

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HIGH EXPECTATIONS INTEGRITY

Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

100 Days of Prep (Foundation)

Last Monday our Foundation students celebrated 100 days of being in year Prep. It was lots of fun as the students and teachers looked back over the year and celebrated what has been achieved since their first day at school back in February.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey opens today Monday 7th August. Parents are randomly selected by a DET computer program from our data base. For the first time, the randomly selected parents, will complete the survey online by being provided with a unique survey link to the portal. Parents have until 27th August to complete the survey in their own time. Parents who are randomly selected will be phoned and the survey link being emailed to them.



Homework

Over the weekend I read an article in one of the Sunday papers about the purpose and benefits of homework. In the article Dr Justin Coulson, "Happy Families" parenting expert states: 'There is really only one thing children should be doing in primary school: **reading, reading**. The Homework tips from his article are:

Prep – Keep it brief, only 10 to 15 minutes a night.

Years 1 to 3 – Make it interactive, study maths by cooking and measuring quantities

Years 4 to 6 – Use real world examples, teach the 6x tables counting AFL goals

Years 7 to 9 - Ditch digital entertainment, switch off music, social media and screen-based games

Years 10 to 12 – Quality not quantity, cap homework at 2 hours a night.

After reading this article I felt it was a good time to share the Benalla P-12 College Homework Policy. Please find it attached to this newsletter.

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, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises etc. 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.

Personal devices

I encourage parents to have your child's personal electronic devices, such as laptops, ipads etc that they bring to school for their learning, insured against damage or loss. There have been occasions when these have been damaged and it can be quite expensive to have these repaired as this is not the responsibility of the College.

College Activities

We had another busy week over the past week with our students participating in a range of extra-curricular activities. On Monday the Preps celebrated 100 days of Prep while the Year 9 students commenced their Mock Interviews. The Year 11 students participated in the Fit2drive program and the Barkly Campus held its Senior School Expo, while the Years 5 and 7 learning areas held their 2018 information evenings. The Hands On Learning students and the Years 5/6 students participated in tree painting at Winton Wetlands, the Jump Rope for Heart program was launched and the Year 11 students participated in the Live4Life program. The week concluded with all campuses participating in the Jeans for Genes Day to raise money for research into genetic defects & childhood diseases. We are very pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$659.26. A special thank you to all the students and staff who participated.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien

We are now taking 2018 PREP ENROLMENTS!

Do you or a friend have a younger child due to start school next year? Please contact our Avon or Waller Street Campus office to collect an Enrolment Form or book a School Tour.

Avon St Campus: 5762 1646 Waller St Campus: 5762 2600



Email: Benalla.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au Web: www.benallap-12college.vic.edu.au

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2017 Term 3 Dates: 17th July-22nd September

August 7	 Year 10 Keys Please Presentation Year 9 Mock Job Interviews
August 9	 Year 10 Careers Day VTAC Community Information Session-Theatrette Barkly St Campus 6.00-7.00pm
August 14	* Building Successful Futures-Information Evening-Avon St, Multi-Purpose Room 5.30-7.00pm
August 15	* Indonesian Independence Day Celebrations-Avon, Waller & Faithfull
August 16	* Hume Netball –Senior & Intermediate –Barr Reserve Wangaratta
August 21-25th	* Scholastic Book Fair- Avon, Waller & Faithfull St Libraries
August 22	* Forensic Excursion- Victoria Police Museum Melbourne
August 23	 * Community Reading Morning all campuses * Year 10 Outdoor Education Ski Trip – Mount Stirling
August 24	* Parent Teacher Interviews & VCE Career Counselling
August 25	 Parent Teacher Interviews & VCE Career Counselling Year 8 Outdoor Education –Reef Hills
August 28	* Respectful Relationships-Year 9



Everyday Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things are 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.



Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

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Years 5 to Year 9 General Excellence Scholarships 2018

Dear Families.

I am very pleased to announce that once again we offering General Excellence Scholarships to students entering Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in 2018.

Applications are now open for the Benalla P-12 College General Excellence Scholarships. The following scholarships are being offered:

- 2 x Year 4 Scholarships to the value of \$500:00 to students entering Year 5 in 2018
- 2 x Year 5 Scholarships to the value of \$600:00 to students entering Year 6 in 2018
- 2 x Year 6 Scholarships to the value of \$700:00 to students entering Year 7 in 2018
- 2 x Year 7 Scholarships to the value of \$800:00 to students entering Year 8 in 2018
- 2 x Year 8 Scholarships to the value of \$900:00 to students entering Year 9 in 2018

Students applying for these scholarships will be required to demonstrate strong academic outcomes, together with a capacity to excel in such areas as community service, leadership and participation in school life. Copies of the latest school reports and NAPLAN testing must also be included in the application.

Interested students must complete the Application Form attached to this letter and complete a written report describing what our College Values mean to them, how they will contribute positively to College Life and demonstrate their contribution to the wider to community. This must be attached to the application. Students will also be required to complete an academic assessment.

The dates to note are:

Application forms returned to the College by Friday 11th August.

Academic assessment to be held in the week commencing 14th August

Applicants will be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview in the week beginning 21st August.

The scholarship winners will be announced at the Whole School Assembly on Thursday 31st August.

I would like to encourage all students in Years 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 to apply for a scholarship in 2018.

If you require any further information please contact your child's Campus Principal.

Please find attached to this letter an Application Form which must be completed and returned to school by Friday 11th August.

Regards,

Barbara O'Brien

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Respect Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity







Benalla P-12 College Years 5,6,7,8 & 9 **Scholarships 2018**

Expression of Interest

Applicant's Family Name:			
Applicant's Given Names:			
Date of Birth:			
Gender:		Female / Male	
Current Year Level:			
Current School/Campus:			
Applicant's Signature:			
Name of Parent/Guardian:			
Address:			
Telephone Number/s:		(H)	
		(M)	
e-mail Address:			
Parent/ Guardian's Signature			
Date:			
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Writing from Year 3/4 -Bu Perry

The adorable hamster looked like it had a haircut from a hairdresser having a miserable day The crazy hamster looked like the craziest rock star in history

This hamster has turned into a fluff ball

He looks slightly guilty

He looks as if he was in the middle of a monster plan but got caught red handed.

By Amber Armstrong

APPLE

Look at this juicy apple. Aren't you thirsting for it, so you can you dig your teeth into it. With a beautiful crunch and then having its juice squirt around your mouth

By Brayden Quattrocchi



Students of the Week

Congratulations Dylan, Paige, Kazardi and Charlie

Parents & Friends Meeting 9.00am Please Note This Friday 11th Augu

Please join us this Friday for a cuppa and a chat to discuss any ideas you may have for upcoming events. Everyone is welcome, we hope to see you. Remember the more the merrier:)



100 Days of Foundation!



The students and families enjoyed watching the '100 things we love about school' video. Congratulations to the 'Champion for 100 Days' winners, Levi Crisp, Amelia Lowen, Nicholas Norrie and Sophie Young.

"This is the best day ever" - Aaliyah.

"I am so much smarter now" - Dayne.

"The best thing about 100 days of Prep was the cake!' - Geor-

Benalla P - 12 College preps are 100 days smarter! On Monday the 31st of July, the preps celebrated their 100th day of school. The Waller and Avon preps came together to celebrate this wonderful occasion. After being presented with a very special certificate, the students enjoyed having their photo taken, face painted and of course, some extra special birthday cake.









Congratulations to Sophia and Nicholas on being 'Champions for 100 days'



Well done Ibrahim, Bella, Zoe, Callum, Hailey, Maddex, Kai & Oliviah.

Congratulations Abbey, Desteny, Mackenzie Tamzin, Matilda, Charlie, Jet & Braiden

Voolworths Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it into any campus or drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, arts & crafts materials and much more! Thank you for your support and we look forward to a successful program.



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Year 5/6 Hands on Learning Winton Wetlands Excursion.

The students were part of the ongoing tree planting work that the Benalla P-12 College have been involved with out at the Winton Wetlands. The students worked with Lisa Farnsworth who is one of the scientists working on predator control and the plans for land use at the site. Students were asked what was the best part of the day and most replied that running around and discovering all the nature was fun. They saw eagles flying, kangaroos on the hop and plenty of dead trees that are now making a great

habitat for the many birds that live and visit the site every year.











National Tree Day Benalla P-12 College

A group of 21 Year 5/6 students worked hard to plant two new garden areas in the 5/6 grounds. The garden at the front of the school has been filled with colourful plants that will hopefully attract insects and contribute to the biodiversity of the school grounds. The other area was planted with Golden Wattle, Rough Wattle and Dianella. These are all local indigenous plants that should thrive and provide more habitat for birds and insects. The students all received a National Tree Day shirt for their efforts along with some gardening gloves provided by Benalla Toyota who support this day.













Year 11 Psychology 'Cognitive Development' Excursion

Late term two, the year 11 psychology class organised an excursion to visit the Avon st Campus in order to test the younger students' level of cognitive development. The psychology students had been learning about Piaget's theory in which he proposed cognitive abilities (such as thinking, reasoning, decision making etc.) occur in four distinct stages. The year 11's designed four activities to test these stages including making playdough, water tasks, using counters and picture cards to analyse grade 1/2 Goodman and 3/4 Weaire's



progress. They also had to organise informed consent forms to comply with ethical guidelines. All students had a wonderful afternoon and celebrated by reading funny books, colouring in and playing a game of basketball or tiggy. We'd like to thank Avon Campus and the

two classes involved for allowing us to support our learning in a hands on manner.









Community Reading Morning 2017





Wednesday 23rd August, 2017

To celebrate Book Week 2017 Benalla P-12 College will be holding school-based and local events to celebrate reading.

Foundation to Year 9 classes across the Avon, Waller and Faithfull campuses will be organising and advertising a variety of activities through our school newsletter, assemblies, noticeboards and classroom blogs.

So, stay tuned and be prepared to 'Escape to Everywhere' with our fantastic readers of all ages!













Concert rehearsals underway!

Yes, it's that time of year again. The Grade 5/6s are being put through their paces to produce another amazing concert performance. The date of the concert has not been finalised, so keep reading the newsletter for further details.

Our children have embraced the challenge and will surprise the audience with their maturity, confidence and talent.

This year's concert is quite different from previous concerts. It looks at how good it is to live in this place at this time, reflecting on how much has been given by others so that we can live in this wonderful place in peace.

At Benalla P-12 College we are very proud of the high expectations that we place upon our students and how they rise to a challenge. Every year they impress us with what they can do and this year will be no exception.

So keep watch for our concert in early Term 4. It promises to be a night to remember!







VTAC Community Information Evening Benalla



6pm Wednesday 9 August, 2017

Barkly St Theatrette, Benalla P-12 College 41-55 Barkly St, Benalla

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) will be holding an open community information session. The session will cover information about applying to Universities, TAFEs and Independent Tertiary Colleges within Victoria; as well as information about the ATAR, scaling, special consideration, scholarships and offers.

This event will be of particular relevance to students currently completing VCE who are considering their post-Year 12 study options and their parents, as well as anyone in the community considering further study as a mature age applicant. Students in Years 9-11 and their parents may also find the session helpful when choosing subjects for VCE.

Come along to find out everything you need to know about tertiary study in 2018!

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Benalla P-12College Competition 'Design a School Mascot'

The competition is open to all students of Benalla P-12 College. We are asking that you submit designs for a school mascot that is able to be used to promote the school's values of Respect, Responsibility, High Expectations and Integrity.

This mascot will be incorporated into our Matrices, put up around the school and will feature at sporting events and at assemblies.

The entries will be shortlisted and voted on by the School Council, Staff and Students.

Entries may be hand drawn or computer generated. One entry per student.

All entry's will earn 10 points per house, all shortlisted entries will earn 50 points per house. The winning entry will earn 150 points for their house. The winning entry will also win an art pack to the value of \$150-00.

The competition closes on Friday September 15th. Entries are to be submitted to the general office on your campus or emailed to halligan.kirsty.s@benallap-12college.vic.edu.au

*The winning entry may be reworked by a designer to make the mascot possible to use on documents and be made into a costume.





Benalla P-12 College will be on display at the

Benalla Library from the 14th -28th August.



In conjunction with Book Week and the theme 'Escape to Everywhere' we will be showcasing reading and all of the fantastic extra-curricular programs/activities that we offer at our college.

Look for the glass cabinet just inside the entrance and the red display board in the children's section for a display of photographs, student work and much more!

The Benalla Library opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Wednesday: Saturday: Sunday and Public Holidays:

9:30am to 6pm 12noon to 8pm 9am to 12noon Closed

If you would like further information please see Dee Carracher or Sharyn Stolz.





Benalla P-12 Uniform Shop

Faithfull Street Campus Sports Hall

Open Days

- 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

We are here to help. Call Judds Yarrawonga on 5744 1269 for any further details





TEACHING YOUNG AUSTRALIANS TO BE

mentally healthy



- Monday, 4th September
 7.00pm 9.00pm
- Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
- Registrations (free) at: https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nerpsa-10028539796

Proudly hosted by:







Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 7/8	Tuesday 8/8	Wednesday 9/8	Thursday 10/8	Friday 11/8
Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:
Playground & soc-	Dodgeball and	x-box & sandpit	Junior fort and con-	Ipads and skipping
cer	loombands		nected sand	Afternoon tea:
Afternoon tea:	Afternoon tea:	Afternoon tea:	Afternoon tea:	Fruit, dim sims
Fruit, cocktail	Fruit, toasted sand-	Fruit, noodles, milk	Fruit, kabana, cheese,	, milk and juice
franks, milk and	wiches, milk and	and juice	milk and juice	
juice	juice			
Monday 14/8	Tuesday 15/8	Wednesday 16/8	Thursday 17/8	Friday 18/8
Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:	Activity:
Skipping and play-	Reading and hide and	Totem tennis and craft	colouring and footy	Hamabeads and ipads
ground	seek	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:
Afternoon Tea:	Afternoon Tea:	Fruit, pancakes	Fruit, sandwiches	Fruit, noodles,
Fruit, biscuits, spreads,	Fruit, nachos, milk and	Milk & Juice	Milk and Juice	Milk & Juice
milk and juice	juice			

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 7/8	Tuesday 8/8	Wednesday 9/8	Thursday 10/8	Friday 11/8
Activity Football & board games Afternoon Tea Fruit, party pies, milk & juice.	Activity Xbox & colouring. Afternoon Tea Fruit, 2 minute noodles, milk & juice.	Activity Loombands & tennis. Afternoon Tea Fruit, pasta, milk & juice.	Activity Hama beads & Chalk drawing. Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Playdough & Jock's playground Afternoon Tea Fruit, mini hot dogs, milk & juice.
Monday 14/8	Tuesday 15/8	Wednesday 16/8	Thursday 17/8	Friday 18/8
Activity Board games & football Afternoon Tea Fruit, mini hotdogs. milk & juice.	Activity Bubbles & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, dry biscuits and spreads, milk & juice.	Activity Plasticine/play dough/ totem tennis Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Brain box & sandpit Afternoon Tea Fruit, spaghetti & toast, milk & juice.	Activity Hama beads & down ball Afternoon Tea Fruit, part pies, milk & juice.

AUTHORISATIONS: The Education and Care Services National Regulations include that written authorisations from parents or guardians are obtained in the OSHCS enrolment form for all children who attend the service.

These include authorisations for the following:

To consent to the medical treatment of the child from a registered medical practitioner, hospital or ambulance service; transportation of the child by an ambulance service;

To take the child on routine outings and excursions

To collect the child from the service

To consent to the administration of medication

We have recently modified one page of the enrolment form and we will distributing this to all families who use the service, to collect up to date information regarding authorisations for their child/children. We request that families complete this page and return back to Avon or Waller After School Care.

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





Are you currently unemployed, returning to work or considering further education?

Getting There is an engaging and supportive learning program that helps you gain the confidence and skills to apply for and gain employment, or go on to further education.

Courses starting soon in Wangaratta, Benalla and Seymour.

9am to 5pm, two days per week for 26 weeks. 15 face to face hours per week and 10 non-contact hours per week. This course is undertaken through (22237VIC) Certificate II in General Education for Adults which is an accredited language, literacy and numeracy program.

Contact Tanya at *The Centre* on 5721 0221 or tanya.mcerlain@thecentre.vic.edu.au for more information www.thecentre.vic.edu.au





Rock and Water Program

for women and girls

The goals of the program are:

- •To teach basic self defense skills
- •To become aware of emotions and reaction patterns
- •To experience body strength and learn to trust your own strength
- •To increase self confidence
- •To use mental strength and positive self talk

When: Every Wednesday from 5pm starting 19th

July—13th September 2017

Where: Waminda Community House shed,

19 Ballintine Street

What to wear: Loose, comfortable clothes

How much: FREE, only your time!

More information: Benalla Community Health Service

ph-5761 4500

Benalla Community Health Service Benalla "Boob Bus"

Your next Boob Bus to Breast Screen is scheduled for

Wednesday 30th August Leaving Benalla Community Care Coster St. Benalla at 12.10 pm

Travel to Shepparton for your Mammogram.
Bring lunch with you, or have it early, then share afternoon tea, and more support than a bra can offer. Arrive back around 5.00 pm

Cost:

Your time, and money for refreshments!!!

Bookings:

Please Book by **Wednesday 16th August**Call Benalla Community Health Service on
5761 4500

Supported by BreastScreen, and Benalla Community Health Service



Policy: Homework Policy

School: Benalla P-12 College

Section: Students 3.11

Version: Three

Homework Policy

Agreed Understandings

Homework helps students by fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, complementing and reinforcing classroom learning and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning. Homework is another opportunity for parents and caregivers to participate in their child's education. Parents and caregivers, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework patterns and time management skills from early primary school to,

- Allow for practising, extending, consolidating and summarising work done in the classroom.
- Assist in the development of self-discipline, organisational skills and a strong work ethic.
- Provide an opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education.
- Encourage personal responsibility and develop self-motivation in the learning process.
- Establish good homework patterns from early childhood.
- Allow for extension or challenging tasks for students' engagement.

Implementation:

Homework should:

- Relate to what is being taught in the classroom.
- Be appropriate to the skill level of the students.
- Be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open ended to allow for creativity.
- Be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the school curriculum.
- Be assessed. This can be done in a variety of ways such as marked by the teacher, peer/self-assessment, orally and by testing.
- 1 The purpose of the homework and how it will be assessed must be made clear to the students. Homework must not be used as a disciplinary measure.
 - A variety of tasks can be set such as questions, research, extended writing, past exam papers and revision. Other types of homework may include

Reading to your child, with your child and allowing your child to read independently.

Discussing and questioning your child's reading material with them to develop comprehension.

Projects based around the unit of work for the term.

Home related support, consolidation and extension available through classroom blogs, wikis and appropriate websites.

Completing set tasks.

Consolidating mathematical knowledge (eg. learning times tables)

Summarising class work to consolidate learning.

2. Teachers will communicate homework expectations to parents at the beginning of the year via class, and/or school newsletters.

 Staff and parents/caregivers will work together to assist students to develop responsibility for their homework as they progress from Early Years through to the Middle Years and Senior Years.

Letters will be sent home to families of students in Years 7 to 12 when there are tasks overdue. Parents can gain copies of task instructions on request.

Basis for discretion:

The basis for discretion lies with the Principal as an operational matter.

Date ratified by Benalla P-12 College Council: 27 March, 2017

Recommended date for review: March, 2019

Date Implemented:	February, 2014
Reviewed and Amended Version One	February, 2015
Reviewed and Amended Version Two	March, 2017