



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 27th May, 2019

Edition #13

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.

Education Week

Last week we celebrated Education Week by having a careers dress up day across the College. Our Regional Director, Mr. Terry Bennett, came to visit and was enormously impressed by what he saw and heard. The Avon Campus assembly was a highlight for everyone as the students had the opportunity to hear from a range of local people about their careers. Terry also spoke with some senior students about their school experience and had a tour of the Grade 5/6 Hub. Waller Street P-2 staff also hosted a visit from staff from Melrose Primary School in Wodonga, who had come to find out about our Jolly Phonics program. This is another positive initiative at our school that is not only showing results for our students but is attracting interest from others.

Parents Club

Parents interested in being involved in a College Parents Club/Association, are reminded that there will be a meeting this week to discuss the process and get the ball rolling. As mentioned previously, we are going to have one single association for the whole college and it must have a constitution and office bearers. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 28th at 5pm** and will take place at the Waller Street Campus. If you are interested but are unable to attend, please contact me. Please get in touch also if you have any questions about this process. I look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

Attendance

At this stage of the year we are closely monitoring our attendance data and identifying students who are on track to be absent for more than 20 days for the whole year. Unfortunately, as of the start of May, we have 168 students who are on track to miss at least 20 days school for the year. There are many factors that contribute to this and we are aware of that and will do whatever we can to support students and families get to school every day. Please support us by discussing with your child the importance of regular school attendance and seeking support and advice from us if you are having trouble getting your child to attend. Remember – EVERY DAY COUNTS.

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TERM 2 DATES, TUES 23RD APRIL- FRI 28TH JUNE

DATES TO REMEMBER

MON 27TH-WED 29TH MAY

Yr 10 Outdoor Ed- Kooyoora Trip

TUES 28TH MAY

Yr 11 Live 4 Life –Group 1 & 3

WED 29TH MAY

Primary District Cross Country

THURS 30TH MAY

Secondary Sport Round Robin

FRI 31ST MAY

Yr 11 Live 4 Life- Group 2

MON 3RD-TUES 4TH JUNE

Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Mt Samaria Hike

WED 5TH JUNE

Uniform Shop 3pm-5pm.
Located at D1 at the Faithfull St Campus.

THURS 6TH JUNE

Primary Cross Country- Ovens & Mitta

Our College Values

Respect
Responsibility
High Expectations
Integrity

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

Secondary Athletics

Congratulations to all students who attended the secondary athletics day on Wednesday and well done to all age champions and event winners. Those students who did attend participated well and had a great day out. Thankyou to those parents who came along to support the event, and well done to Mr. Booth and the PE team for organising a very successful day.

Waller Street Assistant Principal

Heather Leary returns from leave today and will no doubt hit the ground running at Waller Street. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sam Hazell for filling in as Acting Assistant Principal for the last 5 weeks. Sam has done a great job at Waller Street as well as co-ordinating NAPLAN across the College.

Tony Clark
Executive Principal

ATTENDANCE

Why every day counts

We are now in our sixth week of term 2. What stories have your child/ren brought home with new things they have learned in the classroom or in the playground every day. What you may not know is that **going to school every day is the most single important part of your child's education.**

If your child is away If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

Inform the school

- Speak with your child's classroom teacher and find out what work they need to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, **every day counts**. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

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

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM- COMPASS

We have introduced a new school management system this year called Compass. It is used by staff for a wide range of reasons and is available to parents to complete some important functions. If you have not received your Log on information in the mail, please contact your campus office to get this information.



The Compass app is available to download in your App store.

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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 Kristy, Lily, Max, Dylan, Jake and Isabelle.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday the 22nd, Avon Campus participated in the NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME. At 11.00 a.m., all students came together to watch 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. They enjoyed the story very much, with loud laughter filling the room.



EDUCATIONAL WEEK -CAREERS CASUAL DAY

Last week, Benalla P-12 College celebrated Education Week by having a 'Careers Day'. At Avon St Campus students dressed up as the career that they would like to be when they finish school. We had a number of visiting speakers who spoke about their careers; what they liked about their jobs, how long they had been doing it and the variety of things they do. We would like to thank Bill Scott & Annie the Kelpie, Michael Plex, Janine Rolf, Dr Rosie Radford, Rod Cook, Peter Rankin, Leading Senior Constable Paula Allen and Senior Constable Mark Kennedy for giving up their time and sharing their experiences with us all. Students were spellbound as speakers shared their stories and students acted out what to do when you need to call 000 for a fire and how the CFA would respond.



YEAR 1 ACTIVE AFTERNOON

On Wednesday, all Year 1 students participated in the 'Active Afternoon'. The students gathered together with their teachers to enjoy an afternoon of games, food and laughter. It was a great time had by all!



WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients.
Back L-R: Grace, Kaylee, Benjamin, Ellyse, Riot and Deakin
Front L-R: Kai, Xavier, Ami, Declan and Jackson.

GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARDS

Well done Golden Shovel Award Winners, Zara & Yarran



THE GRUFFALO

With his 'terrible tusks and terrible claws and his terrible teeth in his terrible jaws,' The Gruffalo has been a wonderful character for the Prep to Two students at Waller Street to explore as they developed their understanding of imaginative text types over the last few weeks. Students deepened their understanding of the plot of the story, with the wily little mouse tricking all of the creatures in the deep dark woods into believing that she was the scariest creature of them all. It was therefore a wonderful experience for the students to see The Gruffalo brought to life on stage at BPACC on Thursday the 16th of May. From the cleverly designed sets and costumes to the expertly choreographed song and dance numbers there was something to delight everyone.



Here are some of 1/2 Rae's favourite parts:

"When the fox said, 'Mummy, daddy, nanny!' as he ran away from the mouse." - Ebony

"When the Gruffalo stepped in the cow paddy, the prickles and then tripped over the rock." - Harry

"When the Gruffalo tripped over the root

of the tree." - Brodie

"When the snake was shaking the maracas." - Noah

"When the mouse said, 'Roasted fox, scrambled snake and owl ice-cream.'" - Shanaih

"When the fox came back and the Gruffalo (which was actually the audience) kept on scaring him off." - Blake

"All of it!" - Marcus

LIONS CLUB SPEECH COMPETITION



The day I went into outer space and met an alien

This was the question our 2019 Lions Club Speech Competition contestants had to speak about in this year's competition. Zara Arnold, Imogen Williams, Evie Taylor and Willow Stocker all entered this year's speech competition and on Tuesday morning at Waller St delivered amazing speeches about meeting an alien in space.

Each contestant was required to compose and deliver a speech that was exactly 3 minutes long and speak in front of a group of judges they had never met before. Imogen, Evie, Willow and Zara all accepted this challenge, created interesting and amusing speeches and spoke with amazing confidence and expression. This year's winner was Zara Arnold with Evie Taylor as runner up. Congratulations girls on a fantastic job.

CAREERS CASUAL DAY

A Big Thankyou to our Guest Speakers on Careers Dress Up Day!



PRIMARY SPORT NEWS

P-6 CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 17th May we held our very first Prep to Year 6 Cross Country at the Avon campus. The weather was sensational and the students were keen to race after all the training they had done.

The Year 3 to 6 students competed in the morning and the Prep to Year 2 students competed after them. The results were:

Prep girls	1 st Charlotte Fear, 2 nd Marleigh McNaughton & 3 rd Piper Carracher
Prep boys	1 st Sonny Nolen, 2 nd Blaike Mankey & 3 rd Jagger Schintler
Year 1 girls	1 st Bella Hazell, 2 nd Chelsey Roberts & 3 rd Rebecca Heatherill
Year 1 boys	1 st Samuel Nation, 2 nd Joshua Bamford & 3 rd Bentley Parker
Year 2 girls	1 st Carlissa Terry, 2 nd Dempsey Feldtmann & 3 rd Tiffany Hendry
Year 2 boys	1 st Sebastian Florens, 2 nd Liam Carroll & 3 rd Noah Norman
8/9 girls	1 st Amy Lowe, 2 nd Athena Baboussourass and =3 rd Darcey Carracher, Calista Allcroft & Charli Levy.
8/9 boys	1 st Angus Oldmeadow, 2 nd Arni Lees & 3 rd Harry Skelton
10 girls	1 st Amelia Cairnes, 2 nd Jessica Shaw & 3 rd Ella Monaghan
10 boys	1 st Kai Dervish, 2 nd Lachlan Doody & 3 rd Declan Metcalfe
11 girls	1 st Charli Button, 2 nd Teliha Yates & 3 rd Ochre Lees
11 boys	1 st Cooper Binion, 2 nd Billy Hood & 3 rd Ryder Levy
12/13 girls	1 st Zoe Hussell, 2 nd Mackenzie Bickerdike & 3 rd Charlotte Quilliam
12/13 boys	1 st Cohen Symes, 2 nd Jaidyn Chee & 3 rd Carter Adams

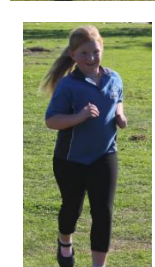
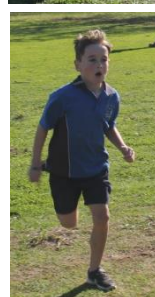
The overall House results were:

1 st	Buller 206 points
2 nd	Hotham 196
3 rd	Stirling 194
4 th	Buffalo 191

Congratulations to all students for a fantastic event. Thank you to all staff who assisted on the day and helped with the training of our students.

A very big thank you also goes to all the parents who helped out on the day. These events can only be successful with your help. Thank you!

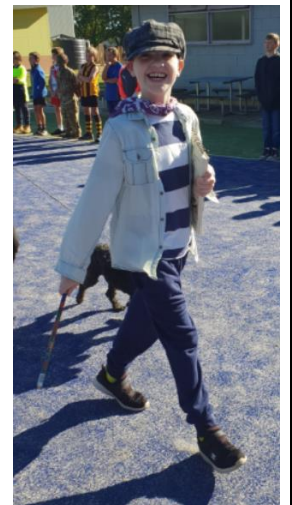
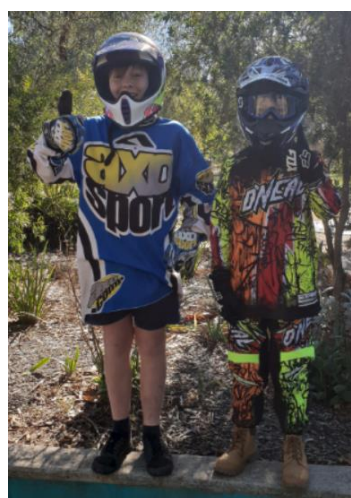
Vanessa Neilson



5/6 HUB NEWS

EDUCATIONAL WEEK- CAREERS CASUAL DAY

Students from the 5/6 Hub celebrated Education Week with a Careers day Parade, along with a "Careers Playlist". We saw lots of Doctors, Nurses, Hairdressers, Chefs, Footy Players, Scientists, Race Car Drivers and of course Teachers! Thank you to all of our students for dressing up!



Mock Job Interviews are coming – Tuesday 11 June

All Year 9 students will be undertaking a Mock Job Interview on Tuesday 11 June.

During the Mock Job Interview the panel will be looking at each student's portfolio so it is essential that all class activities are completed. It is also important that students have placed all their evidence of achievement (eg certificates and photos) in their portfolio ready for their interview. Students are about to research and complete the application process for a part-time job which may be available in Benalla. Their mock interview will be about that job.

9A	9C	9B
Mrs Vashishta	Ms Fernando	Mr Smith
P 1 & 2 Come to Year 9 Centre at 8.45am	P 3 & 4 Come to Year 9 Centre at 11am	P 5 & 6 Come to Year 9 Centre at 1.15pm

What to wear

Students from 9A are to come to the Year 9 Centre in the morning of their interview clean, neat and dressed appropriately for their interview. They will need to bring their school uniform to change into after their interview.

Students from 9C and 9B must wear school uniform on the day and bring their 'interview clothing' to change into at recess or lunchtime.

Clothing, hairstyles and personal hygiene are being discussed in our personal presentation sessions. Girls are required to wear pants or skirts with a blouse or shirt. A cardigan or jacket is a good idea. Low heels are a must. Boys must wear dress pants, belt, black shoes, shirt and tie. A jacket is optional. It is best if students can wear a complete outfit from home but we have also purchased some basic clothes and shoes that students may borrow for the day.

Cheap ways to prepare an outfit ready for this interview.

- Look to see what is already in your wardrobe or what you can **borrow** from a family or friends.
- Look for basic clothes such as white shirts or black shoes that are **on special** over the next few weeks.
- Look in our **local 'op shops'** to find **great bargains**.

REMEMBER

- **Arrive early** on the day of your interview, particularly if you need to borrow items
- Clothes, behaviour and the way you enter the room have a **BIG** influence on the panel.
- See some **more tips** below.

Please contact me on 57612777 or email oakley.susan.e@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any questions about classwork or mock job interviews.

Sue Oakley
Pathways to Retention Coordinator



Both sun and students shine on 2019 Athletics Carnival

With some threatening weather around Benalla in the leading days to the carnival, mother nature certainly pulled one out of the heavens last Wednesday as our 7-12 students competed in the annual Athletics Carnival. On a picturesque day at Churchill reserve, competitors battled hard for their respective houses to see who would be holding the plaque up at the end of the day.

After 132 events across both track and field, it was Sterling (red) house in a landslide who would be victorious, followed by Buffalo (green), Buller (blue) and then Hotham (yellow).

This year's carnival welcomed the inaugural Benalla P-12 Gift event. The 8 fastest 100m runners on the day would battle it out in a final heated affair to take out bragging rights for "the fastest kid in the school". For the females it was year 9 student Maddy Gray who was victorious, for the males it was year 11 student Chelton Orchard who managed to break the ribbon first.

Age Champions:

13 yo

Male – Kye Miller

Female – Gemma Mathieson

14yo

Male – Kyle Termorshuizen

Female – Jen Ludvigh

15yo

Male – Colby Mathieson

Female – April Buka

16yo

Male – Charlie Wright-Fry

Female – Meagan Webster

17yo

Male – David Button

Female – Shantelle Paton McKenzie

20yo

Male – Bailey Moorfoot

Female – Willow Plex



FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS NEWS

YEAR 8 OUTDOOR ED

The Year 8 Outdoor Education class enjoyed a beautiful day of bushwalking at Warby- Ovens National on Wednesday the 15th of May. The class are currently learning about navigation and how to use a map and read contour lines, with the students having to use their newfound knowledge to find their way on the multiple tracks of The Sunrise Walking Track Complex. The students had a wonderful sunny day, with no wind or rain, allowing them to enjoy playing many games of camouflage along the way. The students were able to navigate their way through the track and see remnants of past users of the area.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Discovery Workshops

for 11 to 16 year-olds

Looking for something to do in the July school holidays that will be loads of fun and give you new skills?

Come along to one of our **FREE** three-hour 'Discovery' workshops on Tuesday 2nd July or Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

Join us for:

- problem solving
- teambuilding
- learning new things
- discovering new opportunities
- meeting new people
- yummy food
- lots of fun!



For more information or to register your interest, contact Tomorrow Today on (05) 5761 1211

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insights



Helping teenagers manage friendship issues

by Michael Grose

Having a supportive group of friends plays an important role in the life of young people. They can help your young person negotiate the journey from childhood, where they are reliant on parents, to adulthood, where they need to stand on their own two feet.

The importance of peers

To a parent a teenager's friendships may seem all-consuming, taking precedence over family, school and even healthy leisure time. While peers may now begin to take a more prominent place in your young person's life, family is still an important source of belonging and safety for them. It helps if you get to know their friends and discuss any concerns you have about their choice of friends.

Managing peer pressure

We all experience some degree of pressure to conform to the behaviours and norms of our social groups, yet this pressure is heightened in adolescence, when the need to fit in with peers becomes paramount. Ostracism is unthinkable, which makes some teenagers susceptible to negative influence of some peers. You can help by talking to your young person about peer pressure; helping them resist peer pressure while maintaining status and encouraging them to speak out rather than be reliant on the approval of others.

Encouraging more than one set of friends

It's helpful to think of friendships as a series of concentric circles. Most young people will have a few close friends in their inner circle but are surrounded by many friends in the outer circles. Encourage your young person to maintain friendship groups outside of school to help insulate against any teasing or unfriendly behaviour that may occur at school.

When you disapprove

Sometimes parents disapprove of their young person's choice of friends, because of behaviour, poor reputation or the adverse influence they may have on a young person. Young people take criticism of their friends personally so be careful how you handle these issues. If you have worries about your child's choice of friends: Check that your concerns are real. Encourage diversity of friendships. Be available to take your young person and their friends to outings, sports practice, parties and school formals, to familiarise yourself with their social groups. Many parents have found that, when they get to know their children's friends, many of their concerns were unfounded.

Differentiate between online and offline friends

In all likelihood, your young person will communicate with their friends in real time or through digital technology. Help your young person understand the difference between the two, discussing how behaviours and norms vary between the real world and online. Discuss the ethics and behaviours appropriate to each format so they can enjoy healthy friendships in both the online and offline worlds.

Friendships can be a source of angst and also a source of joy for your young person. Your role as a parent is to promote healthy friendships and encourage your young person to empathise with others, show they are worthy of trust and treat others with respect – all foundations of mature adult relationships.

As your school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, you can attend the upcoming webinar -Teach girls to build each other up – at no cost!

About the webinar

Join Parenting educator Collett Smart in this special webinar that will show you how to help girls create positive peer relationships and provide practical advice and ideas to help navigate tricky situations including toxic friendships, cliques and bullying.

When

Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 8:00 PM AEST.

Price

This webinar is \$37 per person to attend, and is free of charge to families at schools that have a Parenting Ideas membership. Use the voucher code below to register.

How parents can redeem the voucher

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-teach-girls-to-build-each-other-up>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code **FRIENDSHIPS** and click 'Apply Coupon'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 29 June 2019
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place Order'



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.