



Monday 7th May 2018

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY HIGH EXPECTATIONS INTEGRITY

Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Acting Principal-Paul Challis

Dear Families,

This year we have had a real focus on student attendance. We regularly contact home to see how students are going and if we can assist with improving their attendance. Sometimes it is difficult to get through because contact details may have changed.

Contact details

There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the relevant campus so we can update our records. Please include parents'/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

Avon – 57621646 ~ Waller – 57622600 ~ Faithfull – 57612777 ~
Barkly - 57612888

Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school at the relevant campus (see above) early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

This year we are focusing on encouraging all students to improve their attendance and our staff are working hard to follow up on unexplained absences. If students are regularly missing school, then they are going to miss out on valuable learning experiences that will stall their learning. Let's all work together to increase student attendance across the College and improve the opportunity for students to improve their learning.

Year 7 First Band Concert

On Wednesday May 10th the Year 7 Band will hold their first Band concert in the Performing Arts Centre starting at 7:30pm and concluding at 8:30pm. I encourage parents and carers to attend to celebrate this performance.

Uniform

With the mornings becoming cooler, please ensure students are prepared for the cooler days by having the correct uniform to wear.

Please have a great week.

Paul Challis
Acting College Principal.

Tips for Parents:



- Discuss with your children the importance of going to school every day and on time
- Get your child to school on time
- Develop a daily schedule and stick to it
- Encourage and help your child prepare for school each evening
- Don't plan family vacations and non-emergency doctor/dentist appointments for times when your child should be in school

From LAUSD Count Me In! Student Attendance Initiative



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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Dates to Remember:	2018 Term Dates 16th April –29th June 16th July –21st September 8th October –21st December
May 7	* Outdoor Education Bushwalk– 2 night stay Mount Howitt
May 9	* Year 8 Live4life * Sayembara Lisan– Indonesian Speaking Competition
May 10	* Year 7 Band Concert-7.30pm PAC Faithfull Street
May 15	* Year Outdoor Education Bushwalk– Warby Ranges * Naplan
May 16	* Year 8 Live4life
May 18	* Year 9 Outdoor Education-Reef Hills * Years 3-6 District Cross Country-Benalla Show Ground
May 21	* CI Card Training-Contact Molly Craig
May 22	* Year 3/4 Camp-Group 1-15 Mile Creek * Year 5/6 Canberra Camp
May 25	* Year 7 Healesville Sanctuary
May 28	* Year 3/4 Camp-Group 2-15 Mile Creek * Year 9 Mock Job Interviews Commence
May 29	* Year 8 Outdoor Education– Hut Building Reef Hills

WHY EVERY DAY COUNTS

We are now in our third week of Term 2. What stories have your child/ren brought home with new things they have learned in the classroom or in the playground every day. What you may not know that **going to school every day is the most single important part of your child's education**..... missing school puts them behind. There are no safe days for missing school.

Did You Know? School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you're away and wonder if you are ok. Why is regular attendance important? Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think that school is just about Maths and English but your also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

If you are having trouble getting your child/ ren to school every day, please pop in to see one of our student wellbeing team:

- ☐ Avon St Campus -Scott Greig 5762 1646
- ☐ Waller St Campus -Bron Greig 5762 2600
- ☐ Faithfull St Campus -Lou McCloskey 5761 2777
- ☐ Barkly St Campus -Craig Carley 5761 2888



We would love to support and work together with you to get your child/ren back on track attending every day

Mentoring & Communicating

Last Friday, students from 3/4 Major met in the Multipurpose Room for social interaction with the Foundation Students. The 3/4's worked on mentoring and communicating with the younger students. A great afternoon was had by all.

Last Friday Year 3/4 Major went into the Multipurpose room and worked with Miss Ramage's Foundation Students. We play cooperatively, sharing and taking turns. We loved it!
By Kye



Students of the Week



Congratulations and well done to Izzi, Ekam, Penny, Isabelle, Nate, Mason Will and Jobe

Ray White.

Citizenship Award

Congratulations Levi



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2018 at AVON

Students in Years Three and Four have more than 1600 books to choose from the list!!

Some popular books to read -

Felice Arena	Roald Dahl	Graeme Base	Aaron Blabey
The Boy and the Spy	The Twits	The Waterhole	The Bad Guys series
Farticus Maximus series	Dirty Beasts	Animalia	Don't Call Me Bear
Hey, Cat!	Fantastic Mr Fox	Jungle Drums	The Brother's Quibble
Boyz Rule series	The Magic Finger	The Eleventh Hour	The Dreadful Fluff

Nick Bland	Morris Gleitzman	Andy Griffiths/Terry Denton	Sally Rippen
Monster Chef	Teacher's Pet	The ... Treehouse Series	Code Breakers
The Very ... Bear series	Blabbermouth	Pencil of Doom	Strawberry Thief
The Aunties Three	Toad series	Chomp	Twin Trouble
The Fabulous Friend Machine	Worm Story	The Wooden Cow	Treasure Hunt

*Series – any book(s) from that collection of books.

Please see Mandy Brown for a registration form, if your child is interested in participating in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. The Challenge closes on **Friday 24th August, 2018.**

Students of the Week



Congratulations Kiera, Owen, Courtney, Harry, Torah Daniel, cooper, Brodie, Tahlia who are this weeks Students of the week.

Golden Shovel



Pictured above are Tahlia, Oscar, Olivia & Hailey

Ray White.

Citizenship Award



Peyton received the Ray White Award for April. Well done Peyton.

Independent Reading

This week the preps decided to make the most of the beautiful Autumn weather and ventured out into the Stephanie Alexander Garden for Independent reading.



Hello from the KEAPS team,

As part of KEAPS running in your school, we have six parenting topics we would like to share with you through your school newsletter over the next 6 weeks. As every parent does their best to deal with the challenges of bringing up children, we hope you find this parenting information helpful for you and your family.

Topic 1-Together Time

Spending time with your child every day is a great way to build on your relationship. It also builds their resilience and their ability to self-regulate emotions.

Spend 10+ minutes with your child daily

Have fun!

Allow them to lead the interaction

Show an interest in what they want to do

Praise and encourage your child's creativity



Ideas for fun activities

- Cook together or make a special after-school snack together
- In the car have a sing along or play 'Eye-Spy'
- Tell jokes to each other or read a joke book together
- Rough and tumble play can help your child learn to be strong without hurting. If it revs your child up, try and limit it close to bedtime
- Go for a bike ride or play outside together
- Look for animals or shapes in the clouds or stars
- Play board or card games together



Adapted from the Raising Children Network and Carolyn Webster-Stratto

AVON & WALLER ST MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Parents & Friends Association will again be running a Mothers Day stall

This Friday 11th May

Each class will visit the stall and students will be able to purchase gifts ranging in price from \$2.00-\$5.00

We would encourage all money to come in a sealable, named wallet/bag to avoid loss.



District Cross Country Friday 18th May Parent Helpers



Dear Parents/Carers,
Please help support our students at the District Cross Country on Friday 18th May.

We are in need of parent helpers to supervise the running track to ensure that every student can see an adult all the way around. Please leave your name with the classroom teacher if you are able to assist. You will also need to bring your Working with Children card. Office staff will be able to copy this.

Pictured left are the 5/6 students of the week. Logan, Joe, Dante, Liam, Emily, Lachlan, Dakota, Taneah, Koren, Tayla, Jude, Aria and Charlie.

Warren Hunter Barton also received an award for student of the Term in Term 1!

HANDS ON LEARNING

Students from the Wednesday Hands on Learning team gave a hand to the Uniting Church Fete committee to help set up the huge collection of donated goods in their hall for Saturday's Fete. This event happens twice a year and is a great way for our students to get involved with other volunteers in Benalla who work hard to put back into our local community.



living positive victoria



On Friday 25th May, 2018 we will welcome a Positive Speakers Bureau member to our school to present to the Year 9's and 10's. Year 9's session will be periods 1&2, Year 10's session will be periods 5&6. The Positive Speakers Bureau members are the human face of HIV and help to reduce fear, myths, stigma, and discrimination and to more fully understand the realities of living with HIV. The Positive Speakers Bureau is run by and for HIV positive people who are highly trained public speakers and presenters. Speakers tailor their presentations in response to each request and in accordance with their subject matter knowledge and experience. Our speaker's primary aim is to talk about their personal experiences of living with HIV. However, topics such as homophobia, sexuality, social justice, and equity of healthcare access are commonly discussed alongside HIV and STI prevention and the promotion of safer sexual behaviors.

Their secondary school speakers present on HIV and sexual health along with their personal narratives in accordance with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and the Catching Online sexuality education curriculum tool. All speakers attend formal training workshops and are provided with comprehensive skills development.

For more information please contact myself

Thanks

Mel Jackson

Year 7 Homework

Each week students in Year 7 will have a homework booklet to complete. They are expected to be practising their spelling words and reading each night. The booklet explains what each student needs to do for that week and has areas for parents/guardians to sign off on work students have completed. There is also a section for parents/guardians to write comments for the Year 7 Teachers regarding homework.

The students have also been working on creating a homework schedule that will help them keep on top of the work they have due as well as allowing them to develop good habits for future study. If you have any concerns please contact any of the Year 7 Mentor Teachers.



Year 9 Preparing for Mock Job Interviews

Another busy week in the Year 9 Intensive Careers Program included special male and female sessions on personal presentation and body language. Mrs Cairncross (Careers Manager) and Mr Elkington (Year 11 Coordinator), together with the Advisory teachers, provided some tips on good personal hygiene and the “dos and don’ts” about products that are available. They also explained the importance of confident body language, including a firm handshake with good eye contact.

Other learning activities included writing resumes and job application letters. Students have now chosen a possible part-time job they would like to apply for that they are researching and matching with their identified employability skills.

Mock Job Interviews are only a few weeks away. More information about how parents/carers can assist with preparation will be in the next school newsletter.

Sue Oakley (Pathways to Retention Coordinator)

MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS - with Panel of School and Community members

9A Mrs He	9B Mr Hazell	9C Mr Bihun	9D Ms Baker
Monday 28 May P 1 & 2	Tuesday 29 May P 1 & 2	Tuesday 29 May P 3 & 4	Wednesday 30 May P 1 & 2



Mrs He assists Chanelle Lober with her resume on Google Classroom template.



Mr Elkington explains appropriate dress for a job interview. Always dress one level up from the job you are applying for.



Mrs Cairncross explains the importance of appropriate hair styles, make up and clothing choice



Classwork completed in the workshop includes notes on the impact of good personal presentation and body language.

You! Yes, you!
You are the best
at being **you**.
You're **powerful**.
You're **strong**.
You can do anything.
Never forget that!



CONFIDENCE
IS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT THINGS
YOU CAN BRING TO A
JOB INTERVIEW

APRIL

ALL THAT SPARKLES

MAY

JOURNEY'S

JUNE

WINTER CHILL

JULY

VACATION LEMONADE



MONTHLY ART COMPETITION

Create a piece of art on the monthly topic and submit it to your campus Art Department for your chance to win House points and prizes!

AUGUST

FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS

SEPTEMBER

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



A HIGH ENERGY MUSIC
WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



MANSFIELD 22-23 MAY

Mansfield Sports Complex

For info and registrations contact:
Youth Services at Mansfield Shire Council
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councilemansfield.vic.gov.au

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Avon Campus: 0428 014 133

Monday 7/5	Tuesday 8/5	Wednesday 9/5	Thursday 10/5	Friday 11/5
Activity Fruit Salad & zoob Afternoon tea Fruit, pancakes, milk & juice	Activity Tiggy & dress ups Afternoon tea Fruit, dry biscuits & spreads, milk & juice	Activity Playground & Lego Afternoon tea Fruit, nachos, milk & juice	Activity Skipping & Puzzles Afternoon tea Fruit, Toasted sandwiches, milk & juice	Activity Basketball & cubbies Afternoon tea Fruit, Baked beans, milk & juice
Monday 14/5	Tuesday 15/5	Wednesday 16/5	Thursday 17/5	Friday 18/5
Activity Playground & charades Afternoon tea Fruit, raisin toast, milk & juice	Activity Octopus & Ipads Afternoon tea Fruit, jaffles, milk & juice	Activity Elastics & Sand art Afternoon tea Fruit, kabana & cheese, milk & juice	Activity Ball games & colouring Afternoon tea Fruit, noodles, milk & juice	Activity Buzz & Lego Afternoon tea Fruit, muffins, milk & juice

Waller Campus: 0407 715 660

Monday 7/5	Tuesday 8/5	Wednesday 9/5	Thursday 10/5	Friday 11/5
Activity Basketball & board games Afternoon Tea Fruit, Nachos, milk & juice.	Activity Loombands & colouring. Afternoon Tea Fruit, Jelly and Custard, milk & juice.	Activity Sandpit & tennis. Afternoon Tea Fruit, Salad wraps, milk & juice.	Activity Hama beads & Chalk drawing. Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Playdough & Jock's playground Afternoon Tea Fruit, Biscuits and spreads, milk & juice.
Monday 14/5	Tuesday 15/5	Wednesday 16/5	Thursday 17/5	Friday 18/5
Activity Board games & football Afternoon Tea Fruit, mini hotdogs, milk & juice.	Activity Bubbles & Lego. Afternoon Tea Fruit, 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, Party pies, milk & juice.

Family Webcast Information Session

You are invited to participate in an online family information session.

Child care fee assistance is changing. **From 2 July 2018**, the Australian Government is introducing a New Child Care Package. Families

The last family webcast information session hosted by the Department of Education and Training will be held Thursday, 15 May.

The webcasts are to help you understand what you need to do to transition to the Child Care Subsidy. It is essential that you complete an online assessment to receive the new payment.

The webcast will also provide you with the opportunity to ask questions through the live chat functionality.

One remaining session will be held at the following times:

Tuesday 15 May 2018 - 8.00pm - 9.30pm AEST

Please [register your interest](#) if you would like to participate:

<https://mailchi.mp/ec4669cb81cb/family-webcast-information-session>

Tuesday 15 May 2018

6.00 – 7.30 pm AWST / 7.30 – 9.00 pm ACST / 8.00 – 9.30 pm AEST

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or phone Anne on Fridays at Waller 5762 2600**