. *It is really important that students give the photographer their envelope and wear the correct uniform for photos. It is pleasing that all students are respecting the uniform requirements and are showing pride in the uniform.*

If families want to have family photos taken on the day, they can attend Barkly campus from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. For further information please contact Paul Challis on the Barkly campus.



### ZERO TOLERANCE

Use of profanity, verbal threats or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated on school grounds or at school events

GO CONFIDENTLY  
IN THE DIRECTION  
OF YOUR  
DREAMS  
LIVE THE LIFE  
YOU'VE IMAGINED

TAKE A STAND TOGETHER

BULLYING. NO WAY!

[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)



## Term 1 Monday 1st February - 31st March 2017

<b>Feb 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* School Photos AVON &amp; FAITHFULL St Campus 9.00am</li> <li>* Year 10-12 Welcome BBQ</li> <li>* Year 12 Parent Information Session 7.00-8.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Year 9 Future Makers Program 12 Day Camp-15mile Creek Outdoor Ed School -Camp A</li> <li>* VCE English SAC-9.00am</li> <li>* Do's &amp; Don'ts of Safe School Bus Travel-Education sessions for all primary students</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* VCE English SAC-9.00am</li> </ul>
<b>March 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Years 7-12 Swimming Sports</li> </ul>
<b>March 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* VCE English SAC-9.00am</li> <li>* School Photos-Waller St Campus-9.00am</li> <li>* School Photos-Barkly St Campus-1.30pm</li> <li>* Years 5/6 Ovens &amp; Mitta Swimming- Wangaratta</li> </ul>
<b>March 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Years 7-12 Southern Ranges Swimming</li> <li>* Year 7 Immunisations</li> <li>* VCE English SAC-1.30pm</li> </ul>
<b>March 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Parents as Partners in Learning-Waller St Campus 2-3.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>March 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Parents as Partners in Learning-Avon St Campus 2-3.00pm</li> </ul>



**Is your child struggling being back at school?  
Are they more emotional and defiant than normal?**

**Do you want to learn more about your child's development?**

**We are coming to Benalla.....**

### **FREE - TUNING INTO KIDS PROGRAM**

**Tuning into Kids** – is a five week program that supports parents to become more aware of their child's emotions and its impact. Parents learn how to develop an ability to label and understand their child's emotions and how to support their child in learning to regulate these emotions. Parents are therefore able to use their children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for connecting, teaching and problem solving.

**Date - Wednesdays 1st March to 29th March 2017**

**Time – 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Venue – Waller St Campus, Multipurpose Room**

**Baby Sitting Provided**

**Bookings Essential – Sharyn - 03 5762 2600**



**PREREGISTER**  
From 20th February  
Rambling Rose  
78 Bridge Street Benalla



**BENALLA-10 YEARS**  
\* \$500K TOWARDS A CURE \*

**Sunday 26 February 2017  
Benalla Lake Foreshore**

**Cycle (8.30/9.30am) Relay (9.30am)**  
**Walk (10.30am) or Run (11.30am)**

**Entertainment, Auction, BBQ Lunch and fun for all. Free T-shirt for ALL participants**

For registration form see back of poster  
or [www.act2dfeetmnd.com](http://www.act2dfeetmnd.com)

Funds raised support research to find a cure for MND.  
Thanks for your support





## Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 20/02/17	Tuesday 21/01/17	Wednesday 22/02/17	Thursday 23/02/17	Friday 24/02/17
<b>Activity:</b> Beading and 40/40 <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, pancakes Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Chalk drawing and ball games <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, kabana, cheese, milk & juice	<b>Activity:</b> Cooking savoury muf-fins <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, soup, milk and juice	<b>Activity:</b> Game of octopus <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, savoury muffins, milk and juice	<b>Activity:</b> movie <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, popcorn, milk and juice
Monday 27/02/17	Tuesday 28/02/17	Wednesday 01/03/17	Thursday 02/03/17	Friday 03/03/17
<b>Activity:</b> TV and ham beads <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, fairy bread Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> x-box and playground <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, nachos Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Footy and board games <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, yoghurt Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Loom bands and soccer <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, spaghetti, Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Beading and 40/40 <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, pancakes Milk & Juice

## Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 20/02/17	Tuesday 21/01/17	Wednesday 22/02/17	Thursday 23/02/17	Friday 24/02/17
<b>Activity</b> Beads and elastic <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, ice cream cones, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Bowling and down ball <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, dip and vege sticks, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Tennis and Uno <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, sandwiches, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Sandpit and soccer <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, biscuit/spreads, milk & juice and spreads	<b>Activity</b> Jocks playground and playdough <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.
Monday 27/02/17	Tuesday 28/02/17	Wednesday 01/03/17	Thursday 02/03/17	Friday 03/03/17
<b>Activity</b> Basketball and Lego <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, ice cream cones, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Cricket/Hama beads <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, toast & spreads, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Cubbies/skipping <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, cereal, milk & juice	<b>Activity</b> Totem tennis & drawing <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, milkshakes & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Tennis and Uno <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, sandwiches, milk & juice



**John Hanrahan** - has been working in the After School Care and Vacation Care program for approx ten years. For a period of time, John will now undertake a different role within the school and so will be seen less frequently in After School Care. John has worked with hundreds of children mostly at Waller Campus and has seen them transition from Prep to the senior part of the school. Thank you John for your longstanding commitment to the program and for your warm and caring attributes shown to children and parents. We will miss you and hope to see you back soon.

**Payment of Accounts** – Accounts for Vacation Care have been distributed this week. Payment can be made directly to the campus school office by cash, cheque, money order or Eftpos. Credit card details can also be taken over the phone, directly to the campus office. Payment plans, where fees are paid in instalments, are available and must be negotiated directly with the Campus Principal, or representative.

**Ezidebit** - From 2017, families will have the option to sign up to Ezidebit, a direct debit payment system that offers a fully automatic direct debit solution that allows for the collection of recurring fees, variable amounts, invoice payments or payment plan amounts from the customers' bank, building society, credit union or credit card and debit card accounts. In order to use Ezidebit's Direct Debit Payment System families must authorise the debiting of their account (debit or credit) and provide details of the amount, start date, frequency and the nominated debit account. Forms for Ezidebit have been posted with accounts to families, which can be returned to the school office for processing.

**Enquiries please email: [hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone Anne on Fridays at Waller 5762 2600**



## PACTS

Parents As Career Transition Support

Would you like to feel more confident in helping your child with subject choices for Years 9 & 10?

Would you like to learn more about all the career options available?

PACTS Workshops have been running in Australian secondary schools since 2002, with parents saying they are really helpful in understanding the different options.

**2 Workshops are run over 2 consecutive weeks and include the following topics:**

- \* How to assist your teen with career exploration
- \* Simple careers assessments
- \* What are HSC & VET pathways?
- \* What career resources are out there?
- \* Understanding TAFE, Apprenticeships and University
- \* Understanding school-based Traineeships
- \* Can we afford university?

**Dates for the Term 1 workshops are:**

- \* Wednesday 22 March 2017 7pm to 9pm
- \* Wednesday 29 March 2017 7pm to 9pm

**Venue:**

Ray Sweeney Centre, Benalla Community Care  
45-53 Coster Street, Benalla.

Places are limited to 18 so you **MUST** book in by calling Tomorrow Today 5762 1211

**TOMORROW TODAY**



## BENALLA RURAL CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP



### KNOW YOUR RIDE

**Date:** Tuesday 28 February  
**Time:** 6pm – 8.30pm  
**Venue:** Benalla Toyota,  
28 Sydney Road, Benalla



#### FREE for young drivers and L2P mentors

You are invited to a free workshop, where qualified mechanics will introduce:

- basic vehicle familiarisation
- maintenance demonstrations
- talk about buying a car
- answer any questions about owning and looking after your vehicle

Dinner is provided, please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Numbers are limited. Call for bookings or for further information by 24 February 2017:

Telephone 03 5760 2600 | Text 0407 122 608 | Email [natalie.phillips@benalla.vic.gov.au](mailto:natalie.phillips@benalla.vic.gov.au)



The Benalla L2P Program is funded by the TAC, managed by VicRoads and proudly sponsored by Value Auto Group Benalla.

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## Positive Parenting Telephone Service



This program is offered to parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our free ten week program aims to assist you to:

- \*Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- \*Encourage behaviour you want to see in your children
- \*Manage everyday behaviour problems
- \*Set rules & limits
- \*Teach new skills

This program is completed via a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly phone calls with a trained parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

### Interested?

For more information please phone

**1800 880 660**

ENROLMENTS TAKEN ALL YEAR ROUND

*Enrol now and make a positive start last a lifetime*



# HOCUS

HANG OUT AND CATCH UP SOMETIME

## Sport in the Court – FREE for all teens

**When:** Tuesday 28 February  
at 5.00pm

**Where:** Kelly Court, Benalla

**Dinner:** BBQ and drinks

**Contact:**

Anne – 0427 807 860 or Mary-Lou - 0439 255 636 for further information or if you require transportation to Kelly Court, Benalla and/or home

