



Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

This year we are combining the Parent/Teacher Interviews for the Years 9, 10 & 11 students with Course Counselling. It is therefore important that all students in these year levels and their parents attend these interviews to ensure they have accurate information when choosing their subjects for 2018.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews provide an important time when families can speak to their child's teacher to discuss academic progress and social emotional development. We value family members' knowledge about their children and this meeting can help us to learn more about each child and how we can support them in their school life. **Your child is required to attend the Parent/Teacher interviews to be part of the discussion about their learning with you and their teacher.**

Parent / Teacher interviews this term will be held on the following dates for all campuses.

Thursday 24th August – 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday 25th August – 9:00am to 2:00pm

- Years 7 to 12 (Faithfull St Campus)
- Years Prep to 4 interviews will be held at your child's campus, either Avon St or Waller St.
- Years 5 & 6 interviews will be held in their learning area on Clarke St

Interview times are to be booked through the online booking system which is available to all parents. To book go to the Benalla P-12 College Parent Portal <https://portal.benallap-12college.vic.edu.au/portal/login> bookings are now open. Full instructions on booking are being sent home with your child, however, if you are experiencing difficulties please contact your child's campus.

Parents/guardians who are unable to make a booking electronically will be able to arrange an interview time with your child's teacher.



We look forward to seeing all parents and students at the interviews. Students are not required at school on Friday 25th August.

Parent Opinion Survey

A number of parents have been 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 with the survey link being emailed to them. **We value your opinion so if you are invited to participate in the survey, please take the time to complete this.**

Safe Schools Coalition

Our College is a member of the Safe Schools Coalition. Recently there has been some extremely **inaccurate** and **radical** information posted on Facebook about schools that are members of this coalition. This information does not represent anything we teach at Benalla P-12 College. I would like to stress to our school community that as a member of the Safe Schools Coalition our school is focusing on promoting **Inclusion, Diversity and Respect** for all students and staff and these are the key goals of the coalition. We **do not** engage in teaching our students inappropriate behaviours that do not uphold the values of our College. If parents have any concerns please speak with Di Grech, the school nurse who is based on the Faithfull St Campus.

College Activities

Our students once again participated in a range of activities over the past week. The Year 11 students participated in their second session of the Live4Life program. The Year 9 students dressed in their finest attire to attend their Mock Interviews, while the Year 10 students attended their Careers Day which commenced their counselling to help select the subjects they will require for their future pathways.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Regards,

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal



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


Avon St Campus
(Prep-Yr 4)
Ph: (03) 5762 1646
Fax: (03) 5762 2740
Attendance Hotline
5762 1646

Waller St Campus
(Prep-Yr 4)
Ph: (03) 5762 2600
Fax: (03) 5762 3863
Attendance Hotline
5762 2600

Faithfull St Campus
(Yr 5-9)
Ph: (03) 5761 2777
Fax: (03) 5762 4076
Attendance Hotline
5761 2747

Barkly St Campus
(Yr 10-12)
Ph: (03) 5761 2888
Fax: (03) 5762 5276
Attendance Hotline
5761 2810

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

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 17	* Mid Year Bands Concert –Faithfull Street PAC 7.30pm
August 21-25th	* Scholastic Book Fair– Avon, Waller & Faithfull St Libraries
August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Avon Street Book Character Parade-9.00am-All welcome * Community Reading Morning all campuses * Year 10 Outdoor Education Ski Trip –Mount Stirling
August 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Parent Teacher Interviews & VCE Career Counselling <p>PUPIL FREE DAY</p> 
August 28	* Respectful Relationships-Year 9
August 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Victorian School Music Fest Performance-Hawthorn * Year 9 Outdoor Education- Reef Hills
August 31st	* Whole School Assembly-Clarke Street Gymnasium 11.30am

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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.

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**.

2, 4, 6, 8
Come to School
Don't be late
because
EVERY DAY COUNTS



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
education.vic.gov.au

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COMMUNITY

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development



every day counts 

Community Reading Morning 2017



F-9 Reading Events

Year Level	Campus	Event	Date	Time
Foundation	Waller	Reading Activities -Students will invite their families in to enjoy a variety of reading activities	Wednesday 23 rd August	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Year 1 Year 2	Waller	Peer Reading -share a book about their favourite animal <u>OR</u> -share an information report they have written in class	Wednesday 23 rd August	Morning
Foundation Year 1 Year 2 3/4	Avon	Buddy Reading -F-4 students and their special guests will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room to read favourite books and reports they have written in class <i>*This event will immediately follow the Book Parade being held at 9:00a.m.</i>	Wednesday 23 rd August	9:30-10:00 a.m.
3/4	Avon	Buddy Reading -with Foundation students	Tuesday 22 nd August	9:00 a.m.
3/4	Waller	Booknic -Students will be sharing recess and their favourite books with their 3/4 peers and special guests	Wednesday 23 rd August	Morning
5/6	5/6 Hub	Poetry Reading -students will be reading their poetry to kinder visitors	Tuesday 22 nd August	Afternoon
Year 7	Faithfull	Multi-age Reading Activities -Students will be sharing their favourite stories/work with a group of Year 8 students.	Tuesday 22 nd August	Morning
Year 8	Faithfull	Multi-age Reading Activities -A group of Year 8 students will be visiting Year 7 classes and sharing their self-written stories or poems.	Tuesday 22 nd August	Morning
Year 9	Year 9 Centre	Reading Workshops -Students will be reading a novel of their choice with a group and participating in group discussions.	Tuesday 22 nd August Wednesday 23 rd August	11:40 a.m.

Spicing up our writing from Year 3/4 -Bu Perry

The fierce, scary tiger warned us to stay away from her cute and cuddly tiger cubs
She snapped and snarled with her long sword-like curved fangs
The fur of the tiger has alternating stripes of yellow, black and white that helps to hide them from their prey
Tigers – fourth on the ladder and preparing for the Grand Final –
EAT 'EM ALIVE!

By Bapak Marcus

Tigers are carnivores.
Tigers are fierce and powerful
Tigers can pounce, kill and scare
Tigers have razor blade sharp teeth and claws
Tigers can sense and smell prey from miles away
Tigers molt their hair every few years
Tigers can leap and pounce to about 12 meters
Tigers have very tough, long and straight whiskers

By Paige Simpson

Snow Husky
Its fur felt like the leaves of a tree
And its magnificent colour was like the luxurious snow

By Jordan Higgins



Congratulations Zarenna, Kye, Damon, Sebastian, Jackson, Alex, Jack and Izzi

Avon Street Book Parade Wednesday 23rd August 9.00am

Students and teachers are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Wednesday. Family and friends are welcome to join us.



Parents & Friends Fathers Day Stall Friday 1st September

A wide range of gifts will be available for students to purchase for that special person in their lives. Gifts will range from \$2-5.00

Any parents that can assist on the day please let Karen know.



AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPES

In art, we made a landscape of different parts of Australia, We had tissue paper and water. We brushed the water onto the paper and then put any colour of tissue paper we wanted on top. We brushed the water onto the stuck down tissue paper. After a few days, or a week, we carefully pulled the tissue paper off and then put the extra bits into the bin. After that we went over the line again with a black text then wallah....you have yourself a landscape that looks like its sketched.

I did a hill on each side with a sun in the middle.

By Paige Simpson



Congratulations to our above students of the week. Teliha, Larni, Hunter, Mitchell, Ruby, Peyton, Ryley, Mia & Maddy

Pictured right is Ochre who has won this weeks Random Act of kindness award. Thank you for offering to help feed the birds while Mr Ritchie is away.

Golden Shovel Awards



Well done to our above Golden Shovel award winners. Robert, Alexia, Oscar & Luke

Australia



This term, the 3/4 hub has been full of excited students learning all about Australia. We brainstormed all the things we already knew about Australia and then thought about what we wanted to know more about. In the past few weeks we have looked at the country we live in and identified the states and territories that are in Australia. We have also explored where Australia is on the globe and were very excited to look at the different climate zones across Australia. This week we researched the Australian flag and what each of the elements (the Union Jack, the commonwealth star and the southern cross) represent. We are all looking forward to learning even more about Australia.



5/6 News



Year 4 to 5 Transition information session for parents and students at Benalla P-12 College 5/6 Hub

On 2/8/2017 approximately 50 parents, students and staff attended the Year 4 to 5 transition information evening at the 5/6 Hub. Current students Sarah Neilson, Isabelle Martin, William Norrie, Kayla Devlin, Ella Willett and Patrick Neilson presented information on Camps, Excursions, Rotary, Music, Indonesian, iPads, Sport, Blue Earth, Swimming, Kids Thrive, Canteen, Cooking, Art, PE and where to play as a 5/6 student. Maison Ring created a short movie on his iPad to show all the fantastic opportunities available to our 5/6 students here in the Hub. Transition will begin early Term 4, 2017 and parents and students will be kept informed of this process.

On Tuesday we had jump rope for heart. It is about raising money for heart disease. You can skip and donate money to help people with heart disease. You can win prizes like a toy penguin, a bike and a air hockey table if you raise enough money.

Campbell Drury 5/6 E



There once was a lad named Binno.
Whose team one 3 in a row.
His team was hawks,
Also known as dorks.
He likes to go to places that glow.

Montell MacFarlane 5/6B



Pictured right are this weeks students of the week!
Congratulations Meyia, Dontae, Liam, Patrick and Dylan

The Victorian Premiers Visit

On Friday 2 students from grade 5 were lucky enough to be able to meet the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews. These students, Kaylah Devlin and John Burke were able to ask him questions about his job as the Premier. After meeting Mr Andrews, they were lucky enough to join him for a delicious morning tea.



5/6 Poetry

This is my pet pig.
He has a mighty wig.
He plays in the mud.
With his best bud.
Then he chewed on his twig.
Bailey Ashlin 5/6E



Student of the Week





THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO YOUR CAMPUS LIBRARY!

TIMES:

Waller Library:

Monday 21st August 2.30PM-4.30PM
Tuesday 22nd August 2.30PM-4.30PM
Thursday 24th August 4.00PM-7.00PM

Avon Library:

Wednesday 23rd August 2.30PM-4.30PM
Thursday 24th August 4.00PM-7.00P

Faithfull Library:

Monday 21st August 2.30PM - 4.30PM
Wednesday 23rd August 2.30PM-4.30PM
Thursday 24th August 4.00PM- 7.00PM

SALES ARE CASH ONLY -

NOVELTY ITEMS
& BOOKS FROM \$1
WACKY PACKS \$6
(BOOK & 2+
NOVELTY ITEMS)
A RANGE OF
BOOKS FROM \$5-\$20

Happy Book Shopping
Mrs Fraser



BOOK WEEK IS COMING!!
ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE
CBCA BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017
August 19 – 26

The theme for Book Week this year is *"Escape to Everywhere"* and going by the photos we have received from students, we sure like to *"Escape to Everywhere"* to read!!



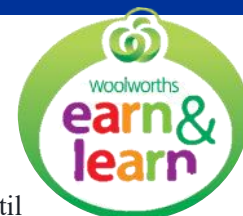
Benalla P-12 Mid Year Bands Concert 2017



Thursday 17th August, 7.30pm Faithfull Campus PAC

Everyone is invited to the most amazing concert of bands and soloist from Year 7 to Year 12 in the biggest Mid Year Bands Concert in years this coming Thursday night. You can expect a visit from "The Doctor (Who?)" a cheeky little spook, Sir Duke and more. Our concert begins at 7.30pm sharp.

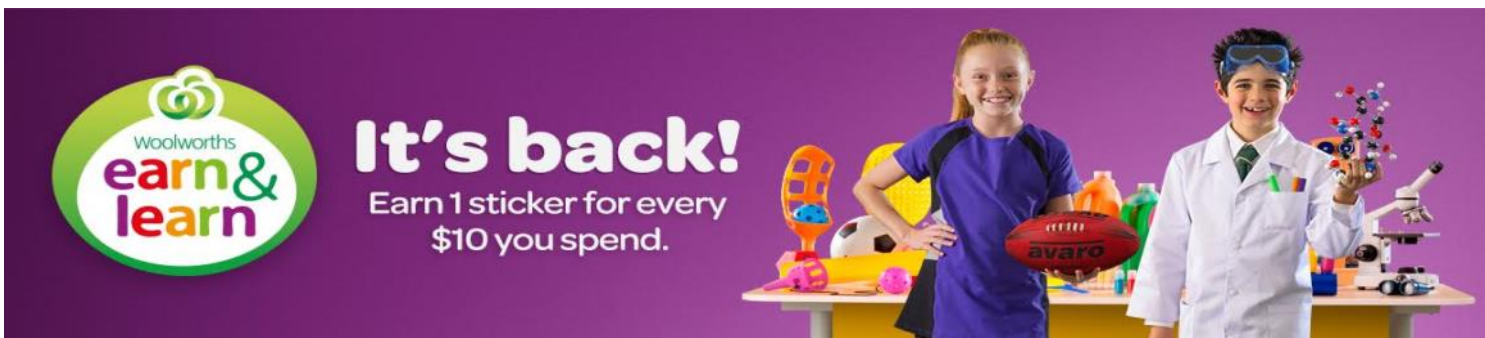




Woolworths Earn & Learn

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.



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!



Have you considered a: Traineeship in Outdoor Recreation (Certificate 4)

Outdoor School is a residential outdoor school run by the Department of Education. We have 2 campuses, 15 Mile Creek and Bogong. The 15 Mile Creek campus is located at Greta South and provides Outdoor Education Programs for students from Prep to year 12. The Bogong Campus is located at Bogong Village and provides Outdoor Education programs primarily to secondary school students. The Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation is a 12 month course and students will gain knowledge in all aspects of the activities offered. Develop skills in

- Climbing
- Canoeing
- Rafting
- Bushwalking
- Mountain Biking
- Orienteering
- Skiing

Students will also be required to attend TAFE based training at a range of locations in Victoria.



If you are interested in applying for a position could you please send the following:

1. Current resume highlighting experience relevant to the Certificate IV Outdoor Rec position.
2. List of 3 referees with their contact details. At least one of these referees should refer to a personal context and one a professional context.
3. A succinct one page document outlining what it is that you hope to achieve whilst at Outdoor School and how you intend to use your experiences into the future.
4. Campus preference, if you have any.

Applications Open August 7th and CLOSE August 25th at 5pm.
Please email applications to evans.rhys.o@edumail.vic.gov.au

For more information, to register your interest or organise a tour of our facilities please contact Rhys Evans (Campus Principal – 15 Mile Creek) on 57666247 or

'Educating for Sustainable Living'

Benalla P-12 College 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:	9:30am to 6pm
Wednesday:	12noon to 8pm
Saturday:	9am to 12noon
Sunday and Public Holidays:	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

Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 14/8	Tuesday 15/8	Wednesday 16/8	Thursday 17/8	Friday 18/8
Activity: Skipping and play-ground Afternoon Tea: Fruit, biscuits, spreads, milk & juice	Activity: Reading and hide and seek Afternoon Tea: Fruit, nachos, milk & juice	Activity: Totem tennis and craft Afternoon Tea: Fruit, pancakes Milk & Juice	Activity: colouring and footy Afternoon Tea: Fruit, sandwiches Milk & Juice	Activity: Hamabeads and Ipads Afternoon Tea: Fruit, noodles, Milk & Juice
Monday 21/8	Tuesday 22/8	Wednesday 23/8	Thursday 24/8	Friday 25/8
Activity: x-box and drawing Afternoon Tea: Fruit, toast Milk & Juice	Activity: Lego and game boards Afternoon Tea: Fruit, spaghetti Milk & Juice	Activity: Movie Afternoon Tea: Fruit, muffins Milk & Juice	Activity: Playground and soccer Afternoon Tea: Fruit, party pies, Milk & Juice	Activity: 'fruit salad' Afternoon Tea: Fruit, fairy bread Milk & Juice

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

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 & 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.
Monday 21/8	Tuesday 22/8	Wednesday 23/8	Thursday 24/8	Friday 25/8
Activity Board Games & hula hoops. Afternoon Tea Fruit, Wedges, milk & juice	Activity Oil pastel drawings & sandpit. Afternoon Tea Fruit, dry biscuits & spreads, milk & juice	Activity Bubbles & skipping. Afternoon Tea Fruit, nachos milk & juice	Activity Card games & soccer. Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice	Activity Totem Tennis & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, pasta, milk & juice

OSHCS Fees Policy – Approved by school council

The following is an extract from the current OSHCS fees policy. If you are using the program, please ensure that you are familiar with your payment obligations to the school.

Payment of Accounts

Fees will be invoiced to families at the end of each month. Payment of the account needs to be made within 30 days. If the invoice is not paid by the end of the term, then the Approved Provider has the right to withdraw any further care for the child until the account is paid. Families who have not paid for Vacation Care, will not be able to submit a request for care for the following Vacation period, until the outstanding invoice is fully paid.

If parents/guardians are experiencing financial hardship, they should contact the Campus Principal or representative, to discuss payment options and negotiate if any further care can be provided.



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



Family information sessions

Delivering the NDIS in your community

As the Early Childhood Partner of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Merri Health is hosting NDIS Information Sessions for families and carers of children aged 0 – 6 years.

These sessions will be covering;

- What the National Disability Insurance Scheme,
- What is the ECEI approach and what it means to your family,
- Who the Merri Health Early Childhood, Early Intervention team are and
- Merri Health's role in supporting families and children under this model.

Our team of experienced early childhood specialists will be on hand to answer all your questions.

Additional childcare support can also be provided if required. Please let us know when you RSVP so we can ensure this is available.

RSVP Phone: 1300 OMKIDS (665 437)

Email: ecei@merrihealth.org.au



TEACHING YOUNG AUSTRALIANS TO BE
mentally healthy

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

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

Proudly hosted by :



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Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 15 August	10am – 12pm	MACE
	2pm – 4pm	145 High Street, MANSFIELD
Wednesday 16 August	10am – 12pm	Lakeside Community Centre
	2pm – 4pm	Arundal Street, BENALLA
Monday 21 August	10am – 12pm	Corryong Uniting Church
	2pm – 4pm	Cnr Wheeler & Donaldson, CORRYONG
Thursday 24 August	10am – 12pm	The Cube
	2pm – 4pm	118 Hovell Street, WODONGA
	5pm – 7pm	118 Hovell Street, WODONGA

Benalla Community Health Service

Benalla "Boob Bus"
HEALTH



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

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