



Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

Headstart

Headstart commences today. This is our early commencement program which allows students to gain an understanding of the curriculum and requirements for 2018 so that when they return next year they are familiar with what is required of them and very ready to start learning. Headstart is for Years 8 to 12 students only.

Mobile Phones in Classrooms



At School Council last Monday night it was agreed that the use of Mobile Phones in classrooms was no longer acceptable unless it was directly related to the curriculum and under the instruction of the teacher. **ALL** classrooms will be provided with a plastic tub with a lid for students to place their phones in at the start of the lesson. As students leave the class they will collect their phones under the supervision of the teacher. The next two weeks will be a phasing in time to allow students time to get into the habit of placing their phones in the tub every lesson. This will be fully enforced at the beginning of next year. We appreciate all parents supporting us with this as it will enable classroom time to be learning time and help to lessen the distractions mobile phones can cause.



Presentation Evenings

The Years 5 – 9 Presentation evening will be held this Tuesday 5th December at the Lakeside Community Centre.

- The Year 5 & 6 presentations will be held from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
- The Years 7 to 9 presentations will be held from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

The Years 10 & 11 Presentation evening will be held This Thursday 7th December also at the Lakeside community Centre

Both presentation evenings are significant events in our school calendar as we celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements throughout the year.

Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 12th December is the Transition Day for all year levels. Our 2018 Year Prep to Year 4 students will participate in a **transition morning** and they will spend the morning in the classroom with their teacher for next year. Year 5 to 7 students for 2018 will spend the whole day experiencing the Years 5 to 7 programs in preparation for the commencement of the new school year.

Last day of school for 2017

The last day for the Years 10, 11 and 12 students is Thursday 14th December. Thursday 21st December is the last day for Years 7 to 9 students who will spend the day enjoying a range of activities at Lake Nillahcootie. **All primary students will be dismissed on Friday 22nd December at 12:30pm.**

Commencement of 2018

School will commence for all students next year on **Wednesday 31st January**

All teaching staff and will commence on Monday 29th January 2018. The staff will be engaged in two professional learning days on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January.

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 13th December will be our last Whole School Assembly for 2017. The assembly will commence at 9:30am in the Clarke St Gym and it will be a celebration of the achievements of our students this year. Parents and Friends are warmly invited to attend.

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.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal

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Term 4 Dates: 9th October-22nd December

December 4	* Headstart Commences for Years 8-12
December 5	* Years 5-9 Presentation Evening
December 6	* F-4 Puss in Boots Performance– Avon & Waller St
December 7	* Year 10/11 Presentation Evening –6.15pm Lakeside Community Centre
December 8	* Years 4 & 6 Transition-9.30-11.30am
December 12	* Statewide Transition Day-All day
December 13	* Hands on Learning Wednesday group excursion-Lake Nillahcootie
December 14	* End of Term for Barkly Street students * Teddy Bears Picnic-Rocket Park * Year 6 Transition
December 15	* Year 12 Results * Hands on Learning-Melbourne Recital Centre Excursion * Avon Street Campus End of Year Assembly 9.00am * Waller Street Campus End of Year Assembly 2.00pm



SkoolBag

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

- * School newsletters
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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

Dates to Remember

The uniform shop will be open in Room D1 on the Faithfull Street Campus.

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

Orders can be placed over the phone and delivered to your nearest campus.

**Call Judds Yarrowonga on
5744 1269 for any further details**

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



YEAR 9 PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday the 28th of November we watched the year 9 students do three performances. We saw different shows. They were based on the books Little Miss Chatterbox, Possum Magic and We're Going On a Bear Hunt. We loved it!

Thank you from the Avon Street Prep/Ones



You've just received
A Random Act of Kindness
Have a Beautiful Day!!



Congratulations Charlie on being a great friend.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

We are seeking your support to help the Salvation Army by donating a toy help those in need this Christmas.

Gifts can be placed under our Christmas tree at the office.

*Every contribution makes a difference and your donation is greatly appreciated.
Thank you*



Please join us for an early assembly this Friday 8th December at 2.20pm.

All classes will be performing their favourites songs from this years music program.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Students of the week



Congratulations and well done to Kristy, Aria, Abbie, Kazardi, Emily, Ethan and Ben

KINDNESS BEGINS WITH ME



Back: Tyler, Jakob (waiting for media Permission), Amy, Paige
Front: Zoey, Manni, Cooper, Matilda, Jai

Random Act of Kindness



Thank you Willow for showing fantastic initiative and kindness by running from the playground to open the office door when I had my arms full of packages.



Benalla P-12 College Waller St Campus Students, Staff, Families and Friends are invited to our Annual Christmas Basket Picnic Tea.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2017 (Front lawn area at Waller St Campus)

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Please BYO picnic tea to share with your family/friends and enjoy Christmas Carols and fun activities throughout the evening and maybe a visit from Santa too.

(No Alcohol Please)



KINDNESS

Zara and Sophia are perfect examples of that wonderful human value of KINDNESS. Their family thought it would be a wonderful idea to help very sick children by cutting the girls' hair and donating it to be made into wigs for very sick children. I am sure that this special act of kindness has helped to set the world in the right direction! Thankyou to Zara and Sophia and the Young Family.

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



Year 8 and 9 Outdoor Education – Canoeing at Lake Benalla

The last two Tuesdays has seen the year 8 and the year 9 outdoor education classes participate in canoeing in Lake Benalla and exploring Broken Creek. Students found it difficult at first working in tandem paddling the canoes, but it was brilliant to see students working together and communicating in order to effectively steer the canoes. Students had the opportunity to put theory into practice, with many T-rescues needing to take place throughout the two days. The classes enjoyed getting to explore the Lake from the canoe, a way in which many had not been able to experience before.



Year 9 Outdoor Education - Mount Samaria Hiking Trip

On Monday the 13th of November the year 9 Outdoors class headed off to Mount Samaria State Park to begin their hiking trip, with a focus on the value of Parks within Victoria. The class had planned to start their hike from Spring Creek Sawmill and walk the steep incline to the summit, however due to niggling injuries, and the heat, the group decided to change their route completely around. The group decided to hike to Back Creek Falls, the running cool water being a welcomed relief from the heat. That night the class camped at Wild Dog Creek Falls, an incoming storm was enough to shoo the flies away and cool the forest floor down. Thankfully the storm went around, with only a few heavy drops of rain landing on us. The Tuesday allowed the students to appreciate the beautiful area surrounding us, from the viewing platform at Wild Dog Creek Falls to the view from the Summit of Mount Samaria. The students developed their appreciation for the natural environments that we are so lucky to have access to, and furthered their understanding of the value of Parks in our country.

Special thanks to John Clark for his guidance throughout the trip.



Year 9 Advisory Sports Coaching Community Project

As part of the sports themed project, the year 9's worked very hard to organise nutrition, teamwork, tie-dyed tram shirts, healthy muffins and sports games and activities to deliver to 3/4 Clarke at Waller St over multiple weeks. The coaches worked with their teams throughout fitness testing, basketball round robin, AFL, an obstacle course and completing their booklets. The project was extremely successful in improving the all students' responsibility, persistence, collaboration and sportsmanship skills. We'd like to thank the teachers and staff at Waller St for helping us run the project and especially 3/4 players and Jemma Clarke for participating! Congratulations to the overall winners 'Mini Legends' (blue team)."



STUDENT OF THE WEEK!



Week 6 Students of the Week
Ben, Max C, Max W, Taylor, Hayley, Kayla, Claudia, Isabelle and Taneah.



5/6 students of the week are Charlize, Haylea, Anthony, Lilly, Midian and Maddie.

Congratulations to Year 11 students Jemma Kaine, Cameron Holmes, Olivia Milner and Alexandra Robinson, who were all awarded Rotary Young Achiever Awards on Thursday 23rd November. Benalla P-12 College would like to thank Rotary Club Benalla for their continued support of our young people.



Jemma, Cameron, Olivia and Alexandra are pictured with Rotary President, Sally Sykes (right), and awards coordinator, Denise Durance (left), Sally Wade (Year 11 Coordinator) and Rebecca Pell (Senior Sub-School Leader).

JEMMA KAINE

Jemma is highly respected by both her peers and the staff at Benalla P-12 College. She is an outstanding young person and epitomises our College values of “*Respect, Responsibility, High Expectations and Integrity*”. Jemma is completing an academically challenging course, including VCE English, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Biology and Year 12 Legal Studies. She will also complete VCE Psychology in 2018. Jemma is dedicated to her studies and has achieved exceptional results in all of her classes. She is a terrific role model for other students, demonstrates enthusiasm and passion for learning and completes all tasks to a very high standard. In recognition of her dedication to academic excellence, Jemma was chosen as the Year 11 ‘Student of the Term’ for Terms One and Two this year. Jemma was also selected for the Kwong Lee Dow ‘Young Scholars’ Program, an academic enrichment program at Melbourne University which is designed to support high-achieving students. Jemma is a true ‘Young Achiever’ and a wonderful ambassador for our College.



CAMERON HOLMES

Cameron is an exceptional young person and a terrific asset to Benalla P-12 College. He is highly respected by all who know him and has made an outstanding contribution to our College. A true leader, he conducts himself with integrity, displays enthusiasm for learning and is always willing to contribute his time to assist at school or within the broader Benalla Community. Cameron has been a student representative since Year 7 and held a leadership role within the Senior Student Leadership Group (SLG) since Year 10. He has organised numerous fundraisers and events, and takes pride in being someone the other students feel comfortable to approach. Cameron has been also been Blue House Captain for the past two years and encouraged student participation at swimming sports and athletics carnivals. Cameron is the Benalla Youth Ambassador for White Ribbon, an organisation that campaigns to prevent men’s violence against women. Within this role, he has contributed to monthly committee meetings, has spoken at school assemblies and will have the honour of being a guest speaker at the Benalla White Ribbon Day ceremony this year. Cameron is proud of his oath to “stand up, speak out and act to prevent men’s violence against women” and wears the ribbon to school each day.

Cameron has received a number of academic accolades at school this year, including Teacher Commendation Awards for VCE General Maths, Psychology, Physical Education and VET Sport and Recreation. To cap off his year, Cameron was recently selected as a Benalla P-12 College School Captain for 2018. Cameron is a worthy recipient of the Rotary Young Achiever Award and we are incredibly proud of him!



OLIVIA MILNER

Olivia is a mature and conscientious student. She is a terrific role model, demonstrates enthusiasm for learning and has high expectations of herself. Olivia is dedicated to her studies and has achieved outstanding results in all of her classes this year. In recognition of this, she received Teacher Commendation Awards for Studio Art; Visual Communication and Design; Legal Studies; and Literature. Teachers have described Olivia as "a true asset", "motivated", "positive," and said she "completes work to an excellent standard". She is also highly regarded by her peers for her caring and nurturing nature and they find her to be very supportive. Olivia has demonstrated tremendous resilience, determination and humility. Olivia wowed audiences with her leading role in the Benalla P-12 College production of "Seussical the Musical." Despite being in her first major production, Olivia stunned the audience with her stage presence and beautiful singing voice when she portrayed the character of "Gertrude McFuzz". Olivia performed a number of solos, including 'Notice Me Horton' and 'Amazing Gertrude'. Director, Melinda Pentreath said "Olivia's personal development was phenomenal due to her commitment, dedication and passion to perform. Over 3 months of rehearsals she worked tirelessly to establish her character and the end result was a testament to her brilliant performance on stage." Olivia is an outstanding young person and we are very proud of her. She is a worthy recipient of the 2017 Rotary Young Achiever Award.



ALEXANDRA ROBINSON

Alexandra is a wonderful ambassador for Benalla P-12 College. She is enthusiastic, hard-working and dedicated to her studies. This year, Alexandra has completed VCE English, Maths Methods, Legal Studies, Physical Education, Health and Human Development and VET Sport and Recreation. Alexandra is an outstanding athlete. She competed in all events at our Swimming and Athletics carnivals and was selected as the College Champion in her age division. She qualified to compete and represent Benalla P-12 College at the Southern Ranges Swimming competition (breaststroke 50m sprint), the Southern Ranges Athletics competition in the triple jump, long jump, high jump and javelin events and the Hume Region Athletics competition in the same events. At the Hume Region competition, Alexandra placed 2nd in triple jump and high jump and 3rd in javelin and long jump. Alexandra has also represented the College in the Round Robin competitions for netball (the team came second in the Hume region) and volleyball. Outside school, Alexandra is the Vice-Captain of the Under 17 Benalla Saints netball team. She was their 2017 runner up in the Best and Fairest count. Alexandra is proud to attend Benalla P-12 College and is respected by staff and her peers. Alexandra has been selected to represent Benalla P-12 College as a College Captain in 2018.



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.

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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Come to School
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because
EVERY
DAY
COUNTS



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

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Year 10 and 11 Presentation Night

All parents and teachers are invited to attend the Year 10 and 11 Presentation Night, which celebrates and acknowledges the achievements of students in Years 10 and 11.

Where: Lakeside Community Centre

When: Thursday, 7 December, 2017

Time: 6.15 pm for 6:30pm start

All students must be in Full School Uniform on the evening.

We hope that parents, siblings and extended family of students receiving awards are able to attend this celebration.

Tickets can be purchased from Benalla P-12 College Barkly Street General Office prior to the evening.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Light refreshments will be served following the event.

Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 04/12	Tuesday 05/12	Wednesday 06/12	Thursday 07/12	Friday 08/12
Activity: Loom bands and TV Afternoon Tea: Fruit, jelly, custard Milk & Juice	Activity: Footy and board games Afternoon Tea: Fruit, fairy bread Milk & Juice	Activity: Dress ups and cubbies Afternoon Tea: Fruit, biscuits, spreads, Milk & Juice	Activity: Ball Tigg Afternoon tea: Fruit, cereal, milk and juice	Activity: Chalk drawing and ball games Afternoon Tea: Fruit, cocktail franks, Milk & Juice
Monday 11/12	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 13/12	Thursday 14/12	Friday 15/12
Activity: Lego and blocks Afternoon Tea: Fruit, noodles, Milk & Juice	Activity: Ipads and colouring Afternoon tea: Fruit, yogurt, milk and juice	Activity: Cars and colouring Afternoon Tea: Fruit, raison toast Milk & Juice	Activity: Chalk drawing and ball games Afternoon Tea: Fruit, smoothies Milk & Juice	Activity: Loom bands and TV Afternoon Tea: Fruit, jelly, custard Milk & Juice

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 04/12	Tuesday 05/12	Wednesday 06/12	Thursday 07/12	Friday 08/12
Activity Basketball & drawing. Afternoon Tea Fruit, fresh sandwiches bread milk and juice.	Activity Sandpit & Lego Afternoon Tea Fruit, nachos, milk & juice.	Activity Cricket & Hama beads. Afternoon Tea Fruit, Biscuits & spreads, milk & juice.	Activity cubbies & Skipping. Afternoon Tea Fruit, jelly & custard, milk & juice.	Activity Totem Tennis & dress ups Afternoon Tea Fruit, toast, milk & juice.
Monday 11/12	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 13/12	Thursday 14/12	Friday 15/12
Activity Cricket & Trouble Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Chalk drawing & kinetic sand Afternoon Tea Fruit, biscuits & spreads, milk & juice.	Activity Preparation for wraps. Afternoon Tea Fruit, cheese & kabana, milk & juice	Activity Outside sit ball & Duplo Afternoon Tea Fruit, salad wraps, milk & juice.	Activity Playground & cubbies Afternoon Tea Fruit, sandwiches, milk & juice

JANUARY 2018 VACATION CARE – BOOKINGS TAKEN NOW

If you have not previously used the program, then please obtain an enrolment form and details from the school office. Price for care per day is \$42.75 (per child), this is reduced for families registered for Child Care Benefit. Some days also have additional cost for activities, as listed below. Fees policy applies to all families. Bookings only taken from families who are up to date with payment of accounts for previous care. Child Care Benefit needs to be activated prior to care.

Mon 15 th Jan 2018	Flying Day – Make kites, helicopters, parachutes	No extra cost
Tues 16 th Jan 2018	Shepparton Day – Aquamoves/Bowling	\$14 extra cost
Wed 17 th Jan 2018	Wet Wednesday – Fun with water games	No extra cost
Thur 18 th Jan 2018	BPACC Movies and coloured sand craft	\$14 extra cost
Frid 19 th Jan 2018	Virtual Reality Space Day	No extra charge
Mon 22 nd Jan 2018	Tie Die Pillow case day	No extra charge
Tues 23 rd Jan 2018	BPACC Movies/salt dough ornaments	\$14 extra cost
Wed 24 th Jan 2018	Technology day/sensational salads & drinks	No extra cost
Thur 25 th Jan 2018	Violet Town Pool day	\$10 extra
Frid 26 th Jan 2018	<u>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO CARE</u>	
Mon 29 th Jan 2018	Care at AVON ONLY - all children (Limited numbers)	
Tues 30 th Jan 2018	Care at AVON ONLY - all children (Limited numbers)	
Wed 31 st Jan 2018	SCHOOL RESUMES	

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or phone Anne on Fridays at Waller 5762 2600*



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COMMENCING October 14th 2017
BRING - SMOOTH SOLED SHOES, DRINK, HAT, SUNSCREEN

TENNIS RACQUETS AVAILABLE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE.



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SUMMER READING CLUB GAME ON

1 December 2017 - 25 January 2018



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email: library@benalla.vic.gov.au [f](https://www.facebook.com/BenallaLibrary) [i](https://www.instagram.com/BenallaLibrary) @BenallaLibrary

Summer Reading Club
1 December 2017 - 25 January 2018



Benalla Toy Library

CLOSING DOWN SALE

DATE: Saturday 9th December

TIME: 9am - 11am

ADDRESS: Drill Hall
Cnr Bridge St & Arundel St

SALE INCLUDES:

- * Puzzles & games
- * Costumes
- * Construction sets
- * Musical instruments
- * Scooters & ride on toys
- * Dolls houses
- * Play kitchens
- * Outdoor toys
- * Miscellaneous furniture: shelving & tables

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- Raffle Giveaway
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