



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 25th February, 2019

Edition #3

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Social Media

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Benalla P-12 College is a positive, respectful and safe school environment.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

The many parents who attended our inaugural Grade 3-6 swimming carnival last Friday is a great example of positive involvement in the College community.

This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any concerns you may have about your child - simply contact the Faithfull office to schedule an appointment. There is an appropriate avenue to raise any grievances, concerns or constructive criticism. It saddens me when I hear of efforts to undermine our positive school culture by way of inaccurate or disparaging comments on social media, rather than addressing concerns with school staff directly. Thankfully, such instances are very rare.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the parents and carers of Benalla P-12 College.

Year 7 Camp

Well done to our Year 7 students for their positive behaviour on the 3 day camp to Campaspe Downs last week. The students demonstrated our college values to a high standard throughout the camp and got to participate in a range of great outdoor activities as well.

Swimming Sports

Our secondary swimming sports on Thursday were a great success. Well done to all those students who attended and swam to represent their house. It was fantastic to see many of our senior students getting involved by dressing up and taking part in events. The very first edition of our Grade 3-6 carnival on Friday was also highly successful. It was great to see so many parents there and the students clearly had a good time in the time trials and the novelty events.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

WED 27TH-MAR 1ST

Year 11 Outdoor Ed- Barmah Paddle

THURS 28TH FEB
SCHOOL PHOTOS

9.00am- Waller St Campus
11.30am- Year 7 Faithfull St
12.30pm- Family Photos
Faithfull St PAC

MON 4TH MARCH

Yrs 7-12
Southern Ranges Swimming

WED 6TH MARCH

3pm-5pm- Judds Uniform Shop
Faithfull St Campus

THURS 7TH MARCH

Senior Boys Cricket
Hume Region

THURS 7TH MARCH

7.30pm- Yr 7 Band Info Night
Faithfull St PAC

TUES 12TH-FRI 22ND MARCH

Yr 9 Futuremakers Camp
Group 1

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.....

School Council

As mentioned last week, nominations for School Council are currently open and close on the 4th of March. Forms are available at any campus office, and I am happy to discuss the role of school councillor with anyone who is interested. The College needs a school council that is strong and representative of all students and families, so I encourage all parents to consider nominating.

Attendance

Thankyou to everyone for responding to letters and text messages informing parents of students absences. We are following DET processes in doing this and also using a new system so there are some 'teething problems' to iron out. Thankyou to everyone for your patience and I apologise to anyone who received a letter that was incorrect. The office staff are working very hard to ensure the information is accurate and letters are correct. If you receive one that you feel is incorrect, please contact us so that we can amend it.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

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 12.30pm on Thursday 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

CSEF

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS PAYMENT FOR 2019?

If you hold a valid means-tested Centrelink Card (ie Health Care Card, Pension/Veterans Affairs Card, Youth Allowance Card) You are eligible to receive CSEF funding. This is available to help families with the cost of Camps, Sport & Excursions.

Please complete the application forms with a copy of your valid Centrelink card and return to any campus office as soon as possible!

ATTENDANCE

Why every day counts

We are now in our fourth week of Term 1. What stories has your child brought home about new things they 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 (Yrs 7-9)
- ☐ Faithfull St Campus -Craig Carley 5761 2777 (Yrs 10-12)

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

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

3/4 Swimming

Our Year 3/4 students have been practising water safety activities at the Benalla YMCA. They have also been improving their stroke technique.



AVON ST NEWS

Avon Street was very happy this week to have our new updated library back. Students have enjoyed using the facilities getting back in and enjoying all the books they love to read. It has been quite a novelty to be able to borrow books again too. Thank you so much to all the library staff who have put it back together for us, particularly Sam Stolz, Sharyn Stolz and Helen Fraser.



AVON ST BUILDING WORKS

Outside demolition is still in progress at Avon Street. We are all very excited as works are getting closer to completion.



WALLER ST NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK 3



Back L-R - Arli Dawson, Marli Mundy, Lucy Kerr, Noah Norman, Wyntar Stone & Olivia Anderson
Front L-R - Alana Moss, Ryder Ginn, Andrew Noyes, Aston Duffy & Alex Berger

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Stirling-Red House

Liam Fielding & Evie Taylor

Hotham-Yellow House

Josh Ward & Kaleigh Burfield



Buffalo-Green House

Willow Stocker & Angus Oldmeadow

Buller-Blue House

Zara Young & Nicolas Batman

GETTING ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL EACH DAY

Planning ahead for school mornings can help reduce the rush and stress levels.

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You'll probably find that **you and your child can do many things the night before**.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there's something special happening at school the next day.
- Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on. You can keep this on the fridge so everyone knows what's happening.
- Organise lunches and get breakfast things ready for the morning rush. **Breakfast is one of the most important meals** of the day, and helps your child to concentrate better at school. Don't forget you can have breakfast at school.
- Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.
- You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like your child not wanting to eat breakfast, or wanting to wear sneakers rather than school shoes. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you're all less likely to be stressed.
- Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.

Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get school bags ready the night before.

For more ideas and information with getting organised in the morning, please see Bron- Student Wellbeing or call 5762 2600.

FAITHFULL ST

5/6 NEWS

SAINTS COME MARCHING IN

The saints boys came marching in with the team song turned up. They started walking past and everyone wanted an autograph. Then they asked if we had any questions. At the start there was a question about their diet. I think everyone wanted to have the youngest footy players diet as he had to bulk up. Then there was a question to mainly the ruckmen – how many times have you played Carlton? The ruckmen said about two times after eight long years. I think this is how people would describe the experience meeting the footy players – outstanding, funny, crazy, amazing, unbelievable. There were so many crazy and funny questions. Everyone's favourite part was having a photo with the players and hearing their stories. *By Xavier Wapling*

Today some amazing people came to our school. The most outstanding was the ruckman. He was tall. I look up to these players. They are amazing, wonderful and skilful. I was fascinated by them. I liked how the players explained their life in the AFL. I describe these players as spectacular, dazzling, tremendous, superb, magnificent, special, legendary, dedicated, epic, athletic and extraordinary. I admire these players. *By Oscar Ring.*

The Saints players were 'funtastic'! They shared their knowledge of footy. We sat in Miss Ewen's room and had a chat with the players about what it was like to be an AFL footy player. We were able to ask them questions. They were all in Saints uniforms. They had played for a number of years. It was a fun afternoon with the players, but I still barrack for the SWANS. *By Sam Gates*



THE NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS

This week the new playground opened in between the Year 5-6 Hub and Year 7-12 campus. Students have been watching and waiting with much anticipation – and loved it when the temporary fences came down and they could play. The new playground is not only a place for fun at recess and lunchtimes but a great place for students to meet for class learning outside – students are looking forward to sitting in the playground and writing entries in their writer's notebook. We look forward to families visiting our campus to check out the new playground.



FAITHFULL NEWS

YR 7 CAMP

Over seventy Year 7 students spent 3 fun filled days at Campaspe Downs near Kyneton. Students were given the opportunity to challenge themselves through a variety of group activities, including Flying Fox, Canoeing, Team Challenge, Initiatives, Low Ropes, Rock Climbing and Possum Gliding. Both students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the camp. A special thanks to Mitch Cullen, who attended as a parent helper.





INTRODUCING THE BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE CAREERS TEAM

Mrs Kellie Cairncross is the Careers and Pathways Education Co-ordinator at Benalla P-12 College and is based in the Careers Room of the new Senior School Hub. Mrs Cairncross is currently studying a Graduate Certificate in Career Development which brings a great knowledge of current research and workforce trends to our school. Mrs Cairncross meets with students and parents/carers regarding career transition decisions and organises large career events including University Bus Tours. Senior students are encouraged to put their name on the appointment sheet in the careers room. Mrs Cairncross would like to see all Year 12 students this term.

Ms Molly Craig is also based in the Senior School Careers Room. Molly is the Work Experience, Structured Workplace Learning and School Based Apprenticeships Coordinator. Molly also coordinates the extensive VET program offered at Benalla P-12 College. She assists students to trial different career areas and helps students to link in with various apprenticeship providers, local TAFES and employers.

Mrs Sue Oakley manages the Year 9 Career Intensive and Portfolio Development Program. In Term Two she will be working in Year 9 Humanities classrooms to assist with the teaching of explicit skills related to self-development, career exploration and career management. This culminates with the production of a comprehensive Achievement Portfolio and Mock Job Interview for all students. Mrs Oakley's office is in the Year 9 Centre Careers Room.

Ms Doris Arendt is the Geared4Careers program officer at Benalla P-12 College. Geared4Careers works with local students to educate them about the benefits of completing their secondary education and assists them to identify appropriate career opportunities. Doris also assists students to secure local part time employment. The program works to complement our school's current services and curriculum. Doris works from both career offices and, together with other staff, assists students to update resumes and understand the job application process.



All members of the Careers team welcome students and parents/carers to contact them by ringing the school 57612777 or by email.

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Doris Arendt darendt@geared4careers.org.au

PHOTO – Mrs Sue Oakley, Ms Molly Craig, Mrs Kellie Cairncross and Ms Doris Arendt pictured in new senior careers office.

SPORTS REPORT

Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival



7-12 Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 21st February the Year 7-12 students participated in the Swimming Carnival. It was a great day had by all, with plenty of participants swimming in numerous events and lots of very creative costumes. In particular, well done to the Year 7, 8 and 12 cohorts as they had the highest participation rates consistently throughout the day. Highlights of the day included the staff vs student relay, Mr William's rap, the enthusiasm of the Year 12 students and the super swim.

A big congratulations to all of the age group champions, both super swimmers and the winning house, **Stirling!**

Age Group Champions

F	13yr	Imogen Biddle
M	13yr	Oliver Hall
F	14yr	Molly Sullivan
M	14yr	Kyle Termorshuizen
F	15yr	Taree Fletcher
M	15yr	Sam Heaney
F	16yr	Hayley Montgomery
M	16yr	Charlie Wright-Fry
F	17yr	Nicole Lancaster
M	17yr	Luke Dunne
F	20yr	Willow Plex
M	20yr	Stevan Sovacki

House Final Results

1 st	Stirling (Red)	387
2 nd	Buffalo (Green)	384
3 rd	Hotham (Yellow)	349
4 th	Buller (Blue)	325

Super Swim (fastest swimmer for the day)

M	17yr	Aaron Cooke
F	13yr	Imogen Biddle

Thank you to the staff, student house captains and school captains for all of your help throughout the day, it wouldn't have been a success without you.

Tara Hunter
Sports Coordinator (7-12)



AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

FREE-COME AND TRY NIGHT

Out of School Hours Care

Out of School Hours Care invites you to attend one of our come and try nights.

After school care is offering you one come try evening free of charge.

Children will be offered fresh fruit, milk, juice and then something special for afternoon tea.

After afternoon tea children can join in activities indoors and outdoors.

Parents/Carers need to pick up visiting children by 5pm.

Time: 3:10 – 5:00pm.

Where: Waller Street Multi-purpose Room.

When: Tuesday 5th or Thursday 7th March

No Charge RSVP by Friday 1st March Bookings a must

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Preferred Evening: _____ Tuesday

_____ Thursday



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 ACTIVITIES

To view the activities and afternoon tea menu, click on the following link:

<https://benallap12.vic.edu.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS



Tomorrow Today is proud to welcome Connie Cudini, Psychologist at North East Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (NECAMHS) to present two workshops titled "Helping young children manage anxiety".

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Dates:

Thursday 28 February, 2019 1.15pm – 2.45pm

and

Thursday 14 March, 2019 1.15pm – 2.45pm.

At Tomorrow Today Foundation, Shop 1 Cecily Court, Nunn Street, Benalla.

Please register for this workshop by contacting Cath at Tomorrow Today on 5762 1211 or PEEP families can register at PEEP.

These workshops are for parents only (not the children). Limited childcare is available for PEEP families. Please let us know when you register.

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TOMORROW TODAY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR NEW GROUP

Have fun while planning and running fundraising activities to benefit the Benalla and district community.

How much time you commit is entirely up to you.

Come along to the first meeting of **Friends of Tomorrow Today** on **Monday 25th February 2019 at 3pm**, at Cecily Court.

To register your interest in attending, or to find out more, please call Tomorrow Today on (03) 5762 1211.

Shop 10 Cecily Court, 66 Nunn Street, Benalla.
www.tomorrowtoday.com.au



Year 11 Kokoda Film Fundraiser "The Mule"



Sunday 3/3/19 @ 3.45 including
afternoon tea @ BPACC.

\$20 per ticket which can be purchased at
the Faithfull Campus office or on the day
from the event organisers @ BPACC. Or

Yr 11- Jessie, Ebony, Jesse, Ruby, Maddi,
Isaac, Jack, Mr Carboon or Ms Felstead.

PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe
and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that
makes you feel unsafe or afraid,
including anyone in your family,
anyone at school or anywhere else
in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your
school if you feel unsafe.

For Students, please call:
1800 551 800 (Kids Helpline)
In an emergency, always contact 000
for emergency services



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and
respond to concerns about
child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child
or young person, you have a
responsibility to report it,
even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

For Parents
1800 991 099 (Child Wise Helpline)
131 278 (Child Protection
Crisis Line)
1300 138 180 (Child First)

