

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HIGH EXPECTATIONS INTEGRITY

Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

Indonesian Visitors

This week we are very privileged to be hosting 21 students from Indonesia who will be staying with families from our College. They are accompanied by their principal Ibu Jubilina Ga. The students will be staying until Friday 17th March. I would like to wish them an enjoyable time at our College while visiting Benalla. I would also like to sincerely thank the many families and staff who are hosting the students by welcoming them into their homes.



College Activities

We have had another busy and successful week across the College. Last Monday our Year 9 students headed off on their 12 day Future Maker's Camp and from all reports they are having a wonderful time. On Wednesday students from Years 5 to 12 participated in the swimming sports. This is the first year we have had the Year 5 and 6 students join the Years 7 to 12 students for these sports and they were a great success with all students enjoying the well organised event. On Thursday our Year 11 girls attended the Zonta Club Young Women's Career breakfast in Wangaratta and on Friday our Years 10 & 11 students listened to a presentation by Les Twentyman about



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Principals message continued......

College Expo 2017

Our Whole College Expo will be held on Wednesday 15th March. The evening will consist of displays, demonstrations, hands-on-activities and information sessions.

The Avon and Waller St Campuses Expo evening will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:30pm

The Years 5 to 12 Campus Expo evening will commence at 5:30pm on the Faithfull St Campus and conclude at 7:00pm The theme for this year's Expo is, "Good Vibes' with a focus on maths

School Council Elections

I am pleased to announce the following parents have been nominated as representatives on School Council for the next two years, Leanne LeFebvre, Melissa Rowlands-Williams, Amanda Sams and Francine Stacey have all been duly elected to School Council with Sheryle Stubbs electing to be a community representative in 2017.

Alison Schneider and Ann Weaire have been elected DET representatives for the next two years.

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

Name	Member Category	End of Term date
Melissa Rowlands-Williams	Parent Member	March 2019
Amanda Sams	Parent Member	March 2019
Leanne Lefebvre	Parent Member	March 2019
Francine Stacey	Parent Member	March 2019
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 2019
Ann Weaire	DET Member	March 2019
Richard Hubbard	DET Member	March 2018
Paul Challis	DET Member	March 2018
Sheryl Stubbs	Community Member	March 2018
Vacant position	Community Member	March 2019 – two year vacancy
Barbara O'Brien	Executive Officer (DET)	

The first School Council meeting for this new Council will be Monday 27th March at 5:30pm in the Year 9 Centre.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien College Principal







In our 'Crash, Bang, Boom' unit work 1/2 Goodman have been investigating light and sound. We have learnt that the sun is our main source of light. We know that other items like, fire, light bulbs, candles, lamps and even light savers from Star Wars can also give light!

We have learnt that when things vibrate it makes the sound. We can make sound with our mouths, hands and feet. We learnt that lots of things can make sound. Some sounds are high sounds and some are low. It has been lots of fun so far learning about light and sound and we can't wait to learn more

when we investigate shadows and echoes next week.

Angus – "The sun is the main source of light for us"

Ruby – "Drums make sound by hitting them with a stick"





ZUC-TACULAR

Harry Skelton is proudly showing off the zucchini grown in our Indonesian garden. For the next 4 weeks, students from Grade 1-4 will be making delicious zucchini muffins with these zucchinis! Students from Years 1-4 should be commended for their wonderful gardening skills!

Students of the Week!

Congratulations Angus, Jacinta, Emily, Brayden Leila and Dylan





Tomato fest!

Erin and Ruby are so pleased to show us the tomatoes that they picked from our Indonesian garden:) Carolynne Taylor, Mum of Leila, Grade 2 has made some delicious chutney from these tomatoes which we will be selling at exponight! Enak sekali!

AVON STREET CAMPUS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back to school Monday 20th March by 9.00am.

If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Book Club.

Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.

"The more you read the more things you know.

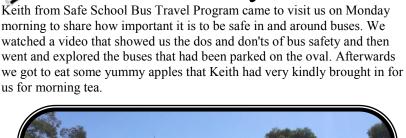
The more that you earn the more places you'll go."



















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 Kate Hammond's room	Thursday 9 March 2pm- 3pm Prep classroom
Tuesday 14 March 2017 2pm- 3pm Kate Hammond's room	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.



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!



Bridge Activities



5/6 D made bridges with 10 sheets of newspaper and sticky tape. Some were based on famous bridges from real life such as the 'Golden Gate Bridge' of San Francisco.



Writing/Narratives

Pieces of text from the students of 5/6 D Jake: The stormy lighthouse harbor is dark and very creepy. I ran out on the pier, I slipped in the cold icy water... Taylor: It was cold and windy, I was walking along a bridge that ran over the sharks. Then the sharks started to sur-

round me, all of a sudden I tripped over and fell in... Zach: I was walking along the pier in this hectic storm, then suddenly the pier was shaking going up and down. THEN, THE WOOD

COLLAPSED AND I FELL IN!

reading and sharing their ideas with each other. By Zach Monahan and EVERY DAY COUNTS



Congratulations to Maddy, Molly, Molly, Charlie, Campbell, Jeron, Warren, Thomas and Finn





Ashton Hopkins

This week kids have been going to

Then the other kids went into groups

and talked about the book they were

Mrs. L to improve their reading.



Swimming Sports 📚



Our Swimming Carnival on the 1st of March was a great success! We'd like to highlight participation on the day as something to be particularly proud of! We welcomed the Grade 5/6 Community as competitors for the first time, and it was wonderful having them support the rest of the college in all aspects of the Carnival. Fantastic effort by the Year 12s in particular, often fielding 3 heats in each race setting High Expectations and being outstanding role models for the rest of the college, a great turn out! A special thank you to the House Captains and House Leaders who took on additional leadership roles, assisting the 5/6s and staff where needed. Congratulations to the winning House, Stirling, sitting only 2 points ahead. Swimming Carnival House Points are as follows: 370 Stirling (Red), 368 Buller (Blue), 223 Buffalo (Green), 210

Hotham (Yellow).

Age Champions are: 13 Year Old Female: Jayde James

13 Year Old Male: Tiger Lynch

14 Year Old Female: Hayley Montgomery

14 Year Old Male: Harry Hodge 15 Year Old Female: Kasey Bramich 15 Year Old Male: Joshua Hyland 16 Year Old Female: Ellie Culhane

16 Year Old Male: N/A

17 Year Old Female: Alexandra Robinson 17 Year Old Male: Charlie Berthun 20 Year Old Female: Lucinda D

Thank you to all staff and parents who offered support throughout

the day!

From your Sports Coordinators - Angelica Pahina and Michael **Thomas**













White Ribbon at Benalla P-12 College

Over the last 4 months we have been involved in becoming a White Ribbon School. Across Australia there are now 500 "Breaking the Silence" White Ribbon schools. We are passionate, committed and proud to be a White Ribbon school and we are working hard to support the elimination of violence against women. We are running a whole school social and emotional program to support building respectful relationships inside and outside the classroom. This will in turn create a safer and more inclusive environment for all students. Pictured holding the certificates of recognition are Dale Palmer, Breaking the silence facilitator, Craig Carley, Jordan Smith, Bron Greig and Paul Challis, staff from Benalla P-12 College.



BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE BREXKING THE SILENCE

OAA with Xiuhtezcatl Martinez at the Sustainable Living Festival

On Saturday the 11th of February, Benalla P-12 College students John Guppy, Isobel Still, Freyr Hubbard, Emily Neilson, Edward Thomas, Brea Lancaster and myself had the opportunity offered kindly by Benalla Sustainable Future Group to attend a Q&A with Xiuhtezcatl Martinez at the Sustainable Living Festival in Melbourne Central. Xiuhtezcatl Martinez has been speaking on behalf of the planet since the tender age of six. Now at the age of 16, his extraordinary eloquence has moved audiences which include world leaders, Hollywood celebrities and other young people across continents who have joined his Earth Guardians activism movement. Through public speaking and hip-hop, Xiuhtezcatl is spreading his message about the climate emergency that the world is in. He is also one of 21 youths at-



tempting to sue the US government for failing to act on climate change and protect future generations. Xiuhtezcatl spoke of each of these things and gave examples on how each and every one of us can get involved and help the fight for action on global warming. It was so inspiring to listen to him speak so passionately about what he loved and helped us to see how we as young people can make a real difference to the things that matter. Xiuhtezcatl helped us to see the potential we all have if we alter our mindset from our "wants" to our "needs" and the impact that this can have on all of our lives. A profound thing that Xiuhtezcatl said that has been stuck in my mind since the event is "we are at a tipping point right now where we will either be remembered as the generation that destroyed the planet and the generation that put profits before our future, or as the generation that united to address the greatest issue of our time".

Maisy Lister







Barkly Street Careers News

"Zonta Women's Careers Breakfast"

Benalla P-12 College took a group of 11 Barkly Street students to the Zonta Women's Careers Breakfast at the Gateway hotel in Wangaratta on the 2nd of March. Over 60 students from 6 local schools attended and the girls were matched with mentors in their areas of interest. They also heard from 3 key



note speakers who were educated locally and had forged different careers in



different ways. This included studying at University, studying online whilst working and owning their own business. The fields were Occupational Therapy, Journalism and Hairdressing. It was inspiring to hear how the women got to where they are now. Our girls gained a great insight into different career pathways and the importance of taking opportunities.

An AMAZING opportunity....a past student "Gives Back"



Our Year 12 students had an inspirational visit from past student Roger Cameron (Alumni 2006) yesterday. Roger spoke about his pathway to where he is now which is as a Partner at Eaton Capital Partners who have offices in Sydney, London and Singapore.

Roger is a specialist corporate advisor and analyst with a diverse background in the professional services sector. Roger currently leads the Corporate Advisory arm of Eaton. He discussed the importance of taking opportunities, working hard and being proactive.

Roger and his company are offering an amazing opportunity for a current Year 12 student to travel to Sydney in the Easter school holidays (5th to the

7th of April) to experience life in the Financial/Corporate World. The three day work experience placement involves a day at Eaton Capital Partners, a day at Batyr (a Non For Profit Charity) and day 3 is a choice between the two. All expenses will be covered (flights, accommodation and meals).

We are so grateful to Roger for this wonderful opportunity and love it when past students visit and give back to their school. Thanks Roger!

Please see Mrs Cairncross for further information. Application information is available from the Senior Sub School and application close on Sunday the 12th of March.





TAKE A STAND TOGETHER BUILTING NO WAY! www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

How is an ATAR calculated??? - Source: http://www.vtac.edu.au/

The ATAR is not a score out of 100 – it is a rank. It shows a student's achievement in relation to other students.

The ATAR (previously known as ENTER) is calculated by VTAC solely for the use of tertiary institutions to compare the overall achievement of students who have completed different combinations of VCE studies.

VTAC forwards the ATAR along with application information to selection authorities at institutions.

The ATAR is developed from an aggregate produced by adding:

VTAC scaled study score in one of English, English Language, Literature or English as an Additional Language (EAL)

The next best three subjects

10% of the fifth and sixth subjects (this is why fast tracking a subject can be beneficial)

The way to ensure that you achieve your best ATAR is to choose your studies according to what you are interested in, what you are good at, and what studies you need for future study.

What exactly is Scaling???

- The study score is not a score out of 50. It is a ranking or relative position which shows a student's performance compared with all other students who took that study in that year. A student with a study score of 30 is in the middle of the cohort, or has performed better than about half of all students. A student with a study score of 40 has performed better than about 91% of all students who did that study.
- What this means is that the middle student in any study will have a study score of 30, regardless of how strong the other students were in the study and how difficult it was to achieve the middle ranking. This does not mean that some studies are inherently more difficult than others. In fact, most are designed to be of equal difficulty. However, the stronger the competition, the harder it is to achieve the middle score of 30.
- So all study scores are scaled by VTAC before they are used to calculate the ATAR. Scaling adjusts the study scores in each study to take account of the strength of competition among students taking the study. The strength of competition in each study is measured by how well the students in that study performed in their other studies. The study scores are scaled so that the overall level of scores in that study matches the scores obtained by the same group of students in all of their other studies combined.
- Once the study scores have been scaled, they are called VTAC Scaled Study Scores. It is the VTAC Scaled Study Scores that are used to calculate the ATAR. VCE studies are always scaled in the year in which they were undertaken.
- By using VTAC Scaled Study Scores, fair comparisons can be made of students' achievements over all their studies, regardless of the studies they have taken. Because of this, students can freely choose studies they like or are good at without worrying about their ATAR.
- This is not always well understood and many students believe that to achieve their best possible ATAR they need to choose studies that are scaled up. This is not true and may even work against you. Every year there are many students who achieve high VTAC Scaled Study Scores for studies that have been scaled down, and achieve lower VTAC Scaled Study Scores for studies that have been scaled up

Subject choice and scaling explained.....

CASE STUDY 1: Jess chose a study because it was likely to be scaled up, but she was not very interested or strong at it. She got a VCE study score of 25 for the study, which was scaled up to an ATAR subject score of 29. This was lower than the rest of her ATAR subject scores, all scaled down to between 32 and 34. Jess would have been better off choosing all her studies based on her interests and strengths.

CASE STUDY 2: Morgan on the other hand chose all his studies based on his strengths and interests. Morgan still selected two studies that were scaled down, but got VCE study scores of 38 for one and 40 for the other. These were scaled down to 36 and 39 respectively. These were about the same as the rest of Morgan's ATAR subject scores, which were around 38 to 39. Morgan was not disadvantaged by choosing those studies. When the ATAR subject scores are added together and translated into an ATAR, it is likely that Morgan will receive a higher ATAR than Jess, even though two of his studies were scaled down.





SAFE BUS TRAVEL





Welcome on board. Enjoy. Be aware.

- Leave home with plenty of time to get to the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.
- Always walk as far away from the road edge as possible.
- Do not push others when the bus is approaching the stop.
- If you are using headphones these MUST be removed before leaving the bus as they distract you from being fully aware of danger.
- Make sure you always treat the driver with respect. They have the important job of getting me, you and others to school and home safely.



ROAD USERS - Please slow down and be aware around bus stops. Look out for the lights flashing on the outside of the bus, which means children are leaving or boarding the bus.

Do stand well back when at the bus stop and wait until the bus has completely stopped.





Never cross in front of the bus. Never cross the road until the bus has moved away.

Do wait until the bus moves well away and you can see clearly in both directions, before crossing the road.





Do sit down on your seat quietly and quickly. If there are no seats, move to the back of the bus and use the handgrips on the side.

PARENTS & CARERS - Parking or waiting opposite the bus stop is dangerous and is one of the most frequent causes of accidents at bus stops. All children, especially little ones, are excited to see you after a day at school and are likely to run across the road to meet you.



www.busvic.asn.au/safebustravel





Term 1 Monday 1st February - 31st March 2017

March 7	* Parents as Partners in Learning-Waller St Campus 2.00-3.00pm
March 8	 Years 10-11 International Women's Day Year 8 Rosy Respect Workshops
March 9	* Parents as Partners in Learning-Avon St Campus 2.00-3.00pm
March 13	* PUBLIC HOLIDAY-Labour Day
March 14	 Year8 Indonesian Excursion- Healesville Sanctuary Parents as Partners in Learning-Waller St Campus 2.00-3.00pm
March15	* School Expo
March 16	* Parents as Partners in Learning-Avon St Campus 2.00-3.00pm * Year 7 Music Information Night–PAC 7.00pm
March 20	* STOMP Dance Workshops-Avon & Waller NO SCHOOL
March 21	* Year 7-12 Hume Swimming Sports-Wodonga Labour Day
March 22	* Years 7-12 School Athletics-Churchill Reserve



Is your child struggling being back at school? Are they more emotional and defiant that 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



Rotary Youth Exchange

Applications are now being accepted for

Rotary Youth Exchange in 2018

To be eligible you must be:

- ☐ In year 9.10.11 in 2017
- □ Near the top 30% of your year academically
- $\hfill \Box$ Prepared to continue your secondary education overseas in 2018
- □ Applicants must be aged 15 or 16 years by 1st January 2018

For further information contact the Benalla Rotary Club John Smyth 0409 950 048

APPLICATION CLOSE 15 MAY 2018



24 hours a days / a week https://www.lifline.org.au Online 7.00pm-4.00am



Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 06/03/17	Tuesday 07/03/17	Wednesday 08/03/17	Thursday 09/03/17	Friday 10/03/17
Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:
movie	Footy and board games	Lego and blocks	Loom bands and TV	Skipping and Tiggy
Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:
Fruit, sandwiches	Fruit, dip, biscuits, Milk	Fruit, wedges	Fruit, salad wraps	Fruit, cocktail franks,
Milk & Juice	& Juice	Milk & Juice	Milk & Juice	Milk & Juice
Monday 13/03/17	Tuesday 14/03/17	Wednesday 15/03/17	Thursday 16/03/17	Friday 17/03/17
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Activity: Dress ups and cubbies	Activity: Cars and colouring	Activity: Chalk drawing and ball	Activity: Beading and 40/40
	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	games	Afternoon Tea:
NO CARE	Fruit, nachos,	Fruit, crumpets	Afternoon Tea:	Fruit, dim sims, Milk
	Milk & Juice	Milk & Juice	Fruit, biscuits, spreads, Milk & Juice	& Juice

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 06/03/17	Tuesday 07/03/17	Wednesday 08/03/17	Thursday 09/03/17	Friday 10/03/17
Activity Basketball & drawing. Afternoon Tea Fruit, fresh sandwiches bread milk and juice.	Activity Sandpit & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, nachos, milk & juice.	Activity Cricket & Hama beads. Afternoon Tea Fruit, spaghetti, milk & juice.	Activity cubbies & Skipping. Afternoon Tea Fruit, jelly & custard, milk & juice.	Activity Totem Tennis & dress ups Afternoon Tea Fruit, toast, milk & juice.
Monday 13/03/17	Tuesday 14/03/17	Wednesday 15/03/17	Thursday 16/03/17	Friday 17/03/17
PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO CARE	Activity Chalk drawing & kinetic sand Afternoon Tea	Activity Preparation for wraps. Afternoon Tea	Activity Outside sit ball & Duplo Afternoon Tea	Activity Playground Afternoon Tea Fruit, toasted
	Fruit, biscuits spreads, milk/juice.	Fruit, cheese & kabana, milk/juice	Fruit, salad wraps, milk & juice.	sandwiches, milk juice

SERVICE PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

To provide a quality primary school-aged childcare service for Benalla P-12 College OSHCS which is community-based, flexible and meets each child's need for care in a creative, stimulating, safe and secure environment after school and during school holidays.

The philosophy is implemented by the following goals:

- To offer a flexible service that responds to the care and recreational needs of children
- 2. To provide an environment for children that:

Is both safe and challenging

Fosters individuality, recognising their needs and interests

Promotes the physical health and well being

Acknowledges the importance of the middle years of child development

Values the benefit of play in both structured and self-directed experiences

Fosters a spirit of equity and inclusion

To ensure that the service accurately reflects the needs of children and parents by: 3.

Acknowledging the importance of parents in providing direction for the service

Encouraging comments and feedback from all parents

Acknowledging and being sensitive to the cultural backgrounds of families

- To meet the standards of The National Quality Framework (NQF) which is the result of an agreement between all Australian governments to work together to provide better educational and developmental outcomes for children using education and care services.
- Strive to achieve the highest level of rating within the National Quality rating and assessment process: See more at: http:// acecqa.gov.au
- 6. To ensure that staff are able to:

Fulfill the role and responsibilities they are employed to undertake

Have their needs met

Enquiries please email: hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone Anne on Fridays at Waller 5762 2600





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



TODAY







Benalla P-12 Uniform Shop Faithfull Street Campus Sports Hal

Back To School Open Days

- Wednesday 15th March 3.00- 5.00pm *
- Wednesday 19th April 3.00-6.00pm *
- Wednesday 10th May 3.00-5.00pm
- Wednesday 14 June 3.00-5.00pm
- Wednesday 19th July 3.00-6.00pm
- Wednesday 23rd August 3.00-5.00pm
- Wednesday 11th October 3.00-5.00pm
 - Wednesday 22nd November (Foundation intake and last uniform shop day for the year 10.00-5.00pm







Come & Try Hockey!

FREE Come & Try Day Thurs 23rd March 2017

All abilities welcome – come, surprise yourself! No experience necessary!

> 4 - 5pm Juniors 5 - 12 years old Youth 5 - 6pm 11 - 18 years old 6 - 7pm Adults All welcome!

Hockey field, Churchill Reserve cnr Waller & Margaret St

All equipment provided. Mouthguards \$4. BBQ from 5.15pm onwards

Bring a hat, drink, and lots of friends!

Youth and Senior training then continue every Thursday

HOOKIN2HOCKEY starts Thursday 20th April

For more info contact Lee, 0416 169 767 or benallahockey@gmail.com

