

# Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 1st April, 2019

Edition #8

#### 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**

Last Monday council held it's AGM as well as the March meeting. Michael Plex was re-elected as President and Tiffany Heatherill as Vice-President. Pat Claridge will continue as Treasurer. A number of sub-committees were established including the traditional ones of Finance, OHS, Buildings and Grounds and Camps/Excursions. An Education Committee is relatively new and has only held one meeting, while a new Fundraising Sub-Committee was established.

Other than that, much of the meeting was dedicated to approving policies that had been amended or expired. Our Child Safe policy and Code of Conduct were part of that and are now available on our website with most other College policies.

Our **Anaphylaxis and Student Health** policies were ratified which explains why many parents would have received a letter asking for information about students with asthma. To ensure we are able to provide the best care for students in the case of an emergency, we need all available information about actions to take and medications. If you have received a letter please get in touch.

#### **Grand Opening**

Finally the day came for our official opening of the Weary Dunlop Education Centre and the Rex Wills Trade Centre. We had a great crowd of past and present staff and students as well as many local community representatives. Minister for Education James Merlino attended and was very impressed with our students and the College.

I would like to thank all our student leaders who attended the event and assisted with meeting and seating guests, presenting kitchen-garden packs and showing people through the new buildings. Most importantly, they all demonstrated outstanding manners and respect and sent a great message about our College to the community. Special thanks goes to Stevan Sovacki and Ben Wheeler of Year 12 who assisted with a presentation of the Weary Dunlop App – 'Could you survive as a Prisoner of War.' Melanie Stretton also gave another excellent rendition of her Weary Dunlop oration which was received extremely well by members of the Weary Dunlop Foundation.

#### Insurance

Parents and carers are reminded that the Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage. Ambulance transport and medical expenses are also not covered by the DET and parents and carers should have their own ambulance cover.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MON 25TH-FRI 5TH APRIL

Yr 9 Futuremakers Camp Group 2- Return at 1pm.

#### MON 1ST APRIL

Top Arts Excursion 2pm-3.10pm Waller St-End Of Term Assembly

#### TUES 2ND APRIL

Wall 2 Wall Painting Day

#### THURS 4TH APRIL

9.00- Avon St End Of Term Assembly Legal Studies Excursion Yr 12 VCAL PD Tennis Wall 2 Wall Painting Day

#### THURS 4TH APRIL

Last Day of Term Dismissal-3.10pm 4pm-7pm Parent Teacher Interviews

#### FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

#### Student Free Day

9am-12pm Parent Teacher Interviews

#### TUES 23RD APRIL

**Term 2 Commences** 

#### THURS 25TH APRIL

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

FRI 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Student Free Day** 

#### TERM 2 DATES

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## Our College Values

Respect Responsibility High Expectations Integrity

#### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED......

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews and Compass**

A final call to make bookings for this week's Parent-Teacher Interviews. Thankyou to those parents who have already made bookings on our new system. We have good numbers of bookings on Thursday evening but plenty of space left on Friday morning. If you haven't yet made a booking please do so via the Compass App or call your campus office for assistance.

#### **Term Two**

Please remember that the first week of Term Two starts on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. ANZAC Day is on the Thursday of that week and the Friday is a Student Free Day for teacher professional development. Our whole school ANZAC assembly will be on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in the Faithfull Stadium.

Tony Clark Executive Principal

#### **ATTENDANCE**

## Why every day counts

Our last week of the term has arrived. Has your child been at school every day? Have they had a day or two off as they were sick? Have they had several days off or do you find yourself running late most days? Looking back, have they had more days off than you realised?

#### Anxiety about going to school.

Going to school is usually exciting and enjoyable event for children and adolescents. However there are some children, who occasionally, are reluctant to go to school or have some anxiety about activities like school camp. It is also normal that in some stage of life every individual will feel anxious when faced with a difficult situation. Anxiety becomes a problem when it is persistent and prevents a person from enjoying normal life experiences for a long period of time.

You can help your child to cope with anxiety in effective ways, and, in doing so, helps them to develop self-confidence and resilience.

### How can I tell if my child has anxiety?

Signs of anxiety include:

- Having lots of worries and a strong need for reassurance.
- Psychosomatic symptoms which occur before school (eg; nausea, stomach aches, headaches).
   These symptoms will reduce when the threat (or fear of going to school) is removed
- Crying, being clingy or fidgeting when nervous
- Sleep problems such as difficulty in falling to sleep, nightmares or trouble sleeping alone
- Fear and avoidance of a range of different issues and situations.

Sometimes you may need assistance from professionals who can help anxious children. You may want to discuss your concerns with one of our Student Wellbeing team members, for advice and support. Alternatively you can seek support from your GP.

□ Avon St/Clarke St Campus -Scott Greig 5762 164	16
□ Waller St Campus -Bron Greig 5762 2600	
□ Faithfull St Campus -Lou McCloskey 5761 2777	
□ Senior School Campus -Craig Carley 5761 2777	

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

Web: www.benallap12.vic.edu.au

Avon St Yrs F-4 P: 035762 1646 Attendance Hotline 035762 1646 Web: www.k 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

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#### **AVON ST CAMPUS NEWS**

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations Eve, Bonnie, Lashaya, Imogen, Taylah & Bella.

#### GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we held our Special Morning Tea for our Grandparents to enjoy.

Our students enjoyed displaying their work and sharing a plate of food with their loved ones.







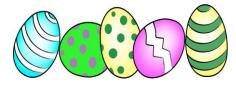
#### EASTER FUN DAY

#### Easter Bonnet Parade 9am

#### Multi-age Activities 9.30am

We would like to invite parents and friends to join us for an Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 3rd April at 9.00 a.m. Students can be creative and design a hat to wear in the parade.

Following the parade we are having a multi-age Easter activity morning and an Easter Egg hunt!



Pssssst.....I wonder if we will have a visit from the Easter Bunny again?



#### END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. All Welcome.

#### EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at our final assembly for Term 1 -Thursday 4th April, 9am More tickets are available



from the office. Thank you to everyone who has supported and donated to our Easter Raffle

#### WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

#### CAMPUS LEADERS NEWS

Thursday was an exciting day for we were US, the invited to opening of the new buildings at the Faithfull Street Campus and we represented the Waller street kids. We felt excited and happy and a little bit scared.



There were lots of really important people there and it was our job to give out the gift packs to the visitors. It was bright and sunny and the band sounded really awesome and Paula and Mark were there too! And Mrs O'Brien came along and she said we'd all grown a lot since she saw us last. The buildings look great and they will be our classrooms when we are teenagers.

Kai, Zara, Amelia and Bill

EASTER FUN DAY



#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.



#### FASTER RAFFLE

The 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.



#### PHOTO FUNDRAISER



Waller St Campus Parents & Friends Association have scheduled a Family Photo Fundraiser for.....

SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2019

Watch his space for further details.

#### WALLER ST NEWS

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FOR WEEK 6 & 7



Student of the Week for <u>F-2</u> in Weeks 6 and 7 were:

Back L-R:
Kayden, Sophie,
Piper, Iza-Bella &
Charlotte
Front L-R: Zane,
Ebony, Annie,
Trae, Carlissa &
Noah

Week for 3/4 in Weeks 6 and 7 were: **Back L-R:** Blake, Jessie, Maddy &

Student of the

Grace (Year 2) Front L-R: Eli, Angus, Jordi & Monique



# GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD

#### WEEK 6 & 7 WINNERS



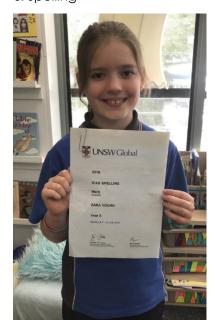
**L-R:** Declan, Hailey, Jessie, Jacinta, Maddy & Calista

#### **ICAS RECIPIENTS**

Three Students received ICAS certificates (2018)



**L-R:** Jaxson - Mathematics / Imogen - Mathematics & English / Evie - Maths, English & Spelling



**Zara Young** received a certificate for her fantastic achievement in completing the ICAS Spelling test in 2018.

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK- WEEK 8

Back L-R: Tiffany, Noah, Daneeka, Danika (on behalf of Prep Clarke), Keira & Marleigh

**Front L-R:** Calista, Kyle, Evie, Taylah & Max



#### ODE TO KINDNESS

At the beginning of term Mrs Leary set the challenge for all students to learn the <u>Ode to</u> <u>Kindness</u>. All of the Year 1 students who have learnt the Ode and received their 'kindness badges'. This group stood in front of assembly and recited it word-for-word!



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# GARDEN Bunnings Visit WINNINGS



Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

The Waller Street Garden was a hive of activity last Thursday when Simon and Therese from Bunnings Wangaratta arrived with a van full of supplies.

Amanda and the Year 3/4 students were thrilled to receive bags of mulch, fertiliser and compost, as well as trays of seedlings and frames for climbing plants.

Simon began the session speaking to each group of gardeners about the role of companion (pollinator) plants, mulching to retain moisture in the beds and also looking for ways of reusing everyday items in the garden (e.g. milk cartons to guard seedlings).

The students worked tirelessly in very warm conditions and were able to complete a lot of planting and watering, as well as preparing beds for future planting and raking the paths.

The Bunnings team were very impressed with the garden and especially the knowledge and work ethic of our Year 3/4 students.

Thanks Amanda for coordinating this visit.



#### 5/6 HUB NEWS

#### DION DRUMMOND PERFORMANCE

On the 26th of March, we had a wonderful experience. An Aboriginal performer called Dion Drummond came to our school. First, Dion told us a bit about himself. He was part Aboriginal and part Torres Strait Islander. Then he showed us some traditional clothes. He had a grass skirt and small anklets. After that, he did a dance called Gumraya. It was a good dance. Then, he called up 4 girls to do a dance with him. They were Charlotte, Chloe, Mia and Georgie. They did a dance called Payama. It was really good. Dion taught the girls the dance really well. They had lots of fun. After that dance, he showed us some boomerangs. First he showed us some play-boomerangs. He showed us the usual bent boomerang, a 'Y' boomerang, and a 4-point boomerang. Then, he showed us some hunting boomerangs. They were for when people hunted birds and sometimes small animals. Next, he got 5 boys up. They were Dante, Zach, Jayde, Patrick, and Declan. They did a good dance that ended with putting a leg up in a ballet position. Dion then showed us the Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander flags. He told us about them. All in all, Dion Drummond's performance was amazing. We all learnt about Aboriginal and Torre Strait Islander cultures and music. We thank Dion Drummond for coming to visit the school, and it was a great experience.

- Aria Winkler



#### 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April, followed by a free BBQ lunch and activities.

Show your support by wearing rainbow colours!



#### RAY WHITE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

#### FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Nicole Patterson. Nicole continuously displays our school values and is always willing to lend a hand.



#### YEAR 9 FUTUREMAKERS CAMP

#### GROUP 2

Our second group of Year 9 students began their experience at 15 Mile Creek Outdoor Camp last week. Students researched different designs and worked as a team to build and launch their raft. They also discussed the importance of RESILIENCE and what it 'looks like', 'sounds like' and 'feels like'. All students had the opportunity to rock climb and learnt how to safely assist other climbers. Many took on the challenge of abseiling from top of the tower. This provided a chance for reflection with camp staff. They discussed strategies to manage situations where they were out of their 'comfort zone' and how it is possible to improve your resilience when challenged.



#### SPORTS NEWS

#### WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder to all parents, students and carers that the college will be having its first whole school cross country on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Arundel Street Ovals. Permission for this day will be done using the electronic permission form accessed through compass. Details on how to do this will be forwarded soon. Students from Grade 5 to Year 12 will be walking from the Faithfull and Clarke Street Campuses and Foundation to Grade 4 students will be bused there and back from their relevant campus. Attached to this newsletter is the program of events for those wishing to pop down and support your child. We look forward to hopefully an exciting and fun filled day.

## Whole School Cross Country **Parent Helpers**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please help support our students at the inaugural whole school Cross Country on Thursday

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 indicate below if you can help:

Yes, I can help supervise the track on Friday between 11am and 2pm.

Phone Number.....

Return this form to your campus office. Please present your Working with Children card to

Regards

Vanessa Neilson Mitchell Booth P-6 Sport Coordinator 7-12 Sport Coordinator 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.

If you can help, Please complete the Parent Helper form.

# **Cross Country BBQ**

Avon & Waller St Parents & Friends will be running a BBQ on the day.

Sausages will need to be pre ordered. Forms will go home at the start of next term.

#### YEAR 8 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

#### LAKE NILLAHCOOTIE CANOEING

On the 18th of March the year 8 Outdoors class ventured to Lake Nillahcootie on a particularly windy day! The class used the day to put their canoeing skills and knowledge into action in very trying conditions. Students found it difficult at first working in tandem to paddle the canoes, however, it was brilliant to see students working together and communicating in order to effectively steer the canoes. The students demonstrated wonderful resilience with large gusts of winds and even waves on Lake Nillahcootie!





#### MUSIC NEWS

#### NEW PIANO IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



Benalla P-12 College Music
Department sincerely thanks the
Cowan family for their generous gift
of a Grand Piano. This is a wonderful
asset to our school's music students
and our program that many
students will enjoy and benefit from
for years to come. This instrument
replaces an almost 100 year old
piano that was also gifted to the
music department from Melbourne
twelve months ago.

#### WALL 2 WALL FESTIVAL TEAM A SUCCESS!!

On Wednesday the 20th of March, 18 of Benalla P-12's finest artists came together to participate in a workshop run by Artist Tarsha Davis. They spent the morning getting to know each other and completing some brainstorming exercises with Jess Mobourne (Benalla's Koori **Education Support** Officer), Fiona Roberts (DELWP), Mrs Halligan, Ms Evans and of course Tarsha.

The group took a bus to the site of the wall and really got a feel for what a huge task painting it will be. They spent the rest of the afternoon learning from Tarsha about aboriginal painting techniques and chatting



about what they want to see on the wall.

The theme for the artwork will be environment and sustainability. Tarsha said she was "extremely impressed and inspired by what these young people have come up with". She will spend the next few weeks designing the mural and will return to Benalla on Monday the 1st of April to get started on the wall. The students will be helping Tarsha to paint the wall on Thursday the 4th April.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the workshop. We are all very excited to see how this collaborative art project will pan out!

Be sure to listen to ABC radio at 10am on Friday morning to hear Ms Evans talk about what a fantastic group of students we have involved in the Wall to Wall festival.

#### SENIOR CAREERS

#### MATT HIGGINS - PAST STUDENTS GUEST SPEAKER

Last Friday a large number of students, past and current staff and other community members were fortunate to attend a presentation from past Benalla P-12 College student Matt Higgins (Alumni 2002) Matt, who was College Dux, is currently a senior manager of Manufacturing Engineering at Tesla and is based in California, USA.



Matt spoke of his pathway and gave our students valuable insight into his success.

Matt said "I owe a lot of my success to my parents and brother. From a young age, my parents surrounded me with a few principles that were formative beyond imagination. The first was self-belief. I was constantly encouraged to dream about what I wanted a week from now, a year from now, a decade from now. Most of the time I was dreaming about a new bike or next Lego set I desired, and later in life, the university I wanted to get into and the course I wanted to pursue. No matter how wild my ambitions were, my parents would

remind me that anything was possible if I put my mind to it."

"The second principle handed down from my parents was what I describe as thoroughness, but the way that my father puts it is: "if you're going to do a job, do it properly".... looking back now, it taught me to be

resilient and give everything my best, until all expectations were met. Meeting half of someone's expectations was never an option."

Matt spoke fondly about his time at Benalla P-12 College stating "I am very grateful for my time at Benalla College. Without the impact it had on my mindset and learning, I wouldn't be standing here before you today. I was offered a wide array of subjects, most of which I'm told are still available to students today... it was also where I learnt what I consider to be the most important recipe for a successful career: to always seek to put myself outside of my own comfort zone" he also went on to say "The independence I gained by growing up and going to



school in a rural town helped me build up the courage I needed to pursue tertiary studies outside of Benalla."

Matt spoke about his journey and his current role at Tesla. He explained "Tesla was founded in 2003 by a group of engineers who wanted to prove that people didn't need to compromise to drive electric – that electric vehicles can be better, quicker and more fun to drive than internal combustion-powered cars. Its mission is to accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy....... My time at Tesla has been much like a rollercoaster ride. With great highs, I've also experienced extreme lows. There have been times where I've been faced with seemingly impossible timelines, or insolvable problems. During these times, I have drawn perseverance from passion, and reminded myself that through great challenge comes great learning, and through great learning comes great success"

In relation to the key to success, Matt said "I strongly believe that grit and determination are stronger indicators of success than relevant experience and brilliance, and this has influenced the way that I hire and coach people, in my role now as a senior manager at Tesla .....I've had the pleasure of working alongside the CEO of Tesla, Elon Musk, to solve some of the most challenging problems encountered when launching their most recent car, the Model 3. Seeing him turn dreams into reality with vision, focus and determination has had a profound impact on my own professional and personal aspirations in life"



Matt toured the new Weary Dunlop Education Centre which now houses Year 10-12 students and his former campus where he was form Years 7-10.

Matts speech was inspiring and thought provoking and we are hoping to have regular presentations by past students regarding their careers and pathways – please contact Kellie Cairncross if you are interested.

#### STUDENT WELLBEING



Victoria's Child Safe Standards

All organisations that work with children and young people are required to meet Child Safe Standards

promote:

The cultural safety of

Aboriginal children

The cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically divers backgrounds

The safety of children

with a disability

## Speak up - it's your right

Victoria's Child Safe Standards are designed to keep you safe.

re needed to be done to keep children and young people safe in the



#### What they mean for you

You can expect to be safe and to feel safe, wherever you go and whate





#### Get in touch with us

www.ccyp.vic.gov.au

(03) 8601 5281

### As a child or young person in care I need:

to stay healthy and well and go to a doctor, dentist or other professional for help when I need to

√ to be safe and feel safe

to be allowed to be a child and be treated with respect

✓ if I am an Aboriginal child, to feel proud and strong in my own culture

to have a say and be heard

to be provided with information to tell someone if I am

unhappy √ to know information about me will only be shared in order to help people look

to have a worker who is there for me

√ to keep in contact with my family, friends and people and places that matter

careful thought being given to where I will live so I will have a home that feels like a home

to have fun and do activities that I enjoy

to be able to take part in family traditions and be able to learn about and be involved with cultural and religious groups that are important to me

to be provided with the best possible education and training

life skills and grow up to become the best person

√ help in preparing myself to leave care and support after I leave care.



re information about the Child Safe Standards and how to

(03) 8601 5281

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#### Charter for Children in Out-of-home Care

A charter lists the rights and privileges people have. We all have rights, and as members of the community, we need to respect each other's

rights.

This charter has been especially prepared for children who can't live with their parents and are in out-of-home care. It lists what you can expect from all those people who look after you and work with you when you are in care. All these people

need to make sure that the things they do for you and the things they allow you to do, keep you safe and well. Being safe and well are the most important rights, so they haw ell are the most important rights, so they have been put first. It means that if there is a clash between you being safe and well and another right, your safety and wellbeing always comes first.



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Endorsed by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services Victoria, Australia

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS

#### STUDENT FREE DAY CARE AVAILABLE

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> April is a Student Free Day
Out of School Hours is offering care at Waller Street
Campus only,
8:30am till 6:00pm

(Unless early drop of is required, bookings necessary)
All bookings must be made by Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April.





Dominoes and Pick up Stix are favourites with students at After School Care.

#### 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: <a href="https://benallap12.vic.edu.au">https://benallap12.vic.edu.au</a>

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**







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Call Carissa on 0419 323 146 Find us on Facebook: Lightbulb Tutoring Benalla

## SIR EDWARD 'WEARY' DUNLOP LEARNING CENTRE

BENALLA LIBRARY



# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### EASTER EGG SCIENCE

Tuesday 9 April, 10.30am

### Free Event All ages

Can you make an egg bounce?
How strong is an egg?
Join us for a STEM action event using eggs.
If you know an experiment with eggs, bring it along to demonstrate.



#### KALEIDOSCOPE CRAFT

Thursday 11 April, 10.30am

#### Free Event 4+ years

Get creative in making your own Kaleidoscope with lots of bright colours available. See how many different patterns you can make.



#### BOOK DOMINO AFTERNOON

Monday 15 April, 2pm - 4pm

#### Free Event All ages

Join us for an afternoon in trying to create the longest book domino chain throughout the Library's vast open space.



#### CLOTHES MAKEOVER

Tuesday 16 April, 10.30am

### Free Event 7+ years BYO Clothes

Try your hand at upcycling by bringing any old t-shirts, jeans or jumpers. Turn them into something awesome.



Contact the Benalla Library on 5762 2069 email: library@benalla.vic.gov.au

