



Tuesday 16th May 2017

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Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

Debutante Ball

On Saturday night I attended the Benalla P-12 College Debutante Ball. What a fantastic experience it was for all our debutantes. They danced and laughed and entertained their family and friends throughout the evening with great confidence and flair. Congratulations to the following debutantes and their partners:

Naomi Saunders	Liam Mahon
Alexandra Robinson	James Davies
Ashlee McMaster	Shawn Pentreath
Jemma Kaine	Riley Johnson
Julia Trethowan	Rachel Mortlock
Remy Tonks	Braden Wann
Jessica Stocker	Brayden Wapling
Maddison Puttyfoot	Bailey Cameron
Courtney Walters	Jack McFadzean
Samantha Desailly	Darcy Glynn
Hayley Muldowney	Thomas McDonald
Kaitlyn Hocking	Zachary Cooke
Jordan Laird	Mitch Ryan
Molly Doidge	Charlie Berthun
Jessie Ryan	Bailey Hoskins
Kate O'Donoghue	Baily Macdonald
Priscilla Orchard	Lilian Rowland-Williams
Catherine O'Brien	Aden Macdonald
Mia Calder	Max Platfuss
Brittany Button	Andrew Harris
Kelsey Rigg	Sam Burrowes
Becky Webster	Michael Ryan
Gemma Spinks	Dylan Sinclair

I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank **Melinda Pentreath** for her outstanding organisation and planning to ensure it was a highly successful evening. Thank you to **Richard Hubbard**, the Master of Ceremony for the evening who added a personal touch to each student as they were presented. Also to **Bec Pell** for her support to Mel and the students. The evening was a great success.



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Whole School Walkathon – Thursday 18th May

Our whole school walkathon will be held this Thursday from 11:30pm to 1:00pm The Foundation to Year 4 students will walk 2 kilometres around the lake while the Years 5 to 11 students will walk 4 kilometres around the lake. The walkathon will conclude with a whole school BBQ and games in the gardens before the students return to school. **Please ensure your child has returned their permission note and all money must be handed in at each campus office on the morning of the walkathon. Parents are most welcome to join us on the walk.**



College Activities

Over the past week our students were involved in a range of extra-curricular activities designed to enhance their learning. These activities have included; all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 completed their NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. Our Year 10 students attended the Hands on Trade, Careers Expo on Monday 8th May at Winton Raceway, while the Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bushwalk was held on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May. The Years 7 to 12 Cross Country run was held on Friday 12th May and our College Deb Ball was a great success at the Lakeside Community Centre on Saturday 13th May.



Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS

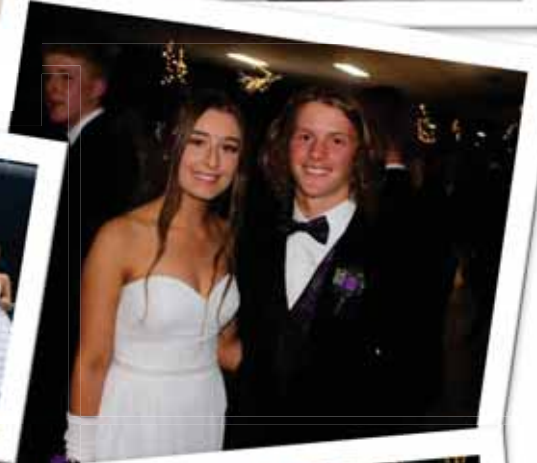


In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.

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BIG HEART PROJECT

On Wednesday 10 May, students from Avon St and Waller St participated in the Big Heart Project. All students and staff were asked to collect as many five cent pieces as possible and help form a massive heart shape on the netball courts at both campuses.

The proceeds of the Big Heart Project went towards the **Love Your Sister** organisation which is a non-profit organisation set up by actor Samuel Johnson (best known from "The Secret Life of Us") and his sister Connie, who has breast cancer. They have organised fundraising projects to raise money for cancer research and spread Connie's message of breast cancer awareness.

On Wednesday a massive heart was formed at Avon St and Waller St Campus and collectively the campuses raised over \$800 in 5 cent pieces.

There was a beautiful sense of community as all students participated and placed their 5 cent coins in the heart.

From this event, Australia wide, schools, community groups and businesses raised \$2.2 million for breast cancer research. To find out more please visit www.loveyoursister.org

Well done all students and staff what a tremendous effort!!



Students of the Week!

This weeks students of the week were:, Riley, Caitlin, Erin, Millie, Lachy & Taylah



Mothers Day at Avon

On Friday 12 May, students from Foundation to Year 4 were very excited to buy something special for a special lady in their life!! The Avon St Campus Parents Club had a lovely collection of gifts on offer for Mothers Day and it was brilliant to see how excited the students were to purchase something special.

The Mothers Day stall raised \$485.00 proceeds of which will go towards some improvements around the school. Once again thankyou to our wonderful parents for their continued support with setting up and organising the stall.

"It was wonderful to receive such beautiful gifts from the stall"
Abbye Turner

"The gifts I received from the Avon Street Mothers day stall were amazing"
Jaymie-Leigh Freeman



Golden shovel Awards



Congratulations Sharni, Murray, Hamish, Thomas, Lilly, Zoe Front Row: Holly, Toby, Cienna

Students of the Week



Back: Maddy, Sharni (collecting on behalf of 3/4 Milvain), Ayush, Darcey, Deakin, Carlissa, Maddison,

Mother's Day Stall



There was great excitement in the Multi-Purpose room at Waller Street Campus on Friday when students had a chance to go shopping for their Mums or Grandmas, favourite friends or aunties. A great deal of thought went into every purchase, with plenty of help and advice available from our Parents and Friends group who had put so much time and effort into preparing the special shop. This is not a fund raising effort, but

rather it's providing an opportunity for children to do their own secret shopping and we are all very grateful to our enthusiastic band of parents who happily give up their precious spare time to support our students. **THANKYOU!!!!**



Mrs Leary and Amanda are over the moon with the new sign that Natasha Young and her daughters Zara and Sophia so kindly made for the Waller Street campus. The beautiful sign has replaced an old, broken sign that was at the front of the Stephanie Alexander Garden. Thank you very much Tash, Zara and Sophia.

Thank you

Live4Life



On Wednesday the 19th of April, all Year 8's of Benalla P-12 College and FCJ joined together at the drill hall in Benalla for a Live4Life launch that lasted from 9am to 1:20pm. It was run by a few students at FCJ and Benalla P-12 College, presented by two Year 9 FCJ students and special guests included Don Firth, Jason Ball, Barbara O'Brien and apologies from Steph Ryan and Cathy McGowan. Live4Life is a group of adults and children that provide information and support around mental health, mental illness and personal health to prevent people from suicide and other physical problems. Jason Ball went to talk about his mental health and personal health about when he was younger about 15 or 16 that he was a Yarra Valley District Footballer that came out as gay and knowing that he shared something personal with a mate of his and was worried that everyone, including his family would judge him about his decisions and his homosexuality, he wanted to harm himself, but never did that, instead on May 3rd, 2014 the AFL and the Yarra Valley District Football Club decided to take pride for homosexuality by colouring the lines for the AFL grounds in a rainbow colour and the General Manager of AFL, Mark Evans would support it, his speech was super inspiring to all and it was unbelievable. In the afternoon, we did lots of activities like stretching with the 3 colourful gorillas named Happy Hannah, Confused Charlie and Sad Sylvester while One Direction was playing, then we did the huge piñata when two people were chosen to hit the piñata. One was a Benalla P-12 College student and the other was an FCJ student. Finally, we all went outside to the Benalla Botanical Gardens and had a sausage sizzle and played Bubble Soccer which is like soccer except you have to have an inflatable bubble so that if you get hit you do not have to worry about getting hurt. Then at 1:20pm, the students headed back to their schools. During the month of May, the Year 8 students will participate in three workshops at school for Live4Life. These will help us extend our knowledge about mental illnesses and health so that we can help our peers and friends if they need help. The dates for Live4Life are the 17th, 24th and 21st of May.

BY HAMISH NELSON AND SIENNA HERBERT



IDA HOT DAY

We all have the right to feel safe and included at school at home and in the community. May 17th marks **IDA HOT** – the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, one of the most important dates to mobilise communities to protect LGBT rights on an international scale.

At Benalla P-12 we celebrate diversity of all forms by accepting everyone in our school community for who they are.

We encourage our young people to be respectful towards themselves and to each other.

At Benalla P-12 college we celebrate IDA HOT day

Well being Team



**IT'S NOT OKAY
TO BE AWAY...
OR LATE TO SCHOOL**

Kids Thrive

Kids Thrive is a program where kids go into the community and help out with what they believe needs to be fixed in the community. It's something just for the Grade 6 students, and we are in charge of it.

In Kids Thrive you can do lots of fun things such as dancing, drawing and talking about what we learnt. We also check in and check out, to show we are ready to work.

We can do things such as pick up rubbish, help elderly people and make things using money from people in the community. We can even help animals.

First we have to talk about the community we are in, and we talked about philanthropy. Then we did a self profile so we can talk about who we know in our community and who we trust.

We got together and decided which group out of six we chose to value the most. Now we have to choose a project and talk to someone on the phone about it.

Our project has to be finished after six months. I think you should join the Kids Thrive community!

-Shayne Kaltsis



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club at Faithfull Campus offers yummy, steaming hot porridge each Friday morning. All Faithfull campus students are welcome to come to the Stadium kitchen for a delicious breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We have toasties, jaffles, cereal, fruit, toast, juice and chocolate milkshakes served by our wonderful community helpers and volunteer staff. A special thanks to Benalla Rotary and the Benalla Anglican Parish for their continued support.

Lou McCloskey
Student Wellbeing



Student Leadership Day

Pictured below are some of our Students Leadership Group (SLG) students working together.



Term 2 Tuesday 18th April-Friday 30th June

May 17	* Sayembara Lisan-Indonesian speech competition at Faithfull and Clarke street.
May 18	* Whole School Walkathon
May 19	* Year 3/4- Melbourne Excursion 7.00am-6.00pm * Year 9 Outdoor Education-Reef Hills
May 22-26	* PEEP Music Week * Library & Information Week
May 23	* BPACC Musical for Foundation Students- "We're going on a Bear Hunt" * Year 7-12 Round Robin 2
May 24	* Year 3/4- Melbourne Excursion 7.00am-6.00pm
May 25	* Year 3-6 District Cross Country-Arundel St Showground * Biggest Morning Tea-Faithfull St Campus * Year 7 first Concert Band-7pm-8.00pm
May 26	* Year 8 Outdoor Education-Reef Hills
May 29	* Year 10 Outdoor Education-Kooyoora Basecamp
May 31	* Years 7-12 Southern Ranges Cross Country

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Benalla P-12 Uniform Shop Faithfull Street Campus Sports Hall Open Days

- * 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)

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BENALLA &
MANSFIELD



JOIN THE BENALLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND BENALLA & MANSFIELD TOYOTA ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY TO CELEBRATE GRASSROOTS FOOTY IN OUR COMMUNITY!

FORMER AFL STAR CAMPBELL BROWN WILL BE THERE TO SIGN YOUR FOOTY, THE KIDS CAN PRACTICE THEIR HANDBALL SKILLS WITH AFL INFLATABLES AND EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE BBQ!

**WHERE: BENALLA SHOWGROUNDS
WHEN: 6.00-7.30PM WED 17 MAY 2017**