



Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

End of Year Band Concert

Last Thursday evening I attended the End of Year Band Concert, it was brilliant! The performances by each band was outstanding and it was very obvious that all students were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Congratulations to Barry Roberts, Bryce McMurray, Rolf Koren and David Roe who have coached and guided these students to perform at such a high standard. It is wonderful to see our students performing for their parents and friends and having so much success.



My New Appointment

It is with very mixed emotions that I am informing you I will be leaving Benalla P-12 College at the end of this year to take up a new executive principal appointment in the Goulburn Area. This has been a very difficult decision to make as my time here has been full of many rewarding and satisfying moments that I will always value. I have a real sadness about leaving, but I believe it is time to hand the baton onto someone else. The Region will be working with me to appoint an Acting Principal for Term 1, 2018 and during this time the position will be advertised on Recruitment Online to appoint a substantive principal to commence in Term 2, 2018.



White Ribbon Day March

This Thursday 23rd November all students in Years 5 to 11 will participate in the White Ribbon Day March. This year, the march will proceed down Bridge St from Carrier St before crossing the bridge. All participants will depart from the intersection of Carrier St & Fawcner Dve, leaving at 11:15am

Everyone is welcome to attend

Be part of history as Benalla says "No to Violence"

Student Enrolments for 2018

We are currently planning for 2018. This involves allocating staff to grades and subjects. If you know of any families considering enrolling their child/children in our college next year please inform them that we are now taking enrolments in all year levels.

Report Writing Day

Wednesday 29th November is a Report Writing Day. **Students are not required at school.**

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal.



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Term 4 Dates: 9th October-22nd December

November 20	* Year 10/11 Exams commence `
November 21	* Year 8 OED canoeing –Benalla Lake
November 22	* Year 9 Transition visit to Barkly campus * Uniform shop Open Prep Intake –Faithfull St Campus
November 23	* White Ribbon March * Rotary Young Achievers Awards
November 24	* Kinder transition 9.00-11.00am * Year 9 Lawn bowls excursion * Year 9 Formal-Lakeside Community Centre
November 28	* Year 9 OED canoeing –Benalla Lake
November 29	* Report Writing-Pupil Free Day
December 1	* Kinder transition 9.00-11.00am * Faithfull Street whole Campus Assembly



PLEASE NOTE

Dear parents/ guardians,

We would like to ask for your co-operation in this important matter.



One of the students at Benalla P-12 College Faithfull Street campus is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox, measles or other infections as their immune system is low. The risk for this student can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming into contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore, that you notify us immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles, so that the student at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for only a few weeks, and must be repeated every time the student comes into contact with these illnesses. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of their classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

Please call and notify the office staff of any illnesses your child has as soon as possible on (03) 5761 2777.

With many thanks,
Benalla P-12 College

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE SCHOOL DRESSES

To avoid disappointment we invite students to try-on and pre-order school dresses for 2018. We do our best to estimate the stock required but unfortunately we do run out of sizes from time to time and delays do occur. To guarantee delivery before Term 1 2018 you must place your order with the staff at the Judds Yarrowonga store no later than December 9th 2017. No financial outlay is required at the time of ordering. Please don't hesitate to contact the staff at Judds Yarrowonga Mensland on 57441269 if you require any further details and like their Facebook page to keep up to date with uniform information. The last uniform shop open day, located at the Faithfull Street Campus, will be Wednesday 22nd November from 10am - 5pm. All students attending in 2018 are welcome to come along and place orders.

Dates to Remember

Uniform Shop Dates for 2018

Tuesday 23rd January
Wednesday 24th January
Thursday 25th January
Monday 29th January
10am -3pm daily
Wednesday 31 January (first day Term 1) 8.30am - 11.30am

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



Masterchefs

This week our students from Avon St showed their cutting prowess and excellent cooking skills in the kitchen. They made delicious 'bala-bala,' Indonesian fritters with a delicious sweet chilli sauce. Thank you to our lovely parents, Bu Carolynne, Bu Tanya, Bu Lee and Bu Sarah for always making our kitchen run so smoothly and a happy place to be.



AVON STREET CAMPUS SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders & LOOP orders are
due in by
Thursday 30th November
by 9.00am.



Avon St parents please note LOOP (Linked online ordering & payment platform) orders are now available for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. 3 easy steps can be found on the back page of the Book Club catalogue.

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

Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.



I would like to be a policeman because it is as fun as it can be. It is good. It is fantastic in a police car, I like them because they catch baddies. Mark gave me a police award for being in the police parade.

By Jack



Congratulations Daisy, Zac, Leila, Harry, Sebastian and Georgia



Ray White Award



Pictured above is Brandon who was this months Ray White winner.

Golden Shovel



Congratulations Sam, Ayden, Emily, Larni, Ochre, Max, Thomas, Teliha, Max, Thomas, Teliha



Students of the Week



This weeks students of the week were Jayden, Jakayla, Eloise, Zara, Sharni, Arli, Paige, Tallulah & Elizabeth

Finger Pointing Under Words When Reading

It is important that early readers finger point under the words, to match what is read aloud with the printed words on the page.

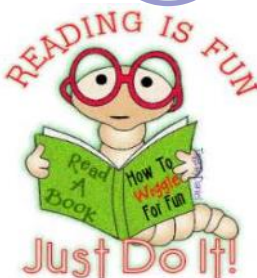
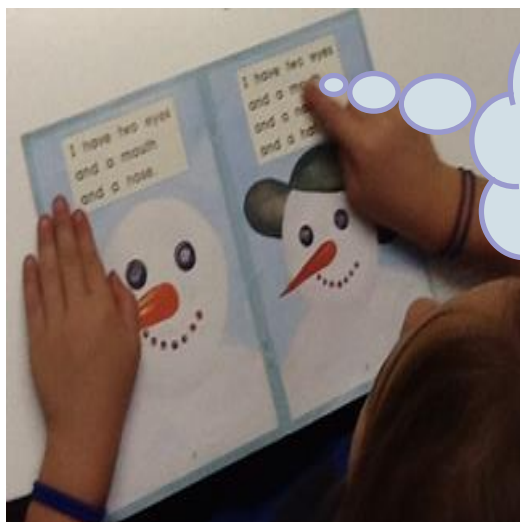
The finger pointing acts as a check for accuracy.

Eventually, the finger pointing will decrease, as the child is able to follow the text with his or her eyes. A child may return to finger pointing when a word is tricky or when the text is difficult. The child will then use learnt strategies to solve a new word or reread to self-check what has been read.

My hands have jobs when I read.

If I write with my **right** hand-
My **right** hand points under the word as I read it.
My **left** hand holds the book flat on the table so it doesn't move.

If I write with my **left** hand, my hands have different jobs when I read.
My **left** hand points under the word as I read it.
My **right** hand holds the book flat on the table so it doesn't move.



5/6 News

The grade 5/6 students have been working on measurement this term. Their final assessment was to find all the ways they could measure an orange. 5/6 have had a great 2 lessons measuring the volume of juice, capacity, diameter, radius and number of pips in their orange. Grace had the heaviest orange, weighing a whopping 280 grams! The students were disappointed when their oranges didn't have any pips however they were very impressed when Rachael's orange had an amazing 8 pips!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Week 5 Students of the week. Pictured left are Riley, Maddy, Taylor, Chloe, Charlie-Rose, Chenel and Zoe.

Don't let anyone feel left out....



In Years 7-10, students miss on average almost **a week every term** - that's **four weeks** of school per year.

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



VICTORIA
AS A LEARNING
COMMUNITY

Arcade Artist in Residence!

Over the last few weeks, some of our lucky Grade 5/6 kids worked with an artist named Jens Altheimer. You can see his work on YouTube – he makes amazing constructions with school kids around Australia. He also performed a show called Squaring the Wheel at BPACC last year.

The kids created spectacular arcade-type games from cardboard, recycled machines, paint and other things. Their creations were then taken to the Benalla Festival. They had an absolute ball and gave a snapshot of their experience below:

Georgie- to have this amazing opportunity to work with amazing artisans, has opened my creative spirit.

Isabelle- In this wonderful project, I got to participate in the Benalla Festival!

Meiya- It was amazing to work with Jens and learn new skills.

Kyle- It was awesome learning how to create scientific, technical art things.

Maddison- I learned how to co-operate with other students.

Liam- By participating in this program, it's given me an opportunity to work co-operatively with Student Leadership.

Bailey- This program has helped me socialise with others.

Ashton- Learning was a fun, exciting experience.

Sarah- It has been a privilege to work with everyone- students, teachers, artists and community groups, to make recyclable games.

Kayla- This arts program has helped me improve my team building skills. Thanks.

Patrick- I've loved this awesome project and have learned some new skills.

Yanru- Thanks to Jens, I have learned more about electricity.

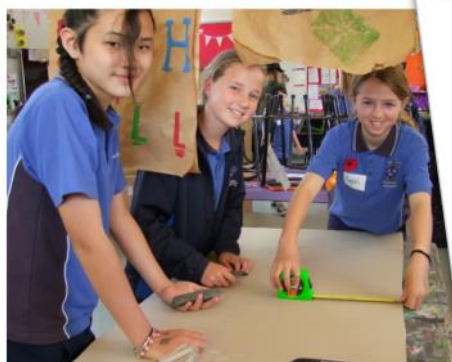
William Norrie- I learnt how to be more creative with recyclable material.

Harley B- How technology works more, really cool stuff to work with.

Maddy- it was fun to make batteries and great working with Jens because I learnt a lot. Teamwork.

Ella- It was really beneficial to work with a different group of kids. Learning how to use batteries.

Shayla- This program was challenging but very fun to work with other people.

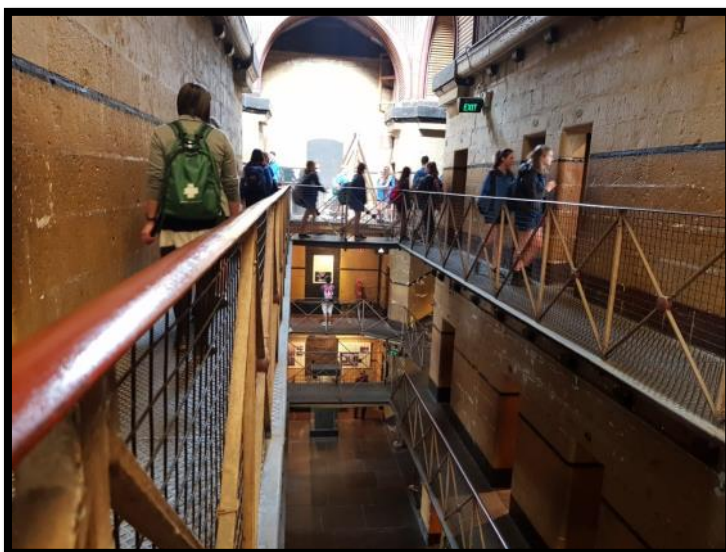


Year 9 ArtsConnect9 Excursion

In order to enhance students' understanding of what they learnt in Advisory about Australian History and Ned Kelly, the Year 9 students were taken to Melbourne for the ArtsConnect9 'The Kelly Gang Experience' excursion on the 10th of November, 2017.

Students toured the Old Melbourne Gaol and participated in 'Court Room Drama, 'The Crown Vs Ned Kelly'. They became active participants by re-enacting an authentic trial taking the roles of: prosecutor, defence counsel, judge, offender, jury, witnesses and even vocal public gallery members. Overall, it was an engaging and interesting day full of a variety of activities.

Ms Sangeeta Vashishta
Year 9 Coordinator, Advisory Leader



On Thursday the 9th of November twelve Year 9 students assisted the Benalla Festival working with the Benalla Men's shed to design, create and install the Musk Duck for the Benalla Festival Parade.

Kids created cane hoops, cardboard feathers that were then paper mache and the sculpture came alive.

On Saturday the Musk duck was then paraded down the street and went on to win the Festival Float award for best presented. It was then lit up for the fireworks display later that night.

The kids did a great job and were really engaged in this project.



Benalla Festival

Benalla P-12 students who attended the parade last Saturday were all so enthusiastic as they sang the Last Anzac song, and The Shine song. Thank you to the staff who attended to make the day such a success. Bu Perry, Bu Hartridge, Pak Steve, Ms Foy, Mrs Gregg and Mrs Brown. What a wonderful representation from our school.



Symphonic Band Plays Benalla Festival

In the biggest performance of our year, our Symphonic Band with students from Year 7 to Year 12 performed for thousands of people at the Benalla Festival on Saturday night.

It was one of the most amazing experiences following on from the incredible Ella Hooper. The band provided the prelude to the fireworks soundtrack and display. I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who helped set up and pack up from the performance and our great students who played so very well.



Smiles Onsite Dental Clinic

Benalla P-12 College is collaborating with **Smiles Onsite** this term to promote healthier, happier smiles at our school! This incredible service is being offered for FREE under the federal government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). All students will be given a consent form to bring home so that they can participate. The service will be at Faithfull St in Week 8, Waller St Week 9 and Avon St Week 10. Barkly St will have the service attend in Term 1, 2018.

How does it work?

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule grants all eligible parents with \$1000 worth of Medicare towards dental per child, over a two-year period. Eligible parents should receive a confirmation letter; however if you are still unsure, Smiles Onsite can check for you on completion of their consent form.

Can I make use of this service if I'm not eligible?

Of course! Smiles Onsite can do almost everything that your local dentist can do on board their state-of-the-art mobile Clinic. If you would like them to see your child for a scale and clean, fillings, fissure seals etc., these services can be offered with NO GAP payable. This service is a great opportunity to get kids into the habit of good oral hygiene, and we hope you're as excited about it as we are!

You can also fill out the dental consent form for your son or daughter by inserting this link on the web browser -

<https://form.jotform.co/73010497780861>

If you have any further questions about this program or your eligibility, please contact Smiles Onsite directly on **1800 276 453**.



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- ...and more!

**INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTION**

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 20/11	Tuesday 21/11	Wednesday 22/11	Thursday 23/11	Friday 24/11
Activity: x-box and basketball Afternoon Tea: Fruit, wedges, Milk and Juice	Activity: Cars and colouring Afternoon Tea: Fruit, raison toast Milk & Juice	Activity: Footy and board games Afternoon Tea: Fruit, fairy bread Milk & Juice	Activity: Beading and 40/40 Afternoon Tea: Fruit, jelly, custard, Milk & Juice	Activity: Fruit salad game Afternoon Tea: Fruit, popcorn Milk & Juice
Monday 27/11	Tuesday 28/11	Wednesday 29/11	Thursday 30/11	Friday 01/12
Activity: x-box and drawing Afternoon Tea: Fruit, pancakes Milk & Juice	Activity: Ham beads and tv Afternoon Tea: Fruit, sandwiches, Milk & Juice	ALL DAY CARE – REPORT WRITING DAY Bookings Required	Activity: Lego and blocks Afternoon Tea: Fruit, nachos, Milk & Juice	Activity: Skipping and tiggy Afternoon Tea: Fruit, cereal Milk & Juice

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 20/11	Tuesday 21/11	Wednesday 22/11	Thursday 23/11	Friday 24/11
Activity Jock's playground & Zoob Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice	Activity Sandpit & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, biscuits & spreads, milk & juice	Activity Outside sit ball & Duplo Afternoon Tea Fruit, cheese & ka-bana, milk/juice	Activity Playground & cubbies Afternoon Tea Fruit, pancakes, milk & juice	Activity Beads & Elastics Afternoon Tea Fruit, toasted sandwiches, milk & juice
Monday 27/11	Tuesday 28/11	Wednesday 29/11	Thursday 30/11	Friday 01/12
Activity Bowling /down ball Afternoon Tea Fruit, Fruit salad & custard, milk & juice.	Activity Tennis & Uno Afternoon Tea Fruit, fresh sandwiches, milk & juice.	ALL DAY CARE – REPORT WRITING DAY Bookings Required	Activity Jock's playground & Zoob Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Sandpit & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, biscuits & spreads, milk & juice.



Dear Families

As we approach the end of the year, you might now be considering your child care requirements for 2018.

An important consideration for you will be the Government's [New Child Care Package](https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage) which commences on 2 July 2018 - <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

Under the new package, the existing Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate will be replaced by a new Child Care Subsidy.

The amount of subsidy that families will receive will be based on three things:

1. their combined family income
2. the level of 'approved' activity they undertake
3. the type of child care service they use.

The easiest way to work out how much subsidy you may be eligible for is through the Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator which is available <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>. It's easy to use and only takes a few minutes to fill out.

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

North East TacTics



TacTics

Support group and workshops for families living with tics and sensory issues.

NORTH EAST TACTICS

Free Workshop:
Tuesday 21st November
4.30-6pm at The Centre.

17 Chisholm St, Wangaratta

If you'd like to be able to meet and chat with other families living with similar difficulties living in the Wangaratta region, please contact us!
This sessions focus: sleeping and school.

Call Kelly on 0408 916 969, email northeasttactics@gmail.com
or message us through Facebook @ North East TacTics.

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The Centre
your Community Colleges