



Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark

Monday 12th August, 2019

Edition #22

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.

Mobile Phones

Many of you would be aware that the State Government has issued a blanket ban on mobile phones in public schools from the start of next year. More information will be released soon about this, but essentially, all students must have their phones switched off and locked away during the school day. Currently our policy is that phones must be left in lockers during class time or placed in the tub provided at the start of every lesson. Unfortunately, a small number of students are still having some issues with this and phones are still a distraction to student learning and to teachers doing their job. Please support us by reminding your child of the expectations, as we will do here at school also.

Mid-Year Music Concert

Last Thursday in the PAC at Faithfull Street, our music department put on their mid-year concert, featuring the Stage band, Symphonic Band, Year 8 Band and Year 7 band. Each of the bands performed a few items and they all sounded fantastic. It was great to see a strong crowd turn up to see this performance, especially on such a cold and bleak evening. Thankyou to Year 12 students and senior band members, Mel Stretton and Willow Plex for doing a great job hosting the evening again, and of course, none of this would have been possible without the leadership and support of our amazing music staff – Rolf Koren, David Roe, Bryce McMurray and Barry Roberts.

Wow Work Awards

Each week I am presenting an award at the Avon and Waller assemblies to recognise high quality student work that is happening in the classroom. Last week the awards went to Jakobi Williams of Grade 1 at Waller Street for outstanding reading aloud and pronunciation of difficult words, and at Avon it went to Charlie Bowen of Grade 2 for a great piece of persuasive writing in which he made a very convincing case for a pool to be built at Avon. Well done to both boys for their excellent work and to all the other students who are striving hard to achieve great results.

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TERM 3 DATES, MON 15TH JULY- FRI 20TH SEPTEMBER

DATES TO REMEMBER

WED 14TH AUGUST

Course Counselling Day -Year 9, 10 & 11- **Student Free day for Yrs 9, 10 & 11**

11.30am -Yr 4 Transitioning into Yr 5

THURS 15TH AUGUST

Year 5 Science Incursion- Fruit Fly Prevention

Vic School Music Festival- Stage Band

MON 19TH – TUES 20TH AUG

5/6 Hub- Life Education Van

WED 21ST AUGUST

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

THURS 22ND AUGUST

1.40 pm-"Us Mob" Flag raising Ceremony-Faithfull St Campus

COMPASS NEWS

EXCURSIONS

Recently Benalla P-12 turned on a new feature of the Compass Portal. Parents are encouraged to log on to the Compass Portal to sign consent for upcoming excursions relevant to their child and make any necessary payments. If you require assistance in logging into Compass please contact your campus office.

Our College Values

Respect
Responsibility
High Expectations
Integrity

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

100 Days of Prep

Last Monday was a very auspicious day for our Preps and it was celebrated with an assembly at Avon Street. Thankyou to all the parents and grandparents who attended to make this such a wonderful morning. 100 days of school seems like a lot but it has gone very quickly this year, and we have seen such growth in our preps in that time. It is exciting to think what the next 100 days will bring for their learning.

Duty of care

At school we have a legal responsibility to your child during school hours each day. To exercise this duty of care we must ensure that students remain on school property. The only time your child should leave the school is when they have permission from a parent and have signed out at the office. This then discharges our duty of care. Permission cannot be granted to leave the school grounds to go to the shop or to a friend's house. It is only permitted to attend an appointment or to go to the student's own home for lunch. Please support us by ensuring your child does have permission to leave the school for the appropriate reasons.

Senior Course Counselling

This Wednesday all students in Years 9-11 are expected to attend a course counselling interview with a parent. This is a vital part of the subject selection process for all students to ensure they are fully prepared for the course they are taking in the senior years and have considered all options. There are no classes for students in those year levels this Wednesday to allow those interviews to run. Please make an appointment on Compass or call the office and they can make one for you.

Tony Clark
Executive Principal

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts, even when your child is anxious

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(e.g. Nausea, stomach aches, headaches etc)
- Crying, being clingy or fidgeting when nervous.
- Sleep problems such as difficulty falling to sleep, nightmares or trouble sleeping alone
- Fear and avoidance of a range of different issues and situations.

If you feel your child is experiencing anxiety and not wanting to come to school, please speak with your child's teacher, or contact one of one of our student wellbeing team members who can offer assistance and make recommendations about professional support if needed.

Help us to help you, please contact one of our Wellbeing team, Craig, Bron, Lou or Scott to assist with your child and their attendance.

- ☐ Avon 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

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



Bella, Boden, Harry, Jack, Hayley and Sonny are all this week's students of the week.

BOOK WEEK, MON 17TH – FRI 23RD AUGUST

READING IS MY SUPER POWER

AVON ST BOOK PARADE

Tuesday 20th August -9am

Come dressed as your favourite book character!

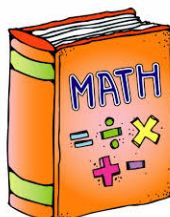
Who will you come dressed as?



YEAR 1 & 2 MATHS



Mrs McNaughton's Grade 1/2 students are learning about fractions. We are finding a half of a collection of objects.



WOW AWARD



Mr Clark's WOW award went to Charlie Bowen. Well done Charlie!

WANTED FOR STEM ACTIVITIES

If you have any of the following items and no longer need them, our STEM students would LOVE to use them!

Cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls please), small cardboard packets/boxes, bottle tops, soft drink bottles, egg cartons, plastic or paper plates and cups, string, wool, fishing line corks, small soft drink/water/juice plastic drink bottles or straws.

Please place items in the large boxes in Miss Challis' room at Waller or in Ms Brown's room at Avon

- Mandy Brown



WALLER ST CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Student of the Week recipients:

Back L-R: Mikayla, Marcus, Destiny & Lily
Front L-R: Kai, Declan, Lacey, Ella & Mekayla



GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD

The Golden Shovel awards from week 2 were presented to Lailah & Caleb.



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LIONS CLUB JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Zara Arnold on her outstanding effort at the Regional Finals of the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. At all levels of the competition Zara was required to prepare and deliver a 3-minute speech on the topic **The day I went into outer space and met an alien.**

Zara won our school level competition and qualified to participate in the club level competition. She was again successful and won the Benalla Club Level competition which qualified her for the Regional Finals. Last week at Regional Finals, Zara was awarded runner up in the Year 3/4 section for our Region. Zara has done an amazing job with preparing and delivering her speech to many different judging panels and audiences, and has steadily built her confidence and public speaking skills. Congratulations on a fantastic effort Zara!

RAY WHITE AWARD

The July Ray White Award recipient is Emily Milner.



WOW AWARD

Mr Clark presented his WOW



Award to Jakobi Williams for fantastic reading.



PRIMARY NEWS

100 DAYS OF PREP

On Monday the 5th of August Foundation students from Avon and Waller street Campus celebrated 100 days of school! A special assembly was held at Avon street campus where parents and special friends came to help celebrate. Everyone was awarded a special certificate for all of the learning they have achieved. Our 100 days superstar awards winners were Marleigh McNaughton, Jagga Schintler and Jillian Shaw! Afterwards, We ate cupcakes, had some photo booth fun, followed by a few party games.

Congratulations to all of our Foundation students on being 100 days smarter!



PRIMARY NEWS

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING

National Tree Day was celebrated at the Faithfull Street campus. Year 4 students travelled from the Waller and Avon Street campuses to work with the Hand on Learning students to plant over two hundred plants along the wetland area. Each HOL student took a small group of Year 4 students to show them how to plant the shrubs and ground cover plants along the banks of the shallow creek and ponds. This area was established in 2018 and is now showing many signs of being a more diverse plant and animal habitat. A thank you BBQ was held at the conclusion of the work session for all involved.



NATIONAL TREE DAY T-SHIRTS, WERE PRESENTED TO THE YEAR 4 STUDENTS WHO STOOD OUT FOR ALL OF THE RIGHT REASONS WHEN THEY PARTICIPATED IN A PLANTING SESSION AT THE FAITHFULL CAMPUS WETLANDS.

AVON ST RECIPIENTS



WALLER ST RECIPIENTS



FAITHFULL ST NEWS

5/6 ART

Year 5 students have been sewing for the term. They are learning skills such as needle threading, knotting, running stitch and the over sew stitch have been developed.

Students put their skills to the test when they got to sew a soft toy of their choosing. Many thanks to Sheridan at St Vinnies for their generous donation of used clothing that students were able to cut up and re-purpose.



FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS NEWS

MOCK INTERVIEWS SHOWCASE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to our six students who have recently returned from the **School for Student Leadership** at the Snowy River Campus. Last week they completed their Mock Job Interviews to an outstanding standard. Molly Craig and community members, Sally Sykes and Ann Forster, were impressed with these interviews that linked their leadership experience to employability skills and understanding of the workplace.

All Year 9 students are now reminded to complete all their work in their Achievement Portfolios ready for **Course Counselling Day on 14 August**. Each student must attend a 20 minute appointment together with a family member to review their portfolio, Career Action Plan and Course selection. Please contact me or their Year 9 Humanities teacher to make an appointment.

Sue Oakley
Pathways to Retention Coordinator



Pictured: Justin Maddox, Jake Evans, Harrison Drury, Georgia Nichols, Stacey Kutchel and Maria Campbell

DR & NURSE SERVICE

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EVERY TUESDAY

9AM – 12:30PM

CALL OR TEXT MESSAGE FOR
APPOINTMENT:

0427752398

Private, confidential & free



Alternatively you can arrange an appointment by seeing Craig Carley or turn up to the surgery during the walk in sessions from 10:30 to 11:15

COURSE COUNSELLING DAY

**Student Free Day for
Yr 9, 10 & 11**

Wednesday 14th August

- *Completion of the course selection sheet for all Year 9-11
- *Course Counselling Interviews
- *Students progress, attendance and Career action plan will be re viewed.
- *Fast tracking applications are due
- *VCAL applications due

All Parents/Carers needed to make an appointment for the Careers Counselling Day

FAITHFULL ST CAMPUS

HANDS ON LEARNING

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NAIDOC WEEK FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Faithfull St Campus will be having a NAIDOC flag raising Assembly for all Years 5-12 students and staff at 1.40 on Thursday 22nd August. This is a special event for our school to promote recognition and respect for everyone in our school community.

Students and staff in the ATSI "Us Mob" group have worked on this project for over 12 months with the support of School Council and other community organisations.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWS



Steele and Hadassah Adams spent the afternoon building Cubby houses.



Elly Decker and Tyler Brooks decorated music instruments

COMMUNITY NEWS



Benalla Netball Association 2019 Spring Competition

Tuesdays: NetSetGo, Juniors, Ladies

Wednesdays: Mixed (now weekly game fees)

Season commences Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Registrations:

www.benallana.vic.netball.com.au

Team Entry:

benallanetball@gmail.com

All enquires to:

Rebecca 0450 192 249



PARENT AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Tuning in to kids- emotionally intelligent parenting (2-10 years)

Friday 16th August-13th

September

10am-12pm

Gateway Health

Room F1

45-47 Mackay St, Wangaratta

Call to Book 035723 2000

"Whatever" Adolescent Parenting

(2hr workshop)

10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 19th September

Gateway Health- room F1

45-47 Mackay St, Wangaratta

Call 5723 2000 to Book your place.



This website offers comprehensive online resources for our parents, staff and our school community. It is packed full of articles, videos, resources that is at your fingertips. There is a comprehensive program of webinars for parents/carers to link into parenting webinars at no cost. If you would like more information and to join on this website please go to www.parentingideas.com.au

The third webinar this year is on

Creating 21st Century rites of passage -Webinar

Rites of Passage have always been a significant part of community life, until now. Each stage of a person's life was marked and celebrated including the significant step of moving into adulthood.

The shift from childhood to adulthood has always been marked by a rite of passage, which represents entry to the adult world and the rights that go with it. This new set of rights is also accompanied by a responsibility to serve and contribute to the community.

The loss of healthy rites of passage

For many young people Schoolies Week, the annual Year 12 endless party, is the only rite of passage they have. The loss of meaningful rites of passage is having disastrous consequences on young people.

Too often we see young men in their twenties and beyond acting like boys in constant need of acknowledgement from their peers, dodging responsibility and still seeking approval from their mother. Many young women are stuck in perpetual adolescence, more worried about how they look than how they can contribute to their communities.

Adults have a role to play

It's the role of adults to recognise and bring out children's strengths and natural gifts so they can contribute fully to their communities as adults. One of the most significant roles of the elderly is to care for and pass on wisdom to the young. Not surprisingly in the past it has been the elders who were responsible for overseeing the Rites of Passage and their timely delivery.

Rites of Passage are not supposed to be done in isolation. As a child becomes a young adult parents also need to take a step and move to the next stage in their lives. Each new stage of development for a child or young person represents a new beginning for parents as well.

Unfortunately, elderhood is not highly coveted or respected in these modern times and there is a global marketing campaign telling us that youth is the desirable and only really acceptable life stage. When adulthood is not fully appreciated or understood, then it's little wonder that many young people are hanging on to their adolescence well into their twenties. Some never make the leap into adulthood.

Families and communities can rediscover the notion of rites of passage and begin to invent their own pathways to adulthood, complete with markers and appropriate recognition. They can put their own celebrations in place that mark significant ages, and the all-important transition to adulthood. These celebrations should include a bringing together of significant adults and a passing on of wisdom and stories from past generations to a young person. These rites of passage can be creative, must be inclusive and need to be appropriate to each family or community situation.

As your school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, you can attend the Creating 21st century rites of passage webinar – at no cost!

About the webinar Join Dr Arne Rubinstein as he discusses the importance of rites of passage in the 21st century. In this webinar you'll develop clear guidelines and learn impactful strategies to support you to build strong healthy relationships with your children, bolster their independence and support them in their use of technology in these rapidly changing times.

When Wednesday 28 August 2019 8:00pm AEST.

Price This webinar is \$37 per person to attend, and is free of charge to families at schools that have a membership.

How parents can redeem the voucher

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-creating-21stcentury-rites-of-passage>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code RITES and click 'Apply Coupon' (valid until 28 September 2019). Your discount of \$37 will be applied.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These details are used to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place Order'

Dr. Arne Rubinstein Dr. Arne Rubinstein is an internationally recognised expert on Rites of Passage and adolescent development. He is the author of the best-seller 'The Making of Men' and has won multiple awards for his work including being nominated for Australian of the Year 2008 for his work with youth. Dr Arne is the proud father of two wonderful young men and a mentor to many others.