



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 18th March, 2019

Edition #6

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

COLLEGE VISION

BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE ENSURES THAT EVERY CHILD LEARNS AND IS PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.

Staffing

Hannah Ramage (Prep teacher at Avon) has obtained a new job at Oxley Primary School and finishes at the end of week 9 this term. She will be replaced by Siobhan Higgins who is returning from family leave. Bryony Lepoidevin will remain with the Grade 5 class she has been teaching this term.

Uniform

It has been pleasing to see that there has been an improvement in students at Faithfull Campus wearing uniform. The majority of students who are wearing full uniform contribute to a real sense of school identity and pride as well as helping to promote cohesion and good order in the school. Thankyou to parents who have worked with us to see this improvement, and to those who have sent in notes when students are out of uniform.

School Council has the responsibility of developing and reviewing the College dress code/uniform policy. It is our intention to conduct a review this year and we will be consulting widely with parents and students to do this.

Year 9 Futuremakers Camp

Currently, 32 of our Year 9 students are paddling down the Murray River in canoes, using wooden paddles they have made themselves. All this is part of the amazing 12 day experience known as the 'Futuremakers' camp, run at 15 Mile Creek in the Greta Valley. When I visited the students last week they were settling into the routines of camp and preparing for their journey. When I go back on Wednesday this week I am sure I will see some changes in them as a result of their adventure. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to build on and develop skills in teamwork, communication and resilience. The rest of our Year 9s will have their camp the following Monday, and I am sure they will see equally positive outcomes.

Attendance

At the Avon Campus assembly last Friday, I was very impressed by the number of students who had outstanding attendance for the week ie. turned up on time every day and didn't leave early. This makes learning so much easier when students are at school every day, for the whole day. Congratulations to these students and to the many others who are also achieving 100% attendance.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TUES 12TH-FRI 22ND MARCH

**Yr 9 Futuremakers Camp
Group 1**

MON 18TH MARCH

**Yr 8 Outdoor Ed- Canoeing
Yrs 5/6 Regent Honey Eater Seed
Propagation**

TUES 19TH MARCH

**Hume Swimming- Albury
9.00 Parent Information Session at
Faithfull St Campus, Year 9 Centre.**

WED 20TH MARCH

**Wall to Wall Artist Workshop
2.30pm Parent Information
session- Avon St Campus, Library.**

THURS 21ST MARCH

Southern Rangers Sport Round 1.

FRI 22ND MARCH

**2.30pm Parent information
session- Waller St Campus, ICT
Suite**

FRI 29TH MARCH

**Grandparents Morning Tea –
Waller St & Avon St Campuses.**

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

Parent Teacher Interviews and Compass

Thankyou to those parents who have already made bookings for our upcoming parent-teacher interviews. These interviews are an important opportunity for you to receive feedback about your child's learning at school and for you to ask questions of the classroom teacher. We see these as an essential part of the school and parents working together to achieve the best outcomes for each child.

If you need assistance with this process please call the office at your campus or drop in and someone will be able to assist you.

Tony Clark
Executive Principal

ATTENDANCE

Why every day counts

We now have 3 weeks to go until the end of term, there are only 14 days of school left. Not long now for holidays. Don't forget to make a time with your child's teacher for parent teacher interviews. This is a perfect time to discuss any difficulty you have with your child's attendance, if they are up to date with their school work requirements and how their absences have affected their learning.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents-act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child teacher and asking for advice and support.
- Remember every day counts
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea.
- There are no safe number of days for missing school-each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents.
- 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/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

AVON ST CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Jack Davies , Emily Mackay, Georgia Trethowan, Angus Gande, Rebecca Heatherill and Hayley Warnock.

EASTER RAFFLE



Avon Street Parents and Friends are seeking your support by selling a small book of raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket.

Hampers will be drawn at our final

Assembly on Wednesday 4th April at 9.00am.

More tickets will be available from the front office.

Thank you for your continued support,
Avon Street Parents and Friends.

GRANDPARENTS DAY MORNING TEA



All Grandparents are welcome to attend our Grandparents day, morning tea.

When: Friday 29th March
Time: 10.15am-11.00am
Where: Avon St Campus

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION- AVON ST CAMPUS

NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM- COMPASS

Parents & Guardians are invited to attend, an information session on our new school management system, Compass.

Learn how to Log In, Book Parent Teacher Interviews, View Student Absences and we will introduce you to our Chronicle System.

When:

Wednesday 20th March

Where; Avon St Campus Library

Time: 2.30-3.30pm



BOOK CLUB

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Avon Street Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due in by
9.00am Wednesday
20th March

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

WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

BULLYING NO WAY! DAY

To celebrate the National day against bullying on Friday the Waller students worked on a Mural all together. They put their hand up to say "I Choose Kind!"

The students looked at Aboriginal Art styles and then after making a pledge to "Choose Kind" they painted their hands using dot and line patterns.

They did a wonderful job of working together and the mural is proudly decorating the entry at Waller.



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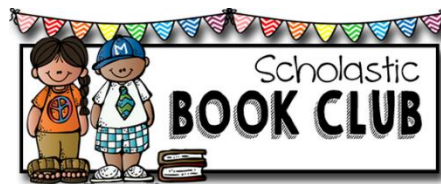
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When: Friday 22nd March
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Time: 2.30-3.30pm

BOOK CLUB



Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 catalogues have now been distributed to all students at Waller St Campus.

Students and Parents are reminded that book club orders must be submitted online through **Scholastic Book Club Loop Orders** by **Wednesday 20th March 2019**.

Details re ordering are located on the back page of the catalogue.

EASTER RAFFLE

WALLER ST CAMPUS
PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION

RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are seeking your support for Easter themed donations for our Easter Raffle Hampers. Items such as Easter eggs, bunnies, story books or craft activities are always popular.

Please bring your donations to the Waller St Campus Office by **Tuesday 2nd April 2019**.



5/6 HUB NEWS

OUT OF AFRICA WOWS THE YEAR 5-6 STUDENTS

On the 12th of March, we had a very nice man come to our school. His name was Valenga. When the Year 5's entered the room, he introduced himself and then he played musical instruments from Africa. Valenga involved all of the kids by encouraging us to sing with him. Some lucky children got to go up and play instruments with him. While they were playing, Valenga made us all laugh. It was very different to what we thought it would be. He told us many stories from his childhood, like his first time in a car and first taste of bubblegum. At the end of his performance, we thanked him on behalf of the Year 5 students.

By Laura Fowles and Ochre Lees

Right from the very beginning, Valenga involved us in his performance. Some of the Year 5 students were asked to join him in playing African instruments. We loved the Kalimba instrument. It sounded like a harp.

Valenga was very funny and entertained us with his music and his many stories from growing up. He was hilarious. Bu Perry loved it and she said "it reminded her of her special time living in Africa." Valenga told us about all of his memorable experiences, such as his first time wearing shoes, his first time in a car and growing up in a Refugee Camp.

By Caitlin Wood and Teliha Yates



PERSUASIVE WRITING

The Year 6 students this week have been studying a range of persuasive texts and persuasive writing techniques. They have been working on writing startling persuasive introductions. Here are two examples of writing from Year 6 students - Emily and Chani. Their topic was: Books are better than movies!!

If you are like me and are fun, imaginative and good at visualising, then you will agree that books are way more sophisticated than movies. If not, well I think you can guess what I'm going to say. I will show you how I feel about the books versus movies topic more in depth later. The gist of it is, in movies, the character is never the same as the book. Books help your vocabulary, whereas movies just require listening. Books are what the author imagined, not , what a sad, old producer imagined..... I mean just look at Harry Potter!!

By Emily

Do you like to read? If not, maybe you should learn to, instead of wasting your life watching movies and criticizing book readers! You need to think, without the hook there would be no movies. They will most likely cut characters and parts and last of all you will find that they change what the characters look like and they merge characters.

By Chani

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Where: Faithfull St Campus

Yr 9 Centre

Time: 9.00-am-10.00am

US PRIDE LAUNCH EVENT



Come along to celebrate diversity and inclusion at Benalla P-12 College at the launch of Us Pride, a support group for LBGTIQ+ students and their allies. Guest speaker Daniel Witthaus will address students in Year 7-12 at a special assembly at 12.00pm on Wednesday 3rd April, followed by a free BBQ lunch and activities.

Show your support by wearing rainbow colours!



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE



On Friday 15th March Benalla P-12 participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Benalla P-12 College is one of 5726 schools participating in the initiative and gave us the chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in the school community. The BBQ was a great success and students showed their support by wearing wristbands, sharing information and having the opportunity to have meaningful conversations around what bullying looks like for them and the changes we can make to help create a safer school and community for everyone.



Many Thanks to Michael Thomas and Assistant Principal Reno Lia for cooking the sausages and also to Year 7 student Finn Cherry who was ever present in handing out wristbands and information on the day.



YEAR 9 STUDENTS START FUTURE MAKERS CAMP

Our first group of Year 9 students are currently attending the Future Makers Camp at the 15-Mile Creek Outdoor School. Last week students were preparing for their journey on the Murray River. This included designing and constructing their own paddles, together with learning new canoeing skills. Students participated in group work to identify their strengths and how they could improve their resilience. They also participated in many practical activities which aim to develop their teamwork capabilities. This involved bridge building, raft making, rock climbing and abseiling.



OWEN (OUTDOOR SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR) ASSISTS STACEY KUTCHEL TO ATTACH HER PADDLE BLADE



STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO FORM A RAFT WITH THEIR CANOES



SCARLET LOWE AND TIANAH STOCKER RETURN TO SHORE AFTER PRACTICING PADDLING MANOEUVRES



TYRESE CLARK, MATTHEW PRIEST AND DYLAN BRAIN SHAPE THEIR HANDLES READY TO ATTACH PADDLE BLADES



University Bus Tours – March 13, 2019



Last Wednesday over 60 of our Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Melbourne and visited various University Campuses. Bus 1 went to La Trobe University and RMIT and Bus 2 went to Deakin University and Victoria University.

Our students toured the campuses and were met by University ambassadors. They got to ask questions regarding what it is like to transition to University from a country town.

They were told about courses, pathways, accommodation options and much more.

It was a valuable day and we are grateful to the Tomorrow Today Foundation and the Sir Edward Weary Dunlop Memorial Committee for sponsoring the event and providing the transportation to the Universities. We incerely thank both organisations for their continued support of our students.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

AVON ST CAMPUS COME AND TRY NIGHT

On Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th of March, Avon Street had a come and try night. Students had some fun making shakers out of Pringle cans and tea cups. They also enjoyed playing in and outside and enjoyed some afternoon tea.



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

FREE COME AND TRY DAY

When: Sunday 24 March, 2019
Where: Churchill Reserve, Waller St, Benalla
Time: 10am-1pm
FREE: Sausage sizzle

Young people aged **5-19** can try a range of fun, enjoyable activities that are currently offered in Benalla.

**BOXING...BADMINTON...YOGA
AIRFORCE CADETS...NETBALL
ARCHERY...SOCCER...BASKETBALL
RUGBY...HOCKEY...ASTRONOMY
BASEBALL...BENALLA LEOS CLUB.**

Assistance with the cost of registration fees is available to families with pension and health care cards.

For more info call Tomorrow Today
on 5762 1211



COMMUNITY NEWS

Benalla P-12 College

proudly invite the community to join us for the

Weary Dunlop Education Centre

OFFICIAL OPENING

Thursday 28 March 1.00pm - 3.00pm



RSVP - Faithfull General Office 5761 2777 www.benallap12.vic.edu.au

Avon Campus
Foundation - Year 4
3 Avon Street
Benalla VIC 3671

Faithfull Campus
Years 5 - 6 Hub
Clarke Street
Benalla VIC 3671

Faithfull Campus
Years 7 - 12
20 Faithfull Street
Benalla VIC 3671

Waller Campus
Foundation-Year 4
127-139 Waller Street
Benalla VIC 3671



BENALLA SAINTS

OPEN WOMEN'S & UNDER 18'S



PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Arundel Street Ovals

Every Tuesday | 6.30pm

Enquiries: Youth Girls Under 18's
Open Women's

Daniel Preston 0438 340 109
Victoria Mitchell 0406 595 232



SORA (DIGITAL EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS)

You may now access the College ebook & audiobook collection via **Sora**.
Sora may be accessed from school or home.

Please follow these 4 easy steps to "Open a world of reading"

Note @ step 3 students will use their school logon credentials

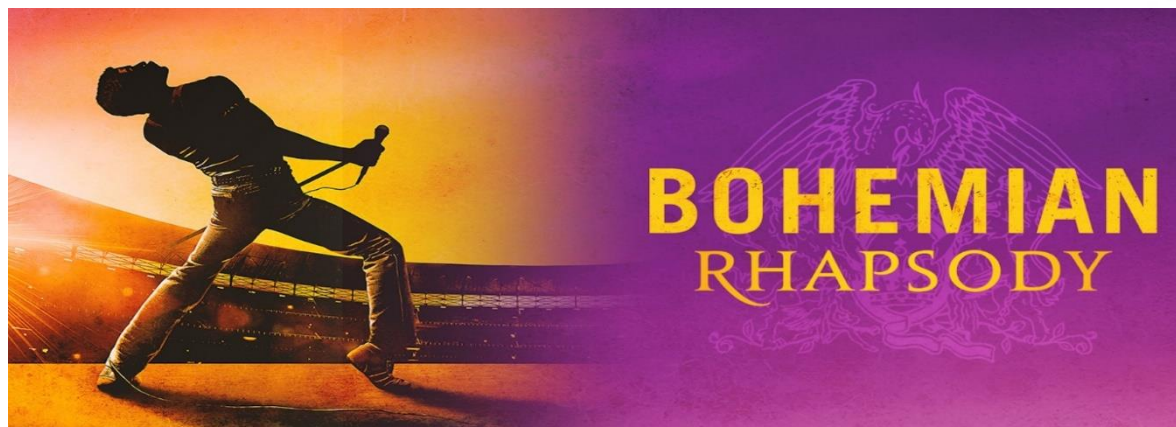
Thankyou
Helen Fraser

KOKODA FUNDRAISER

Join Us on Sunday 31st March at 1pm for Afternoon Tea and a special screening of Bohemian Rhapsody to help raise funds for our Year 11 Students trekking Kokoda.

Tickets \$20

Available to purchase at any Campus office, or on the day.



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