



# Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,



## College Expo 2017 – 'Good vibes'

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

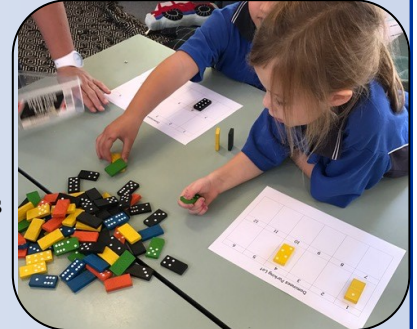
The Avon and Waller St Campuses Expo evening will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:30pm

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.

Light refreshments and music will be provided for your entertainment as you move through the displays. Each Campus will provide families with

a passport to have stamped at each display. At the end of the evening you need to hand your passport into the Office or Welcome tent on Faithfull St Campus for a chance to win two free passes to 'Rockin the Raceway' at Winton Raceway on 25<sup>th</sup> March. I look forward to seeing you all there.



## College Activities

The College continues to provide a range of extra-curricular activities for our students. On Wednesday the Year 8 students attended a special program presented by Rosy Respect for International Women's Day. The focus of the sessions was to teach our students cyber safety and help address the issue of cyber bullying. Also on Wednesday our Years 10 & 11 students had the privilege of listening to Dr Ann O'Neill, a victim of family violence who talked about being resilient and avoiding victim blaming or focusing on victim's behaviours and the importance of standing up against violence. On Thursday our students were presented with the 'Beating Around the Bush Drum' show and on Friday our year 9 students returned from their Future Maker's Camp. We are enjoying hosting the students and staff from our Indonesian sister school in Kupung. They have already had a very busy time visiting the local tourist spots and enjoying the company of their host families. A special thankyou to Heidi Perry and Amy Worley who have organised this wonderful opportunity for our College and to all the host families who are doing an amazing job.



## Traffic Safety around Benalla P-12 College Campuses

We have been notified by Vic Roads that a number of parents are engaging in unsafe practices when dropping off their children to school and picking them up each day. Please ensure your child/children cross at the school crossing after leaving the car or walking to the car.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien  
College Principal



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# Students of the Week! Indonesian Rotations



Congratulations Kaylee, Liam, Alex, Peyton, Penny and Georgia

Hi yesterday on Wednesday the 8th of March 2017 we had Indonesian rotations. We were lucky to have some Indonesian visitors to join our rotations and those people were taken care of by some of our prep to year 4 people at Avon Street Campus. I am in group 4 in Indonesian rotations the Padang group and my activity yesterday was drawing with Bu Hartridge our art teacher it was really fun and I think the Indonesian visitors really enjoyed it as well.

*By Meghan Guy :)*

Yesterday on the 8th March , the Indonesian exchange students came to Indonesian rotations. My group, the Ubud group was doing cooking. There were 7 Indonesians joining my group. We made Zucchini slice. The Indonesian made the mixture and we cut ingredients up. It was REALLY exciting to have them there.

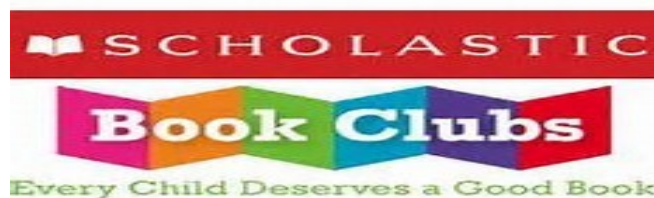
*By Aria Winkler*

Yesterday on the 8th of March 2017 in Indonesian rotations group 1 (Jakarta) we did a few games with the Indonesians and we played three games, silence speed ball an Indonesian clapping game and a chair swapping game. I had lots of fun with the Indonesians . It was the Indonesians first time out of Indonesia.

*By Amber Armstrong*

On the 8th of March 2017 the 3/4s did Indonesians rotations. The Indonesian students joined us for the first time in an actual class. I was in group 1. It was called Jakarta which is Indonesias biggest city. The activities I did was silent speed ball an Indonesian clapping game and a chair game. I was happy the Indonesian students came.

*By Daisy*



## 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.**







### Students of the Week

*Congratulations Hannah, Zatra, Laura, Charlie, Liam, Sakira (on behalf of Miss Challis)*



### Golden Shovel Award Winners

Thomas, Zaidyn, Emily and Brandon

### New Volunteers making friends over Breakfast

Breakfast @ the Waller Street Campus is from 8:15am to 8:45am everyday. Students have a menu of cereal, fruit, milo, toast or baked beans to choose from everyday. The Breakfast club is also a great place for children make new friends, share stories, make plans, laugh a lot, help others, learn life skills like washing and drying dishes, practice their social skills by being polite and courteous to others and put leadership skills into practice to name a few. Best of all, our children get to start to the day with a smile on their face even if they have already had breakfast at home. It's not just about having breakfast, it's a meeting place for making a great start to the day. If you are wanting to volunteer for the Breakfast Program, please call Bron on 5762 2880.



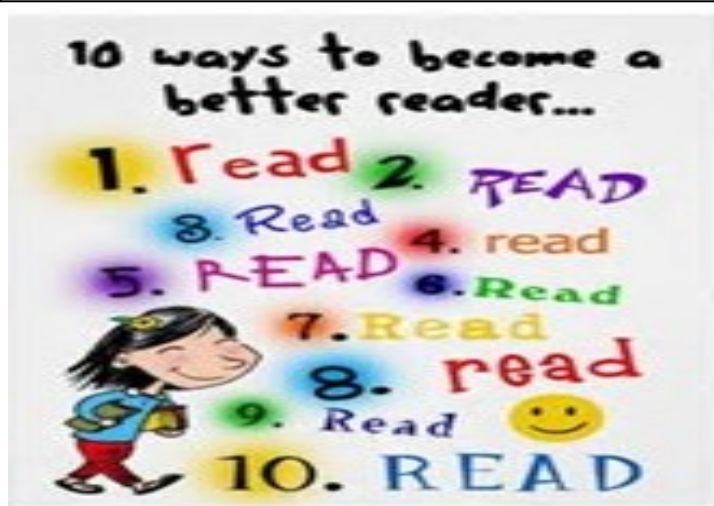
*Pictured above we have Senior Constable Mark Kennedy, Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen, Bron Greig-Student Wellbeing Coordinator and students Jason McLean, Max Weeks and Shakira Cottier Brown. ( Mark and Paula will share volunteering on Tuesdays)*



### WALLER ST CAMPUS

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB LOOP ORDERS

Students and families are reminded that **Scholastic Book Club Loop Orders** must be submitted online by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2107. Details are located on the back page of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue.





On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 18 students and 3 staff from the Benalla P-12 College sister school – SMP Kristen Citra Bangsa, including Ibu Tince, Ibu Surya and School Principal, Jublina Ga arrived in Benalla. This is the first time such a large contingent of exchange students have been welcomed into the Benalla P-12 College community.

Students, staff and families at Benalla P-12 College had been eagerly anticipating the arrival of the exchange students since last year and the results of this visit will be endless for both the students involved, Benalla P-12 College staff as well as the wider community. All 21 Indonesian guests have been hosted by families and staff from the College.

Benalla P-12 College Principal, Barbara O'Brien has been thrilled with the visit by the Indonesian Sister School. She commented that this is a wonderful way to develop intercultural understanding and to learn how to work with our closest neighbours, speak each other's languages, and understand our similarities and differences. This relationship will enable our students, staff, school families and broader community to develop meaningful and long-lasting people to people connections.

Whilst in Benalla, the exchange students have been involved in several wonderful activities. The exchange students were formerly welcomed by Mayor Don Firth and Benalla P-12 College Principal Barbara O'Brien at an official Welcome Ceremony. They have also been involved in classes with the Years 3-7 students at the college, as well as intercultural trips to Winton Wetlands led by Anita Larkin, an indigenous art class led by Judy Schwartzman, a trip to Healesville Sanctuary with the Year 8 Indonesian students, as well as trips to Glenrowan, around Benalla and Beechworth. Students from the Indonesian Language Academy ran a successful Australian Cooking workshop with the students, which resulted in even closer relationships being made between the students.

The students have commented several times how amazing their host families have been and they have been equally amazed by the beautiful welcome they have had into the Benalla Community. Host families and students are certainly not looking forward to the goodbyes on the 16th March, however, Heidi believes that many students are already planning their return as well as Benalla P-12 College families, students and staff are planning their first trip to Kupang, Indonesia.



# Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!!



## 5/6 News

The students of 5/6A have been creating 55-word stories this week. It's a huge challenge, composing a story with a beginning, middle and end all in 55 words. Here is a selection of their work. Enjoy!

This is my second life. My mother, father, younger brother and I were in a car crash. I was the only one who didn't live. Now I watch my family walk right by me and through me. They can't hear me, they can't see me. I'm not even breathing. I want my old life back.

-Shayne Kaltsis

"Come on, honey. You have to go to school."

"No, I don't want to!"

"But you have to, darling."

"No, YOU want me to! I don't have to."

"Yes, but your friends will miss you."

"Just trust me. I work all day and I have no friends."

"Why, darling?"

"Why? Because I am the principal!"

-Hailie Maddox

I'm over 1000 years old. Where I stand I overlook a lake. I have many rings hidden where no one can see them without going through me. Where I live, leaves and branches grow, high in the air, waving like humans in a hurricane. It's the best life in the world. I am a tree.

-Ebony Armstrong



The blind man looked at me like a lion looking at a person. He didn't look away, he didn't feel or hear me. What was up? I said "Hey." No response. I stepped twice, I know he did the same. Another man walked up and said, "Are you okay?" I was talking to myself again.

-Tyler Maxwell



## Ovens & Mitta Division Swimming

Congratulations Anna Jay Evans who represented Benalla P-12 College at the recent Ovens & Mitta Division Swimming event. Anna entered in both Freestyle and Breaststroke and performed well in both events.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations Hannah, Nick, Zoe, Jeron, Shane and Patrick.

## SPORTS AWARD

Maddy, Hannah, Chloe, Tom, bayleigh, Campbell, Bailey, Josie, Tyler, Montell and

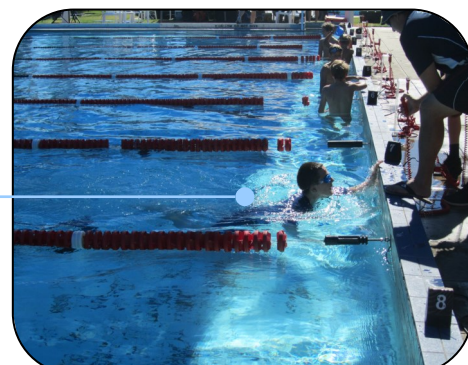






## Southern Ranges Swimming

"A team of 11 of Benalla P-12 College's best swimmers were invited to compete in Seymour for Southern Ranges Swim Competition, two days following our own Swim Carnival. We left Benalla at 8:15 am, all swimmers were diligent at marshalling on time and staff designated their jobs for the day. Our competitors enjoyed 32 degree sunny weather, perfect opportunity to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide. They represented the school with courage and enthusiasm, and should be incredibly proud of their performances in and out of the pool. Special thank you to Karen Legg and Kerry Masters for their assistance, and the students who stepped up and took on additional roles including time keeping. Congratulations to all our competitors who placed – Hailey Montgomery, Harry Hodge, Lucy Desailly, Elliot McCallum and Bailey Macdonald. Bailey has been selected to compete at the next level in Hume Region Swimming in Albury on the 21<sup>st</sup> of



## Music Information Evening



Thursday 16th March  
7pm Faithfull PAC

Year 7 Instrumental Music Information and Recruitment Night. Meet the music staff and discuss opportunities for your child to receive professional music tuition.

Find out why every child benefits from playing music.



every day counts 

Believe in yourself, and the rest will fall into place. Have faith in your own abilities, work hard, and there is nothing you cannot accomplish.

[WWW.FEELMYLOVE.ORG](http://WWW.FEELMYLOVE.ORG)



**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**

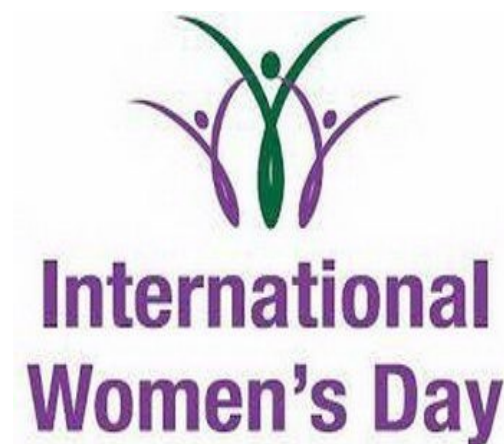
Friday 17 March 2017  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)



## International Women's Day Presentation

In recognition of International women's day, Dr Ann O'Neill visited our Year 10 and 11 Students on Thursday 8 March. Ann faced huge personal loss after her estranged husband murdered their two children, and she has gone onto being an acclaimed advocate for survivors of family violence. Ann completed her PhD on the role of the courts and police in stopping violence and was recognised as a 2016 Australia Day Ambassador, winner of the West Australian Social Worker of the Year and a nominee for the 2012 Australian of the Year. On behalf of Benalla P-12 College, 'thank you' to Mrs Christa Rembold for organising this opportunity, Benalla Health, the main sponsor of this event, and a very special 'thank you' to Dr Ann O'Neill for visiting our College.

Rebecca Pell, Senior Sub-School Leader.



Dr. Ann O'Neill presented a not only informative but truly inspiring speech to Year 10 & 11 for International Women's day. Ann spoke about her life-changing story of domestic violence and how it motivated her to accomplish the amazing things she does today. She also informed us about what to do when you or a person you know is in an abusive relationship and the importance of equality and respect in relationships. Ann also explained what respectful relationships are and what they consist of. Ann is a clear demonstration to all of us that you can achieve great things when you put your mind to it and work hard, no matter what hardship you have been through. We thank Ann for coming in to speak to us and for motivating us to push to be the best versions of ourselves and help others in times of need. Remy is pictured top right with Dr Ann.

Remy Tonks  
Year 11





**YOUTH  
POLITICS  
CAMP 2017**

### Want to understand more about our political system?

- ☐ Why is our political system important and how does it work?
- ☐ How can you participate more and have a say?
- ☐ Meet other interested young people and discuss issues you care about
- ☐ Find out how and why people get into politics?

*Limited places so book now online at*  
[www.youthpoliticscamp.strikingly.com](http://www.youthpoliticscamp.strikingly.com)

*A three day youth development camp  
for young people aged 15-25  
April 5-7, @ The Old Priory, Beechworth*

**\$60pp**  
inc. accommodation,  
all activities & meals  
Transport available  
on request



  
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02 6032 1155

  
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0408 570 033

Contact the Youth Development Team at your Council for more information



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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>March 14</b>	* Year 8 Indonesian Excursion- Healesville Sanctuary * Parents as Partners in Learning-Waller St Campus 2.00-3.00pm
<b>March 15</b>	* School Expo * Foundation Students commence full time * School Uniform shop open-Faithfull Street Sports Hall 3.00-5.00pm
<b>March 16</b>	* Parents as Partners in Learning-Avon St Campus 2.00-3.00pm * Year 7 Music Information Night-PAC 7.00pm
<b>March 17</b>	* Year 3/4 Hockey Clinic-Avon & Waller St Campus * National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
<b>March 20</b>	* STOMP Dance Workshops-Avon & Waller St Campus * Year 9 Future Makers Program 12 day Camp B-15mile Creek Outdoor Ed School
<b>March 21</b>	* Year 7-12 Hume Swimming Sports-Wodonga
<b>March 22</b>	* Years 7-12 School Athletics-Churchill Reserve
<b>March 23</b>	* Year 11 Sport & Rec- Mt Feathertop bushwalk
<b>March 28</b>	* Year 8-12 NEVR Music Camp-Beechworth



**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 1<sup>st</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!**

**Are you in year 9 or 10 and want to live and study overseas in 2018?  
Short ( 6 week) and long term (12 months) positions available.**

**Further information contact  
Bruce McIntyre: 0427 623 142  
[www.ryea.org.au](http://www.ryea.org.au)**

**Closing date: April 30th 2017  
(Applicants must turn 15 or 16 by 1st January 2018 to be eligible)**





## Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 13/03/17	Tuesday 14/03/17	Wednesday 15/03/17	Thursday 16/03/17	Friday 17/03/17
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>NO CARE</b>	<b>Activity:</b> Dress ups and cubbies <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, nachos, Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Cars and colouring <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, crumpets Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Chalk drawing and ball games <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, biscuits, spreads, Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Beading and 40/40 <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, dim sims, Milk & Juice
Monday 20/03/17	Tuesday 21/03/17	Wednesday 22/03/17	Thursday 23/03/17	Friday 24/03/17
<b>Activity:</b> Ball Tiggy <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, pancakes Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Painting <b>Afternoon Tea:</b> Fruit, jelly, Milk & Juice	<b>Activity:</b> Cooking sausage rolls <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, cereal, milk and juice	<b>Activity:</b> x-box and colouring <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, sausage rolls, milk and juice	<b>Activity:</b> Blocks and play doh <b>Afternoon tea:</b> Fruit, raison toast, milk and juice

## Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 13/03/17	Tuesday 14/03/17	Wednesday 15/03/17	Thursday 16/03/17	Friday 17/03/17
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>NO CARE</b>	<b>Activity</b> Chalk drawing & kinetic sand <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, biscuits & spreads, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Preparation for wraps. <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, cheese & ka- bana, milk & juice	<b>Activity</b> Outside sit ball & Duplo <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, salad wraps, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Playground & cubbies <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, toasted sandwiches, milk & juice
Monday 20/03/17	Tuesday 21/03/17	Wednesday 22/03/17	Thursday 23/03/17	Friday 24/03/17
<b>Activity</b> Hama Beads & si- lent sit ball <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, ice-cream cones, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Ipads & Playground tiggy <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, dip & vege sticks, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> Tennis & Uno <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, fresh sand- wiches, milk & juice.	<b>Activity</b> sandpit & soccer <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, biscuits & spreads, milk & juice	<b>Activity</b> Jock's playground & playdough <b>Afternoon Tea</b> Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.

**Vacation Care Program** – will be out this week. If you would like to be included in the groups emails to families, please email [hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au). Bookings will only be taken from families who are up to date with payments for previous care, unless prior arrangements for payment plans have been negotiated.

### Method of Payment

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. 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 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. Please obtain an Ezibedit form from the school of-

**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**



## Anglican Parish of Benalla Fete and Food Fair



Official opening at 10.00am.  
Holy Trinity Grounds  
77 Arundel St Benalla  
Saturday 18 March 2017  
8.30am - 12.00pm



Cakes & Biscuits	Jams & Sauces	Raffles
Music	Plants	BBQ
Children's Stall	Books	Bric-a-Brac

**Huge Sale**  
**Costume Jewellery**  
**100's of items**  
**available**

## FREE COME AND TRY DAY

**When:** Saturday 18 March, 2017  
**Where:** Churchill Reserve, Bond St, Benalla  
**Time:** 10am-1pm  
**FREE:** Sausage sizzle

Young people aged **5-19** can try a range of fun, enjoyable activities that are currently offered in Benalla.

**DANCE. NETBALL. CRICKET.  
BASKETBALL. FOOTBALL  
DRAMA. ARCHERY. GOLF  
SOCCER. HOCKEY**

Assistance with the cost of registration fees is available to families with pension and health care cards.

For more info call Kyra: 0447 159 928

**TOMORROW TODAY**



## Come & Try Hockey!

### FREE Come & Try Day

### Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

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

4 – 5pm	Juniors	5 – 12 years old
5 – 6pm	Youth	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 20<sup>th</sup> April

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