



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 25th March, 2019

Edition #7

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.

School Council

The final pieces have fallen into place and we now have a full school council. Leanne Lefebvre has renominated as a parent and has been reappointed for another two years, Scarlett Spencer has taken on the last staff position and Arnica Stanley joins as the second student rep. The first meeting of the new council is tonight at Waller Street at 5.30pm. All office bearer positions and sub-committee roles will be decided and then we have a busy night of policy approval and other important items.

Child Safety

One of the key items that will be discussed at all School Council meetings is Child Safety. We are required to have policies and procedures in place to guarantee the safety and wellbeing of all children, as well as information for parents and children on what to do or who to talk to if they are feeling unsafe. We are also required by law to take action if we have concerns for the safety of any child, whether it be in school or out of school. You will notice information appearing in the office areas of each campus about this. Please take the time to have a look and if you have any questions please contact me to discuss them.

Guest Speaker

Last Friday, past student (and College Dux of 2002) Matt Higgins spoke with a room full of our senior students about his amazing job as Senior Manager for Manufacturing and Engineering at TESLA (USA). This was a great opportunity for our students to hear of such a great success story coming out of our College and from what I could tell the talk had quite an impact on a number of students. Thanks to our Careers team of Kellie Cairncross, Molly Craig and Sue Oakley for arranging this talk and stay tuned for many more like it in the coming months.

Futuremakers Camp

Our first group of Year 9s returned on Friday after 12 days of adventure with the 15 Mile Creek camp staff. It was very pleasing to see the way the students took up the challenges on offer and worked co-operatively with each other to get through the experience. The staff at 15 Mile Creek were very positive about our students and the way they conducted themselves and they should all be very proud to have completed the 12 days. For those who are looking for more there are extension programs going to the Kimberley Ranges, Nepal or a 'Summit to Sea' trip here in Victoria.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MON 25TH-FRI 5TH APRIL

**Yr 9 Futuremakers Camp
Group 2**

THURS 28TH MARCH

**1pm Official Opening of Weary
Dunlop Learning Centre & Rex
Wills Trade Centre.**

FRI 29TH MARCH

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

MON 1ST APRIL

Top Arts Excursion

THURS 4TH APRIL

**Legal Studies Excursion
Yr 12 VCAL PD Tennis**

THURS 4TH APRIL

**4pm-7pm
Parent Teacher Interviews.**

FRI 5TH APRIL

**Student Free Day
9am-12pm Parent Teacher
Interviews**

TERM 1 DATES

31st Jan- Friday 5th April 2019*
***Friday 5th April is a student free
day due to Parent/Teacher
Interviews.**

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

School Resumes Tuesday 23rd
April.
Fri 26th April is a Student Free Day.

Our College Values

Respect
Responsibility
High Expectations
Integrity

Continued....

Parent Teacher Interviews and Compass

Once again, thank you 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 are now in our second last week of term 1 for 2019. Teachers are currently busy getting ready for parent teacher interviews. If your child has missed a lot of school, this will reflect on your child's attendance data, if they are up to date with their school work requirements and how their absences have affected their learning. Your teacher is there to help support you in getting your child to school.

Having problems getting your child to school?

Getting to school on time every day can be about having a good routine. If you find yourself running late because the morning is not organised, try

- Having a set time the children to go to bed each night.
- Having a set time of getting everyone up in the morning.
- Leaving technology out of the bedroom.
- Packing the school bag the night before with everything that is needed.
- Make snacks and lunches the night before.
- Having a set time for breakfast or go to the breakfast club on your child's campus.
- Plan to meet up with friends so they can walk to school together.

Sometimes it can just be hard to get your child to school. It may be tough with their friends, the school work may be hard, dislike the teacher or it could be that things at home aren't great. Whatever the situation is, your child being away from school is not the answer. 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/Clarke St Campus -Scott Greig 5762 1646
- ☐ Waller St Campus -Bron Greig 5762 2600
- ☐ Faithfull St Campus -Lou McCloskey 5761 2777
- ☐ Senior Campus -Craig Carley 5761 2777

We would love to support and work together with you to get your child/ren 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 Locky Kennedy, Erin Jenkins, James Palmer, Levi Crisp and Aeryn McGinn.

BULLYING NO WAY! DAY

Friday the 15th March Avon St Campus celebrated National Bullying No Way Day all students signed a pledge to stand together in 2019



Bringing Up Great Kids



Bringing Up Great Kids is a FREE program for anyone caring for kids aged 0–12 years.

This program helps you build strong, positive relationships with your kids

- Explore how what we think and feel influences how we parent our kids
- Learn about how kids brains grow and work
- Understand kids communicate through their feelings and behaviour
- Look at what are the important messages we want to pass on to our kids, and how can we do this
- Find out ways parents can take care of themselves and find help if they need it

Avon St Campus will be offering this program in room 2 dates and times to be announced, if you require more information please contact **Scott Greig - 0447710149**
Cost: FREE!



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

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 Thursday 4th April at 9.00am.

More tickets will be available from the front office.

Thank you for your continued support.



WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

YEARS 3 & 4 MATHS

Over the past few weeks grade 3/4 have been exploring how we can use our knowledge of number patterns to help us count.



Mr Barker made us some number charts to help us practice our counting, but unfortunately they all got mixed up together.



Working with our partners we used different strategies and our knowledge of number patterns to put all the charts back together again



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HAMPER 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.



EASTER RAFFLE

The amazing Waller St Campus Parents & Friends Association have organised the Easter Hamper Raffle for 2019. Raffle books have been distributed to students and are due back to school by 9.00am Wednesday, 3 April 2019.

Hamper winners will be drawn at the last school assembly for Term 1 on Thursday 4 April 2019. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket. Extra raffle books are available from the General Office.



EASTER FUN DAY

Waller Street Campus SLG presents...

EASTER FUN

Wednesday 3rd April

9:00 -9:30 a.m. – Easter Bonnet Parade

On the basketball court near the Kitchen. Be creative and re-use things from home if you can!

9:30 -11:00 a.m. – Multi-age Activities



All parade participants go into a draw for a prize!

Parents and friends are very welcome to stay for the parade ☺



Colouring Competition winners announced at the end of the parade.

Students from the 5/6 Hub spent time with members of the Benalla Regent Honey Eaters Program. Students took part in seed propagation for local environmental science and animal plant adaption development.



I enjoyed planting the seeds.
Jack-P

RECENT HONEY-EATERS PROJECT.
I enjoyed counting the trees to see how many trees we planted. Emily Butcher

Local Honey-eater Project.
I enjoyed counting and looking how well planted the trees were.
Korin



I enjoyed planting the plants.
Darcy

When we were planting the saplings in the pots it was really fun. - Logan



I liked planting the trees in the rich soil!
Liam Howard

I like planting trees and making them right for the next generation and for the animals.
Chelsea Edgar

I really enjoyed filling up the container with the soil.
marcus



I loved working with the Regent Honey Eaters because the trees we were planting were for a good cause.
Amber

I liked tree planting because I know that the trees will be able to grow now.

I like to work out doors
mgh



FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS NEWS

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 LGBTIQ+ 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!



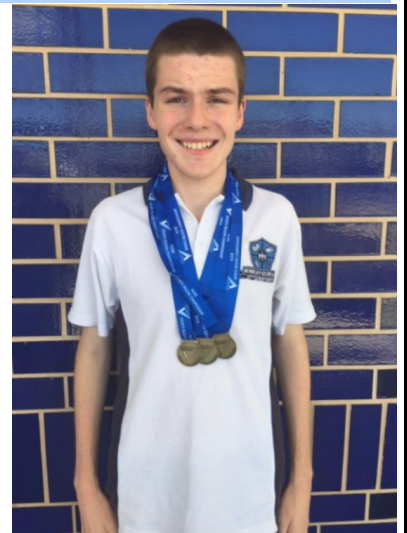
SPORTS NEWS

HUME SWIMMING



Well done to Elliot McCallum for not only being Benalla P-12 College's only student to make it to the HUME swimming but to then go on and win all three of his events. Elliot is now through to State Competition on the 24th April for the 50m backstroke MC, 50m freestyle MC and 50m breaststroke MC events. Excellent work Elliot, you are doing a great job representing the school. Congratulations!

-Tara Hunter
Sports Coordinator (Years 7-12)



SOUTHERN RANGES ROUND ROBIN YEARS 7-12 – THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

Well done to all of the teams that competed in the Term 1 Southern Ranges Round Robin. It was great to see so many students actively participating in Volleyball, Cricket, Soccer and Tennis. Many close games (and some not so close) were played across the day with everyone consistently giving it their best. All students represented the school well with the Senior Boys Soccer our most successful team for the day, making the final and just missing out on going through to the next stage, HUME region. A great day had by all.

-Tara Hunter
Sports Coordinator (Years 7-12)



2019 YEAR 9 CAREERS INTENSIVE AND PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

In Term 2 we will be starting our **Careers Intensive Program** with all Year 9 students. Explicit curriculum will be delivered in Humanities classes each week by Mrs Vashishta, Mr Smith and Ms Fernando. We will also be having guest presenters and community volunteers assisting us. This highly successful initiative has been developed over six years at Benalla P-12 College.

Sessions include:

- Goal setting/Employability skills
- Resume Writing
- Career Exploration
- Career Action Plans (CAPs)
- Personal Presentation workshops
- Interview skills/Job Application letters
- Creating a signature
- Applying for a Unique Student Identifier
- Portfolio development
- Mock job interviews
- Safe@work activities and certificates



Perry Plex and Andre McLean-Frankling dressed ready for Mock Job Interviews last year

The work completed will form the basis of the '**Student Achievement Portfolio**' which will be stored in the Year 9 Centre Careers Room this year and then in the Senior School Careers Office. Students add to their portfolios over the next 3 years.

What else can be added to the portfolio? Students are encouraged to collect **evidence** of their employability skills. This includes certificates for **good attendance, academic achievement, sporting achievement, volunteer work** and any other activities they take pride in. They will also be asked to select assignments, activities and project work from their classes that reflect their achievement. Photos, newsletter/newspaper articles will also be important.

How can parents/carers help? In Term 3 parents/carers will be invited to the school to share their child's portfolio development. This will include some 1:1 pathways planning and help with **course selection for Year 10 and beyond**. In the meantime, please help your child to organise materials they have at home that they can include in their portfolio.

Please contact me at school on 57612777 if you have any questions.

Sue Oakley (Pathways to Retention Coordinator)



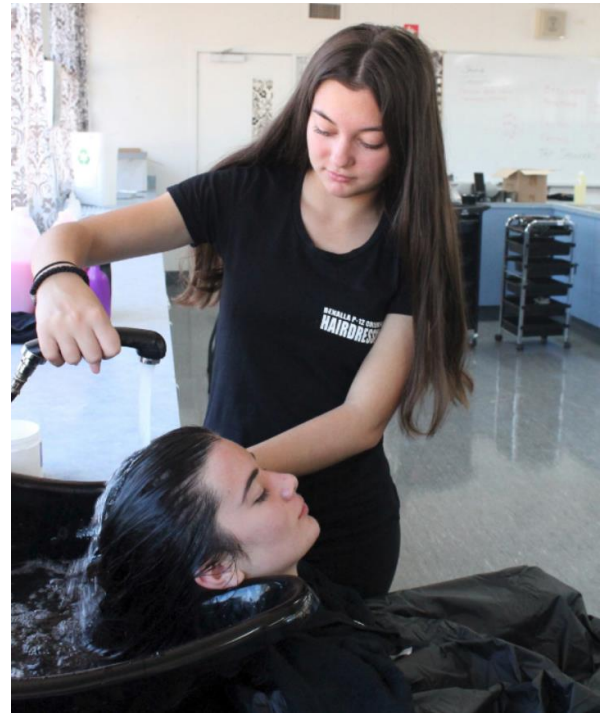
Mr Danny O'Donoghue from NE Tracks LLEN and our Careers Education Manager, Mrs Kellie Cairncross, conducting a Mock Job Interview with Chanelle Lober last year.

HAIRDRESSING Classes AT BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE

Our dedicated hairdressing salon was very busy last week for our first and second year VET Hairdressing students. VET Hairdressing Trainer, Janine Pain, instructed students about different curling and straightening techniques. Student also learnt about the application of conditioning treatments, together with correct washing procedures at the basin. The class practiced methods of scalp, neck and shoulder massage which they applied on each other.



SVETLANA SOVACKI WASHES OUT CONDITIONING TREATMENT.



MAE FLORES USES CURLING TECHNIQUE TO COMPLETE A HAIRSTYLE.

Work Experience for Year 10 Students

We are continuing to prepare for all of our students completing work experience early in Term 4. We have received expressions of interest from our Year 10's regarding where they may like to source their work experience and continue to compile a list of businesses and organisations willing to support our students.

Opportunity – Defence Force Work Experience Program

- The Defence Work Experience Program provides opportunities for young people who have an interest in a Defence career to gain exposure to job roles that are available in the Australian Defence Force and Australian Public Service.
- Work experience opportunities are available for both secondary and tertiary students.
- Students participating in Defence work experience placements must be at least 15 years of age at the time of the placement.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/>

Food and Fibre Careers Day – Expressions of Interest

Students in Years 9-12 are invited to attend the

- Friday 24 May 2019 - University of Melbourne, Dookie Campus
- 'the largest food & fibre careers event in Victoria'
- Students from Year 9-12 have the opportunity to attend this fantastic event. This annual event showcases a broad range of career options via interactive workshops for Year 9-12 students interested in food, fibre, agriculture and horticulture.
- If students are interested in attending, they need to see Mrs Cairncross by the end of Term 1 to register their interest.
- There is no cost for this event, subsidised bus travel is available and lunch is provided.



2019 Food & Fibre
Careers - Dookie Da

Careers Expo - <https://www.vceandcareers.com.au/>

Australia's biggest education and careers expo is now in its 27th year!

2019 EXPO TIMES : Thursday 2 May - Friday 3 May, 9am-3pm | Saturday 4 May - Sunday 5 May, 10am-4pm

LOCATED AT: Station Street, Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield

Entry into Medicine – UCAT replaces UMAT

If you're thinking of studying medicine, dentistry or health science degree programs at undergraduate level in 2020, some institutions require you to sit a special admissions test. The **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)** replaced Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) in 2019.

UCAT helps universities to select applicants with qualities that will help them be successful in their clinical careers. It's used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications.

Registration for UCAT opens in March 2019 and closes at midnight on 17 May 2019.

Entry into Teaching – Casper and ATAR

The Victorian Selection Framework introduced a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for year 12 students entering undergraduate teaching programs. **The minimum rank was 65 in 2018 and is increased to 70 in 2019**

CASPer is a non-cognitive online test designed to assess an applicant's personal and professional attributes. CASPer is a requirement of applying to many initial teaching education courses in Victoria. Courses that require applicants to sit CASPer will list it under the selection requirements section within the course entry information. Read more in our [CASPer fact sheet](#), and for information about the test and to register for the test visit <https://takecasper.com/>

Teach your child how to keep themselves safe

As your child gets older, they become increasingly independent and may spend time away from you or with a babysitter/ carer. As part of the journey of growing up, it's important to speak to your child about being safe. Let them know:

Tip 1

It's OK to say NO if they think what they're being asked to do is or feels wrong.

Tip 2

If they feel they're in danger, it's OK to yell, scream, kick or run to a safe place that you and your child have both agreed on – such as a neighbour or friend.

Tip 3

Make sure that you tell your child that you would never send a stranger to pick them up.

Tip 4

They can tell a lie, even to an adult, if they need to get away from someone who makes them feel unsafe.

Tip 5

To use a 'code' word you both have agreed on, to let you know they're not feeling safe; as an example, using your first name when talking to you on the phone.

Tip 6

Their body is their own – once a child no longer needs nappies to be changed or help with toileting, a carer or any other person should not touch their private areas.

Tip 7

To tell you or another adult if they have any problems or if someone is making them feel unsafe.

Tip 8

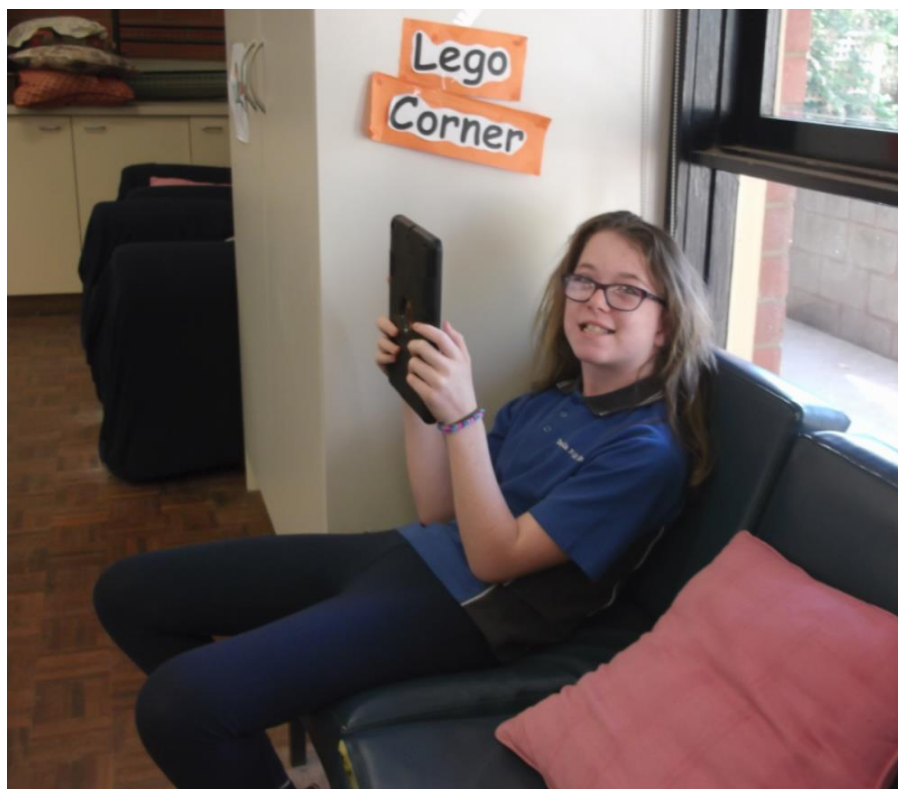
A babysitter or any other adult should not ask a child to keep a secret.

Tip 9

Not to give out personal information online, including their school, suburb, sporting team or nicknames and to never meet someone they have met online in person.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS



This week was a busy week outside. We had many adventures on the playground. We used our quiet time to play games on the Ipad.



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



Would you like to feel more confident in helping your teenager with subject choices?
Would you like to learn more about all the career options available?

PACTS Workshops have been running since 2002 and include 6 expert career practitioners from all educational sectors who provide the latest on the many careers and pathways available, including pathways for those with a disability.

The FREE Workshop includes such topics as:

- ★ How to assist your child with career exploration
- ★ Simple careers assessments
- ★ What are VCE, VET & VCAL?
- ★ What are SBATs?
- ★ What career resources are out there?
- ★ Understanding University, TAFE, Apprenticeships & Traineeships
- ★ Understanding School-Based Traineeships
- ★ Can we afford university?
- ★ **All your questions will be answered by experts**

Date:

- ★ **Wednesday 27 March 2019 7pm to 9pm**

Venue:

- ★ **Benalla GoTAFE 57 Samaria Road**

To book: Call Tomorrow Today 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 Daniel Preston 0438 340 109
Open Women's Victoria Mitchell 0406 595 232



INFORMATION SESSION – NDIS

This is an opportunity to find out more from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and service providers and get your questions answered. The information session is open to those with a disability, their families, carers and community members.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ndis-information-session-benalla-tickets-58412756126>.

Date	Thursday 28 March 2019
Time	9.00am to 11.00am
Location	The Lakeside Community Centre, Benalla Showgrounds, Bridge Road West, Benalla, VIC 3672
RSVP	Eventbrite (external link)

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.

