



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 18th February, 2019

Edition #2

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

School Council

This time of year always marks the time when School Council elections are held. The March council meeting is our AGM and also is the start of the new School Council for the coming year. As with all School Councils, there is a mix of parent reps, staff reps and community reps who are co-opted. There are also two student reps who attend council meetings with full voting rights.

For this round of elections there are the following vacancies – 4 parents, 2 staff and 1 student. Notice of election and call for nomination posters have been placed at every campus office along with the necessary forms.

I would encourage every parent to consider standing for School Council. It involves only 8 meetings per year, each one lasting 90 minutes on Monday evenings at 5.30pm. It is a great way to be involved in the school and to see how and why decisions are made, as well as contribute to important policy development for the effective running of the College.

If you are even remotely interested, please give me a call or stop me for a chat if you see me at school. Nominations close on March 4th.

Annual Implementation Plan

As mentioned last year, we have a clear plan each year that sets out our goals, targets and priorities for improvement. This is called our AIP (Annual Implementation Plan). This document will be presented to School Council and ratified at the upcoming February meeting.

Our key improvement strategies for this year are:

- Agreed and consistent whole school approaches to teaching and learning.
- Professional Learning Communities to build teacher capacity in all curriculum areas F-12

We also intend to maintain our focus on high expectations and our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Framework to ensure a positive learning environment. We have very clear expectations of all our students of their behaviour, attendance and the uniform they wear to school every day. Please help support us as we try to enforce these consistently to ensure we have a school we can all be proud of.

Attendance

Some of you may have noticed that we are now following the DET guidelines for attendance monitoring by calling home on the first day of a student absence and sending home letters on the third day of unexplained absence. School attendance is a not only essential for learning it is a legal requirement and parents must provide an explanation for any absences. Please support us and your child by ensuring they attend school every day and also that they arrive on time. The start of the day is very important for all students and getting to school on time develops good habits of punctuality and reliability.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.

MON 18TH- WED 20TH FEB

Year 7 Camp

MON 18TH FEB
SCHOOL PHOTOS

8.30am- Family Photos

Faithfull St PAC

**9.00am- Faithfull St Campus
(except Year 7)**

9.00am- Avon St Photos

TUES 19TH-THURS 21ST FEB

Yrs. 3 & 4 Swimming Program

THURS 21ST FEB

**Yrs. 7-12 Swimming Carnival
Benalla Aquatic Centre**

FRI 22ND FEB

**Yrs. 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Benalla Aquatic Centre**

THURS 28TH FEB
SCHOOL PHOTOS

9.00am- Waller St Campus

11.30am- Year 7 Faithfull St

**12.30pm- Family Photos
Faithfull St PAC**

TERM 1 DATES

31st Jan- Friday 5th April 2019*

***Friday 5th April is a student free
day due to Parent/Teacher
Interviews.**

Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

Uniform

It is great to see that there are a large number of secondary students wearing the correct uniform to school every day. However, there are many students who are not. The College has a uniform policy that is endorsed by school council as they believe it is important. We expect all students to wear the correct shoes, shorts, socks and hats and to provide a note if something else is worn. Once again, we want our students to look good and be proud of their appearance. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the College to discuss options.

Tony Clark
Executive Principal

ATTENDANCE

Why every day counts

We are now in our fourth week of term 1. What stories have your children brought home with new things that they have learned? What you may not know is that **going to school every day is the most important part of your child's education**..... missing school puts them behind. There are no safe days for missing school.

Did you Know? That all staff at Benalla P-12 College want your child to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with your child coming to school each and every day. If your child miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

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

- Avon/Clark 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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken at the Avon & Faithfull St Campuses on Monday 18th Feb from 9am.

(Year 7 Photos will be postponed until Thurs 28th Feb, due to Year 7 Camp)

Waller St Campus photos will be taken on Thursday 28th Feb from 9am.

Family Photos will be available to be taken at the Faithfull St Campus PAC from 8.30am on Monday 18th Feb & 12.30pm Thurs 28th Feb.*

Payment envelopes have been issued to students. Envelopes should be returned with payment, to the Photographer, on the day.

*Please note parents of multi campus families will need to arrange transport to and from the Faithfull St Campus, for the Family photos.



SCHOOL CROSSINGS

We must ask that all students use the School Crossings to ensure the safety of all students, traffic and pedestrians.

We have wonderful Crossing Supervisors at all of our campuses. They would love to meet your child and make sure they cross the road safely.

Our local police force will be patrolling our School Crossings to ensure our traffic and pedestrians are safe!



Email: benalla.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

Web: www.benallap12.vic.edu.au

Avon St
Yrs F-4
P: 035762 1646

Attendance Hotline
035762 1646

Waller St
Yrs F-4
P: 035762 2600

Attendance Hotline
035762 2600

Faithfull St
Yrs 5-6 Hub
P: 035761 2752

Attendance hotline
035761 2747

Faithfull St
Yrs 7-12
P: 035761 2777

Attendance Hotline
035761 2747

PRIMARY NEWS

AVON ST CAMPUS NEWS

Congratulations to our Term 1 Avon Street Campus Leaders pictured with Mrs Treacy are Mason, Kiarnah, Erin and Ella.



STUDENT WELLBEING

I would like to welcome, all our students, parents/carers and families to the Avon Street Campus and introduce myself to you. My name is Scott Greig and I am the Student Wellbeing Coordinator for the Avon Street Campus. I can support your child in many ways, for example, school attendance, uniforms, social skills, anxiety, friendships, anger management, grief and loss, separation, bullying, self-esteem, divorce etc. I can also assist parents and carers with information, referrals and support. I also run the Breakfast Club Tuesday & Friday from 8:30am to 8:50am. If you are worried or have any concerns about your child in any way, please don't hesitate to pop in to see me or give me a call on Ph:0447710149.



Helping our students to become Champions

Breakfast Club is an opportunity for students to enjoy a healthy start to their school day with their friends and other members of our community.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations Tyler, Mason, Tyler, James.

All Foundation students were Students of the week- Azaala, Riley and Dylan collected the award.

AVON ST BOOK CLUB

Avon St Scholastic Book Club
Orders are due in by
9.00am Wednesday 20th
Feb

Scholastic Book club catalogues have been distributed to students. Orders can be paid for online through Scholastic Book Club Loop Orders using your credit card. Three easy steps can be found on the back page of the catalogue.

If paying by cash or cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Book Club and return to the office by the due date.

Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.

For more information contact
Scholastic Book Club
1800 021 233



HOCKEY CLINICS

All of our Year 1 to 4 students participated in a Hockey clinic run by Hockey Victoria.

A big thank you to Allan, Pip, Willow and Lee for providing heaps of fun hockey activities.



PRIMARY NEWS

WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

Students of the week



Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating our college values:-
Back L-R: Scarlett Halligan, Sophia Young, Meagan McMaster, Amity Bovell, Josh McNair & Char-Leah Hempenstall Front L-R: 3/4M (represented by Willow Stocker), Declan Campbell, Katelyn Russell, Josh Ward & Seth Vance

OUR FRIENDSHIP BENCH



At our assembly on Monday afternoon, Madeline O'Conner and Jayden Curtis talked about our Friendship Bench. Madeline said "The Friendship Bench is a place where you can go if you are feeling lonely or having a hard time in the playground. It's a great way to meet new friends and if you see someone on the bench, it is the respectful thing to do, and ask them to join in with you and your friends. The playground is fun when we all join in together and get along". Madeline and Jayden are pictured above with preps- Ruby Bell and Iza-Bella Reid along with Tiffany Hendry in Year 2.

RECOMMENDED SNACKS AND LUNCHES AT SCHOOL

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Learning and playing can take a lot of energy and can be very demanding for any child. To help your child get through the day it's important to pack a healthy lunch so they can sustain their concentration and energy levels. For more information, please see Bron at the Waller Street Campus.



FAITHFULL ST 5/6 NEWS

5/6 SWIMMING PROGRAM



Last week students from the 5/6 Hub participated in swimming lessons at the YMCA pool in Benalla. These sessions gave the students an opportunity to extend their swimming skills and practice all important water rescue and survival techniques. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and the feedback from the YMCA towards our students engagement and behaviour was excellent.



"I loved swimming because I learnt different strokes" Daisy Coleman
"Swimming was awesome because I got to use noodles" Aiden Proud
"Swimming was great because I got to learn survival stroke" Paige Simpson

MUSIC LESSONS

Did you know we offer private music lessons at school?
Please call Eve or Sue for more information.

Eve Spencer- 0429 390 846
Guitar, Violin & Cello Lessons

Sue Ciantar- 0418 320 472
Piano Lessons

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be at the Faithfull St Campus on the following dates:

- Wed 6th March 3pm-5pm
- Wed 24th March 3pm -5.30pm

For urgent orders, please contact staff at Judd's Yarrowonga on 5744 1269.

ART COMPETITION

Submit any piece of artwork that responds to the monthly theme for your chance to win some great art prizes and house points!

Each month there will be one winner from Grade 5 & 6, one winner from Years 7 to 9 and one from Years 10 to 12.



Hand your entries to your Art teacher for your chance to win

FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS NEWS

MATHS MATES YRS 7-10

This year, as part of their Mathematics program, all Year 7-10 students will be given a Maths Mate homework sheet on a weekly basis. There will be eight worksheets to be completed each term, usually one per week, except on short or disrupted weeks.

The Maths Mate worksheets are designed to allow students to attempt all questions without the aid of a calculator, and this should be encouraged at home.

Don't be too concerned if your child finds the first worksheet difficult. It is not expected that students will be able to complete every question from week one; in fact Q33 has been included to offer a real challenge to all students. Each worksheet is built around a common framework of questions aimed at covering the Australian Mathematics Curriculum.

Students will receive the same type of question on a regular basis. Their results will help students and teachers identify areas of strength and weakness. This should also help motivate students to make another attempt at mastering skills that they may have found difficult in the past. If your child is having difficulty with a certain skill, teachers will provide them with resources to help build their skills.

We ask that you sign the completed worksheet each week to acknowledge that your child is working independently and regularly but with your support. We thank you in anticipation of your involvement and remind you that you are encouraged to call and discuss your child's progress at any time.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN BENALLA RURAL CITY

Accredited to deliver MHFA Courses by MHFA Australia



**MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID**
mhfa.com.au

Learn skills and gain confidence to assist young people experiencing mental health problems.

Mental illnesses often start in adolescence or early adulthood. It is important to detect problems early to ensure the young person is properly treated and supported. The YMHA course teaches adults who have frequent contact with young people how to detect and assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or are in a mental health crisis.

WHEN:

Wednesday 6 March 5.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 13 March 5.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 20 March 5.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 27 March 5.30-9.30pm

WHERE:

Benalla Community Care
Ray Sweeney Centre
45 Coster St, Benalla
(Activity Room 1)

Cost:

\$20 (to cover manual)

Light supper provided.

COURSE INFORMATION: A comprehensive 14 hour Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA) course over four sessions. Participants will learn about adolescent development and the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, how and where to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

RSVP by 5pm Tuesday 26 February
Benalla Rural City Council
Ph: 03 5760 2600
Email: council@benalla.vic.gov.au

Brought to you by Benalla Live4Life
Partnership Group and Youth Live4Life Inc.



KOKODA FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE

When: Sunday 3rd of March
4.30pm
Location: BPACC

Cost: \$20

Includes afternoon tea

"The Mule" Starring Clint Eastwood

DOCTOR'S IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Doctor in schools program is free service for students in Years 7-12.

DR & NURSE SERVICE

EVERY TUESDAY

9AM - 12:30PM

**CALL OR TEXT MESSAGE
FOR APPOINTMENT:**

0427752398

**PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL
& FREE**



ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT BY SEEING CRAIG CARLEY OR TURN UP TO THE SURGERY DURING THE WALK IN SESSIONS FROM 10:30 TO 11:15

TWO GREAT PROGRAMS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Last week Cathy Hair and Deb Paez spoke to all our Year 9 students about two great opportunities offered by the Tomorrow:Today Foundation. Two current Year 10 students, Zoe Thomson and Andre McLean-Frankling, also explained activities undertaken in these programs and why they would recommend them to all Year 9s.

Connect9 - This is a 10 week community-based program that has lots of fun activities. Each student is given an adult mentor who helps them to connect with the Benalla Community and learn about new sports, hobbies and skills. Students can enrol in Term 2 or Term 3.

Term 2 program runs on Tuesday nights **5.30 - 7pm** from 23 April to 25 June.

Term 3 runs on Wednesday nights from 17 July to 18 September.

Registrations due by Wednesday 27 February

Paid Part-time Work - This is a 5 week program which gives students work-readiness skills and provides them with an opportunity to meet local employers. Students can enrol in Term 2 or Term 3. Term 2 program runs from Wednesday nights **4 - 7.30pm** from 29 May to 26 June and Term 3 program runs on Tuesday nights from 20 August to 17 September.

- Information brochures and application forms have been **posted home** to all Year 9 students
- Students can enrol in both programs but it is not recommended that students do both in the same term
- Both programs are free
- Both programs will add to the Year 9 Career Intensive work completed in Term 2 and 3 in class
- See Mrs Oakley for more information



Sue Oakley

Pathways to Retention Coordinator



PHOTO – Cathy Hair from Tomorrow: Today speaks with Zoe Thompson about her experiences in the Connect9 program last year. Andre McLean-Frankling is pictured on his glider flight.

SPORTS REPORT

2019 Year 7-12 House Captains

Well done to all the students who put their name up for House Captain this year and a big congratulations to those students that were successful in gaining the title of 2019 House Captain.



Middle School

Stirling (Red) - Dylan Brain (9) and Hayley Cooper (7)
Buffalo (Green) - Ayden Phillips (9) and Ebony Armstrong (8)
Hotham (Yellow) - Matt Priest (9) and Nicole Patterson (8)
Buller (Blue) - Oliver Hall (8) and Christina Fuller (8)

Senior School

Stirling (Red) - Aaron Cooke (11) and Macey Matthews (12)
Buffalo (Green) - Louis Chivers (12) and Taylah Grubissa (12)
Hotham (Yellow) - Evan Dowe (12) and Shae Skelton (12)
Buller (Blue) - James Arendt (12) and Georgie Ubergang (12)

These students will lead us for all sporting house events for 2019 with the first being the Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival on Thursday 21st February. House Captains that were in attendance at this week's meeting received their badges. All House Captains are expected to attend, swim, promote and help out on the day of the Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival, Yr7-12 Athletics Carnival and P-12 Cross Country.

Tara Hunter
Sports Coordinator (7-12)

AFTER SCHOOL CARE & VACATION CARE NEWS

The Benalla P-12 College After School Care is a service for families within our school community who require care at the end of the school day. It offers After School Care at Avon St & Waller St campuses.

We have a range of different activities that will sure to have your loved one entertained.

This week our activities included Tennis, Lego, Beading, and Basketball. The highlight of the week was having ice cream and making cupcakes.



Elly & Bentley made Chocolate Chip Cupcakes. They were delicious!



Oliver enjoyed building a castle using foam blocks.

HOW TO BOOK:

Bookings can be made by contacting:

Waller Street Campus:
57622600 or mob 0407 715 660

Avon Street Campus:
5762 1646 or mob 0428 014 133

UPCOMING ACTIVITES

To view the activities and afternoon tea menu, click on the following link:
<https://benallap12.vic.edu.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM



Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), is a five week program that supports parents and their children.

You will learn:

- * How to build positive relationships with your child
- * What causes childhood behaviors
- * How to encourage desirable behaviors
- * How to respond to and manage misbehavior
- * How to teach your child new skills

Dates – Fridays 1st March 2019 to 29th March 2019.

Times – 10am to 12pm

Venue – Tomorrow Today –

Shop 1 Cecily Court, 66 Nunn St Benalla

Bookings Essential – Phone Intake on (03) 5723 2000

Lake Benalla Fresh Water Turtles



**Presentation by
Turtles Australia Inc.**

Benalla Lake has three species of fresh water turtles. Come along to find out about their biology and the threats to our turtle population. There will be a live turtle display and a nest protection demonstration.

When

Saturday 23rd February 2019

Where

**Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop
Learning Centre
(Benalla Library)
2 Fawcner Drive, Benalla**

Time

10 am – 11 am

This is a free, family friendly event.

Hosted by the Benalla Library



TURTLES Australia Inc.
turtlesaustralia.org.au

Turtles Australia Inc. is a not for profit organisation focused on preserving the populations and habitats of Australian freshwater turtles.



Come & Try Hockey!

FREE! Thurs 21st Feb 2019

Have fun, make friends

All ages, all abilities – come, surprise yourself!

Whole family can play together

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



5 – 6pm Intro to Hockey

5 – 12 year olds

HOOKIN2HOCKEY



6 – 7pm Adults and all ages

FUN SUMMER HOCKEY

Term 1 = fun hockey, Term 2 = competition starts
Hockey field, Churchill Reserve cnr Waller & Margaret St
Bring a hat, drink, and friends!

More info: Roxanne, 0409880384 or benallahockey@gmail.com



6 WEEKS
Ages 6-8

2019

AUSSIE HOOPS

All Welcome

New \$60.00
Returning \$30.00

Registrations are open

Starts March 7th

4.10pm Start

Register online at www.benalla.sporting.com.au/australian-page.asp?australian=738

Calling all young photographers

In Benalla

If you're under 18 and interested
in photography the Ensign needs you

Enter the U-18 section of our amateur
photography competition to be in the
running for some great prizes.

In February the category for entries is
'Iconic Benalla' and the best photo will
also be used on the front page of
the Benalla phone book.

The prize-pool, sponsored by
Camera House Shepparton and
She's Arty, is valued at more than \$800.

Use digital, film or even your smart-phone.



Pic by Brendan



Pic by Andrea

NB If you're over 18 and
would like to enter we
have a category for you
too, so get snapping!

Email entries to editor@benallaensign.com.au

**THE BENALLA
Ensign**