

Benalla P-12 College

Executive Principal - Tony Clark



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

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the Benalla P-12 College Community,

Firstly – Happy Mother's Day for Sunday to all the mums in our community. I hope you all had a great day and managed to spend some time with your loved ones. If nothing else, this time of lockdown reminds us of the importance of relationships and being with people for whom we care.

You may have already heard that this morning the Premier announced the plan for the gradual return to face-to-face teaching and learning in our schools in Victoria. Monday May 25th will be a pupil free day for all students where teachers will prepare their classrooms and lessons in readiness for returning to face-to-face teaching. Students in Grades Prep – 2 and Years 11/12 will return to school on Tuesday May 26th. All other students will remain in remote learning mode until Tuesday June 9th, when all students and staff will resume 'normal' teaching and learning.

In the meantime, on-site learning will be available for students in Year 3-10 who cannot be supervised at home and for whom no other arrangements can be made. The usual weekly application process will remain in place to facilitate this. Further information will be sent out regarding Year 10 students who are completing a VCE/VET subject and how they can attend on-site for those classes.

In the meantime, we keep doing what we have been doing for the past four weeks and focus on what we can control. Staff are continuing to work extremely hard to plan and prepare online learning and work packs for all students. We also know that parents are working hard to manage remote learning at home. We also know that things are getting tough for you at home. Four weeks of remote learning has been challenging and the novelty has worn off for many people. We ask that you continue to do everything you can to provide a supportive learning environment at home and do what you can. No-one is expecting you to be an expert in any area of the curriculum. If you can't get through the work that has been set for your child – that's ok. Teachers will catch them up when they return to school.

Please remember to maintain routine where you can, and celebrate the accomplishments of your child each day, no matter how small.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25th May

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th May

Students from Grades Prep-2 and Years 11/12 return to school.

Tuesday 9th June

All students return to school.

Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity



TERM 2 DATES, TUES 14TH APRIL- FRI 26TH JUNE

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

We have received some advice from the DET regarding assessment and reporting at the end of this semester. All students will receive a report, but it will be modified to reflect the remote learning component they have experienced. One thing teachers will be reporting on is the way in which students have responded to and engaged with remote learning. Many students have been highly engaged and shown incredible resilience and independence in their learning during this difficult time.

In other news, the architects for the new STEAM building on the Faithfull Campus have completed a video virtual walk-through of the new building. School Council members have seen and endorsed the plans which will now move on the next stage. This exciting new project will hopefully start construction later this year, ready for completion by the end of the following year.

School Council will be meeting next Monday night via WebEx. This will be an interesting experiment and a good test of the technology teachers are using every day.

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THE WELLBEING TEAM SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES

The Wellbeing Team would like you to know that we are here to support you in any way we can, even more so in this time of isolation with staying at home. If you are struggling and need food to help feed your family, please do not hesitate to contact your Wellbeing Support worker on your campus either by phone or by email.

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SHONTEE'S ZOO DESIGN

Shontee Connor has created an exceptional Zoo Design plan for Year 7 maths, T-shirt and magazine on the animals in her personal zoo. Great work Shontee!



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Sail away with Amali!

Students have been busily working from home but that hasn't stopped them from achieving great things. Amali McKenzie created this wonderful boat modelled on an Indonesian boat from the island of Sulawesi.

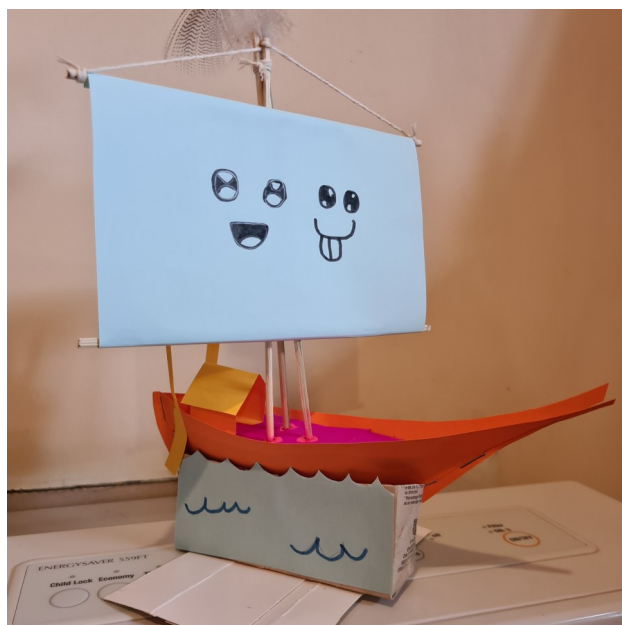
Well done to all students and parents learning at home – keep up the great work!



Above: Amali is pictured with her Indonesian modelled boat.



Aria pictured above left works through her booklet while sister Sophie creates a spaceship.



Leila's completed boat pictured above. Well done!

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