

# 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*

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

### School Council

Last Monday school council met in the Year 9 Centre of the Faithfull Campus. On the agenda there were a number of policies to be endorsed, including our Camps and Excursions and Digital Technology policies. Council also discussed the uniform shop and it's hours of operation. We would like to provide more access to parents to purchase uniform and will be investigating options outside of the school in the town. The aim will be to maintain the current prices and quality while giving parents more opportunities to buy uniform.

Student free days for 2021 need to be approved by council, and were also discussed on the night. Given that teachers start on Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> next year, it was approved that we would take only one student free day at the start of next year so that students return with two full days of school on Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>. The other days will adjoin the Labour Day long weekend in Term 1, the Queens Birthday long weekend in Term 2 and the Cup Weekend in Term 4. There was some discussion about Benalla Show Day and whether or not that should be a student free day.

### Final Day for Year 12

This Friday will be the last day of classes for our Year 12 students. 2020 has been an incredible year and a very challenging and difficult one for VCE and VCAL students. Our Year 12s have adapted very well and made the most of the ever-changing situation with remote learning. They have missed out on many of the memorable aspects of Year 12 and unfortunately their celebrations will be curtailed a little bit this Friday, but I am sure they will enjoy the day, nonetheless. VCE students will take a short break before exams start on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Year 12 VCAL students will be finishing their courses and beginning the transition to the world of work and/or further training or study. Whatever the pathway students are taking, we wish them all the best, and know that they have all shown amazing resilience and courage to get through 2020.



- **Monday 2nd November - Pupil Free Day** (all day care available at Avon St)
- **Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

**BENALLA P-12 UNIFORM SHOP**  
2020 OPEN DAYS  
FAITHFULL STREET

- **Wednesday November 11th** 11am-5pm
- **Wednesday November 18th** 11am-5pm
- **Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10am-4pm (This will be the last day for the year.)

Orders can also be placed over the phone and delivered to your campus.

Call Judds Yarrowonga on 5744 1269 for any further details

**Our College Values**

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity

Email: [benalla.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:benalla.p12@education.vic.gov.au)

Web: [www.benallap12.vic.edu.au](http://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

**Clarke St**  
Yrs 5-6 Hub  
P: 035761 272  
**Attendance Hotline**  
035761 2752

**Faithfull St**  
Yrs 7-12  
P: 035761 2777  
**Attendance Hotline**  
035761 2747

### End of Year Graduations

We have been thinking about and planning for a very different end of the year. Normally we would have assemblies and graduations and awards nights, but unfortunately these will not be taking place as they have been. On the weekend, the Premier announced some changes for regional schools that will allow us to hold graduation events for Grade 6 and Year 12 students, but only for staff and students of that year level. We will make arrangements to either video or livestream these events for parents and will let you know if anything else changes.

Regards,  
Tony Clark  
Executive Principal.

### BOOKLISTS & PARENT PAYMENTS for 2021 (FOUNDATION)

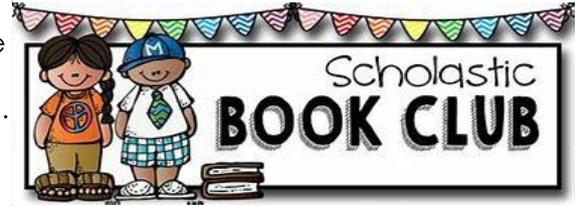
Book list and Parent Payment information for 2021 has recently been mailed out to all families.

Booklists orders are due no later than **16 November** to receive free delivery to the school. Orders placed after 16/11 will be delivered to your home and a delivery charge will apply. Details about how to order and other information is included in the mail out, and is also available on the school website.

**Please note – bulk supplies will not be ordered by the school for primary students this year.** All families (Foundation to Yr 12) need to purchase a backpack for their child/children. This is a new system for the primary levels so please contact the General Office if you need any help with ordering.

### FAITHFULL CANTEEN

The Canteen pre-ordering app (called Qkr) is the preferred way for Year 5-12 students to buy from the Canteen. Pre-ordering reduces the queue, encourages social distancing by moving through quickly, and reduces cash handling. To help manage traffic flow and reduce large numbers of students waiting we encourage all families and students to please plan ahead and pre-order through the Qkr App. Details on how to use the App are attached or available from the General Office. More information can be found on page 6



**BOOK CLUB ISSUE 7 IS ONLINE  
ONLY NOW!**

**ORDERING CLOSSES THIS  
FRIDAY 9.00AM  
30TH October**

Click on the link to view the catalogue  
[https://issuu.com/scholastic\\_australia/docs/aus\\_issue\\_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEOTgzNjE](https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEOTgzNjE)

**Online ordering via LOOP only.**

You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Register.

This link will take you to the registration page:

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx?ReturnUrl=>

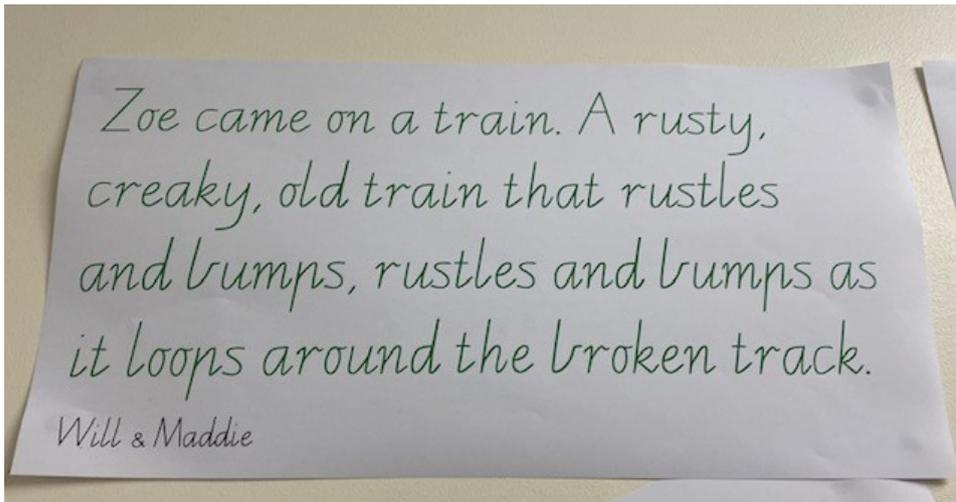
**Enter your details | Add Child |  
Search for our School & your  
child's class | Ready to Order!**

**Thanks for  
supporting our school!**

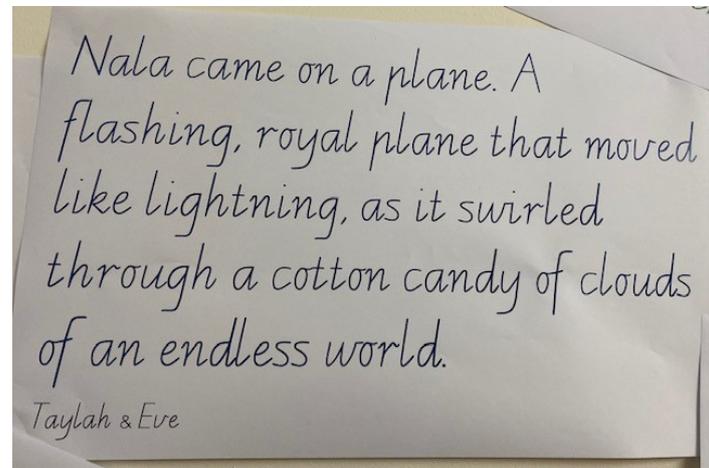
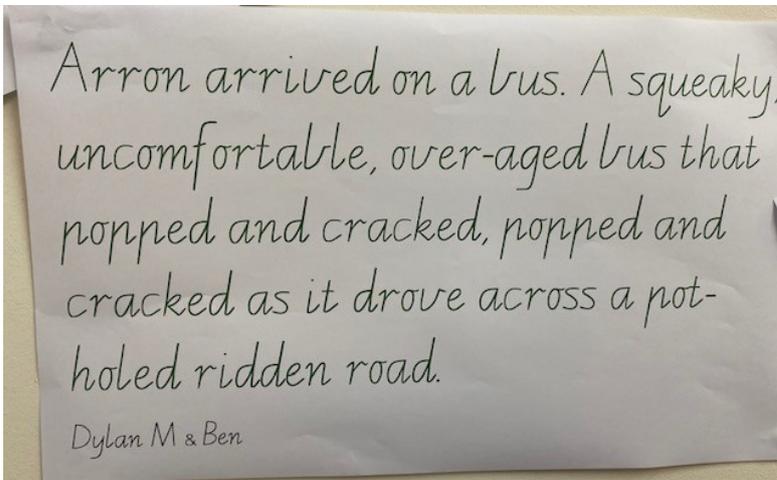
**Please note cash and late orders cannot  
be accepted.**

For more information contact Scholastic  
Book Club 1800 021 233





In Year 3/4, students are completing an author study. We are learning how to write like an author. We practiced writing a introduction or sizzling start by using our mentor text by Liz Lofthouse.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations Charli and Liam who were this weeks Students of the week



CAMPUS LEADERS

Pictured with Mr Clark and Mrs Treacy are this terms Campus Leaders. Well done Hayley, Sophie, Boden and Ben



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Pictured left are this weeks Students of the Week. Well done Maddex, Logan & Grace

GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD WINNERS

Our Golden Shovel award winners are:  
Back L-R: Jake, Harry, Char-Leah & Peyton  
Front: Harvey & Aaban



WALLER ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Ms Hanna's class won week 2 with the highest class percentage for attendance of 98.8%. The class has celebrated with their prize of hot chips with tomato sauce. For your child's class to win is easy, all you need to do is send your child to school every day. There will be a class weekly prize with the highest class attendance percentage each week in term 4. This gives classes 10 chances at winning.



YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS OF WEEK



Students of the Week

L-R Evie Taylor , Mila Repia, Willow Stocker, Shay Turner, Michael Devine, Josh Tanner

KINDNESS AWARDS

L-R- Evie Taylor, Josh Ward, Erin Jenkins, Robbie Cooper, Jake Berger, Mason Butterworth

The Kindness Award has been introduced this term to recognise kind gestures that our students make, to brighten our school community.



## QUICK & EASY CANTEEN ORDERING (Years 5-12)

- Online ordering before 9am is the preferred way to order from the canteen
- No finding change for school lunches in the morning
- No waiting in line ([reduces queues and promotes social distancing](#))
- No bringing cash to school ([cashless payment](#))
- No missing out on the Jam Donuts ([pre-order to get what you want](#))

Download our new App to make pre-ordering from the Canteen quick and easy.



You can order up to 2 weeks in advance and have your child's hot lunch ready when the bell rings each day.

Just put in the order by 9.30am and forget about it.

### Getting started

#### Step 1 Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone, iPad users can download the iPhone app

#### Step 2 Register

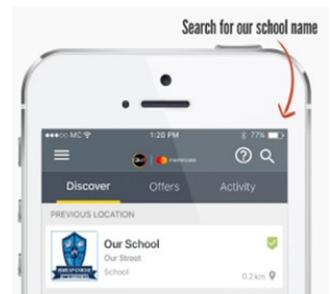
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

#### Step 3 Find our School

Benalla P-12 College will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you are within 10km of the school, or search for our school by name.

#### Step 4 Add your child's profile

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them



### You're now ready to order

- Select Menu
- Choose the date for your order
- Choose the child you are ordering for
- Select Recess or Lunch
- Then scroll through the menu to select the items
- Add to cart
- Checkout and pay with the card of your choice (up to 5 cards can be loaded into the App).

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

All day care available

**AT AVON ONLY**

Bookings Essential

Waller: 0407 715 660

Avon: 0428 014 133

## Year Books For Sale

Faithfull Street Campus have some old School yearbooks from 2017, 2018 & 2019 for sale.

Books can be purchased at the reduced price of \$5.00 each from the Faithfull Street office.

MUSIC NEWS

The first week back at school was big for our instrumental music program. By the middle of the week there was an easing of restrictions on playing and rehearsing music. Woodwind and brass instruments can play again so lessons are back on and bands are rehearsing.

The first rehearsal after all these many months was last Thursday afternoon and woodwind and brass players must rehearse outdoors so front awning area of the PAC made for a new rehearsal and teaching venue. Percussion can remain indoors.

In the spirit of outdoor playing the VCE students presented a 15 minute concert on Monday and Tuesday at lunchtime in preparation for an assessment on Wednesday. Well done on getting it all going after such a disruptive year.

We are all looking forward to everyone back in full swing for the rest of the term.

Barry Robert



**GRAB & GO**  
**Brekky Club 8.30am**

**2021 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN**

*Don't forget to join us at Breakfast club from 8:30am on all campuses. Breakfast club is a little different now as its grab and go, but its still a great place to catch up with your friends and enjoy a great start to the day*

Do you or a friend have a younger child due to start school next year? We are currently accepting enrolments for prospective 2021 prep students and their families. Please contact our Avon and Waller Street Campus to register your interest.

Avon Street-5762 1646  
 Waller Street -5762 2600



**Waller Street Campus is open everyday**

**Faithfull Street Campus - Tuesday—Friday**

**Avon Street Campus - Thursdays & Fridays**



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Amber Armstrong  
Year 8: Jett Buntine  
Year 9: Christopher Dossier

Student of the Week, Week 2, Term 4

Year 7: Aria Winkler and Diesel Vella  
Year 8: Hannah Brain  
Year 9: Zoe Horsfall and Molly Glazebrook



Pictured: Zoe Horsfall, Hannah Brain, Amber Armstrong, Aria Winkler and Jett Buntine.

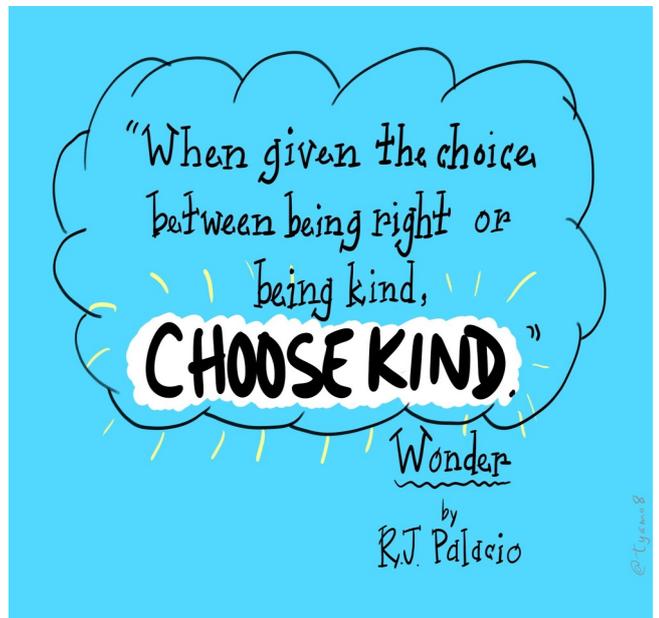
**Year 7 Immunisations**

The second round of Year 7 immunisations will occur this come Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The dose will be dose 2 of HPV. The forms that families completed at the start of the year cover the requirements for the round of vaccinations.

**Year 9 Relationships Project**

The Year 9 Relationships Project is coming up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The three sessions students will rotate through during periods P1, 2 and 3 are-

- Sexual Decision Making with Rosemary a School Nurse
- Consent with Paula Allen from Victoria Police
- Healthy Relationships with Rachel from Women's Health



**VCE Extension Studies in 2021**

The universities listed below offer the opportunity for Year 12 students to study up to two first-year university subject, giving those students the opportunity to extend themselves and start their University pathway early. Please speak to Molly Craig if you are interested in looking at this option.

**Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate**

**Deakin Accelerate** is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score. Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/entry-pathways/accelerate>

**Federation University – Advance to University**

**Advance to University** is an opportunity for Year 12 students to study first year university units as part of their VCE. Successful completion of these units may contribute towards the ATAR, and students get credit towards their university degree. There are no fees for Advance to University.

<https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-federation/advance-to-university>

**La Trobe University – Achieve Plus Program**

**Achieve Plus** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Students enrolled in Achieve Plus choose one subject per semester. *Achieve Plus* is offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There are no fees associated with the Achieve Plus Program.

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways/undergrad/achieve-plus>

**RMIT University – VCE Extension**

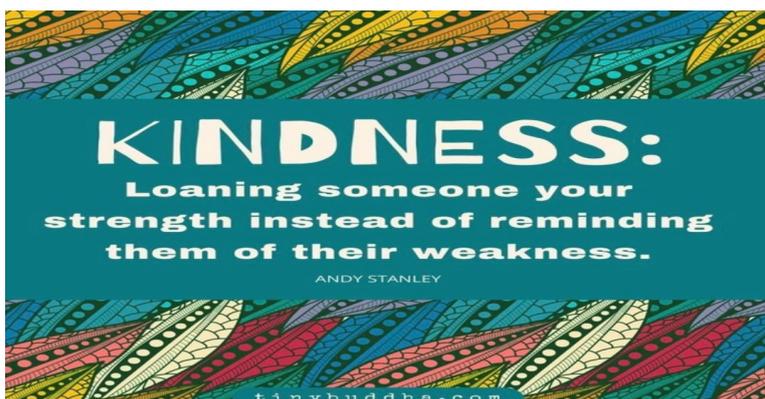
**RMIT's VCE Extension** allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program. Students will get a taste of university life; they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extension** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT Extension courses.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/pre-university-study/rmit-extension/get-ready-to-start>

**University of Melbourne – Extension Program**

The **Extension Program** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program. However, some School Centres where an Extension subject is taught may charge a reasonable fee to cover teaching and administrative costs.

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/study-with-us/programs-for-high-achievers/university-of-melbourne-extension-program>

**KINDNESS 21**

Thank you for  
making our  
school a kinder



## Parenting in challenging times



Life has a way of throwing curve balls that really test the strength and resilience of families. Personal tragedy, natural disasters and global pandemics are the types of events that challenge us all to the core, testing our emotional and social resources. When difficulties occur children look to the adults in their lives to maintain their security and safety. When change and uncertainty reigns, kids want strong, empathetic leadership from the significant adults in their world. As a parent it can be difficult responding to a child's needs when you're trying to adjust to changes that are forced on you.

Following are some elements to consider when parenting through times of challenge, change and difficulty:

### Attention

Like a television antenna your attention is tuned to pick up the strongest signal. In times of difficulty a child may not necessarily signal that they are struggling, so you may need to fine tune your attention to pick up their needs. Start to notice the small comments and subtle behavioural changes, as they may not be small at all, and can provide helpful clues to their state of mind.

### Priorities

In challenging times your focus may need to shift away from schoolwork, household neatness and chores. It can move toward relationship building, maintaining wellbeing and helping each other out. Parental priorities need to shift to the immediate rather than the future, the emotional instead of the behavioural and from thriving mode to survival mode in tough times.

### Permission

Children and young people often struggle to express their feelings and thoughts in the face of adversity. They look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance about how they should respond to change, loss, uncertainty and disappointment. Allow them to speak about how they are feeling. Prompt conversations through closeness and connection. Display your own vulnerability and in doing so give your kids the permission they need to express themselves in safe ways.

### Collaboration

Difficult times will invariably suit a family that enjoys a collaborative, close parenting style. In collaborative families kids feel listened to and also have an ability to impact family decision making. Shared mealtimes and regular family gatherings are generally a prominent feature of collaborative families. In difficult times those families that prosper are those that value and promote close connection between siblings and parents.

### Wellbeing

Child and parent wellbeing becomes paramount in times of hardship. That may mean reprioritising the importance of school and work, doing something joyful every day and practising regular wellbeing strategies such as exercise, mindfulness, deep

breathing and spending time in nature. The wellbeing bucket needs to be regularly refilled during challenging times. These five elements form the basis of a planned parent response when major difficulties occur. Be patient, be kind to yourself and be willing to reach out to the wider community for help.



### Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an

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Are you feeling isolated, lonely or worried?  
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We can help connect you with support and services where possible.

Call 03 5760 2620 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)  
or email [casi@benalla.vic.gov.au](mailto:casi@benalla.vic.gov.au)  
to find out more.

You can also call the COVID Hotline  
1800 675 398 (24/7).

This program is funded by Department of Health and Human Services and delivered by Benalla Rural City Council.



## BENALLA LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB Inc.

### TENNIS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 - 10 YEARS WANTING TO TRY TENNIS

WHERE - ACKERLY AVE-Benalla Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

WHEN - SATURDAY MORNINGS 9.30am TO 10.30am

COMMENCING 10th October 2020

BRING - SMOOTH SOLED SHOES, DRINK, HAT, SUNSCREEN

BRING OWN RACQUET IF YOU HAVE ONE.



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