

# 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*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we slowly return to face to face schooling, it is great to see our students again. It will be a messy few weeks, but I am confident we can get through this together and ensure a successful transition back for everyone by Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out if you need any support during this time.

There have been some staffing changes since the end of last term. The biggest one being that Faithfull Campus Assistant Principal Reno Lia has moved to a new position at a different school. Mr. Lia was here at Benalla P-12 College for almost 4 years and made a significant contribution to the engagement and wellbeing of all our secondary and Year 5 and 6 students.

Mr. James Carboon has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Principal at the Faithfull Campus until the end of the year. James has had a lot of recent experience as a Year Level Co-ordinator and Sub-school Leader and will do an excellent job. He has already been making contact with many parents to support the return to school process for students. Mr. Richard Hubbard takes over the role as Junior Subschool Leader at Faithfull and will be responsible for students in Year 7-9.

Our facilities manager and College bus co-ordinator Mr. John Hanrahan has also retired. John has been at the school for a long time in a number of roles. He will be replaced by Jason Humphries who starts later this week.

Last week we held the GAT (General Achievement Test) for our senior secondary students. This was conducted according to our COVID safe plan and went very well. Our students were outstanding and approached this important (and long) assessment with a positive attitude. The GAT had been postponed twice and it was good to get it done and provide some certainty moving towards exams.

This time of year is usually busy with transition planning and activities. Due to the restrictions, we cannot run our normal transition program for students coming into Prep, students going from Grade 4 to 5 and those going from Year 6 to 7. We are working on a modified and virtual approach and will have information out to you very soon.

Regards,

Tony Clark  
Executive Principal.



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Remember

**SCHOOL UNIFORM  
DATES-FAITHFULL ST  
CAMPUS**

**Wednesday October 27**

**3.00pm-5.00pm**

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

Call Judds Yarrawonga on  
5744 1269 for any further  
details

## Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity



## Every day counts, even when your child is anxious

### Anxiety and School Refusal during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

School refusing children experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school.

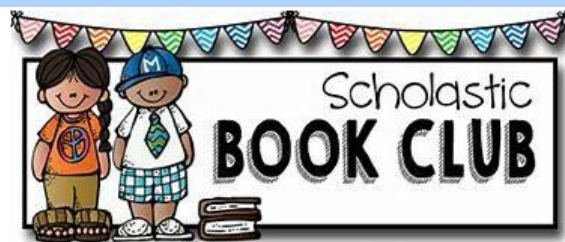
School refusal can be very distressing for parents who find it very difficult to manage and address; it can cause conflict in the home and disrupts routines. Identifying the cause of school refusal can be difficult and there may be a number of factors that contributes to it.

**Early intervention is essential as prolonged absences from school can greatly impact a child's social and emotional development, academic achievement and vocational activities. It's important to get children back to school even more now with COVID 19 restrictions and lockdowns, to help improve their mental health as well as their social and emotional development.**

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 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, Lou, Bron or Scott to assist with your child and their attendance.**

- Avon/Clark St Campus -Scott Greig 5762 1646
- Waller St Campus -Bron Greig 5762 2600
- Faithfull St Campus -Lou McCloskey 5761 2777



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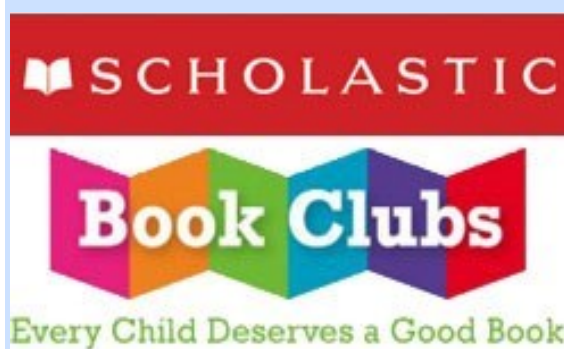
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## Sun Smart

Please ensure your child has their navy blue school hat in their school bag each morning as Term 4 it is 'No Hat No Play'!

School hats can be purchased from the office or over the phone for \$10.00







Pictured above are our Avon Street Term 3 students of the term. Well done and congratulations Scarlett, Jazzy, Vienna, Spencer and Natalya.



Our Ray White awards for the month of August and September were Henry Green and Harrison Lang. Well done boys on showing our school values



Avon street foundation students are learning about partner reading. One student points to the words as the other reads. They take turns and give each other handy hints. The students have made great improvements and enjoyed reading stories.







## AVON STREET AWARDS

Congratulations to our students of the week pictured above are:

Ava, Riley, Cruze, Avneet and Dominic

Pictured right are our attendance champions Bella, Amelia, William, Jazzie and Jett.

Mrs McNaughton/Bennett's class celebrated with an icy pole for having the highest class attendance 92%



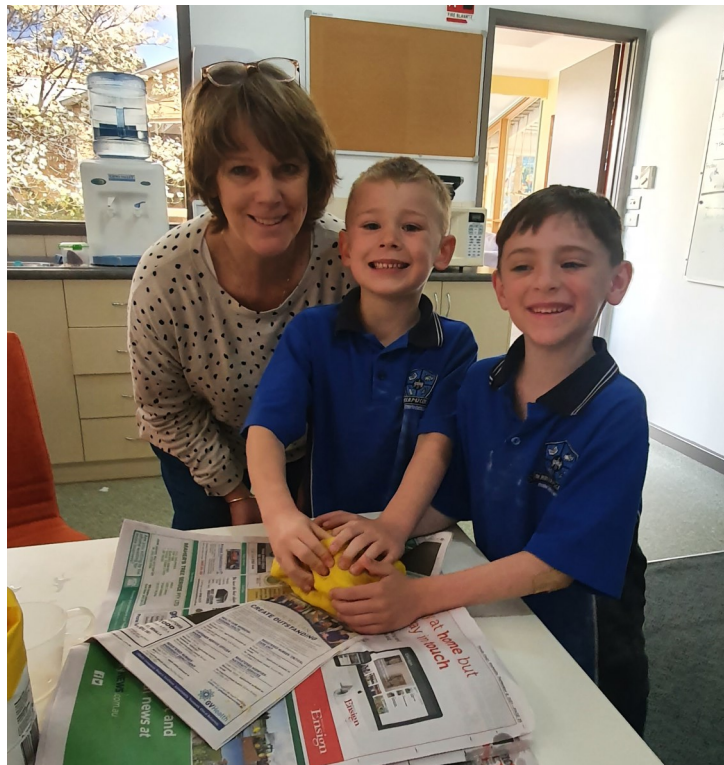


Jaxon and Cooper had lots of fun making playdough with Beth this week!

They measured all the ingredients, and took turns helping Beth put it together!

They will use the playdough to enhance their fine motor skills which they will use to form letter during phonics awareness!

Great (and messy) fun was had by all!



## Celebrating returning to school @ the Waller Campus

We love our students being back at school. We are so excited at the Waller Street Campus, we decided to celebrate with every staff and student having a piece of chocolate or carrot cake. The picture is of Ms Sloan's Foundation class enjoying their surprise morning tea with their cake.

**If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please call Bron on 5762 2600.**



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Term 4 dates, Monday 4th October– Friday 17th December



## Good Luck and Job Well Done - David Roe

I first met David on my first job as a music teacher in 1989 at Mooroopna Secondary College. As the years progressed David and I moved around various schools in the North East crossing paths at events, performances and sometimes having the privileged of performing in bands together. For many reasons David is amazing and has been an inspiration to myself and others including our students at Benalla P-12 College. He is an awesome trumpet player with an amazing technique and ability. But not only is he great on trumpet, he is very handy on almost all brass and woodwind. He plays, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and possibly even more that I've not thought of. David always gave our school much more than most people ever recognised, saw or heard, extra time, experience, support, care, encouragement and always that great trumpet sound.

On behalf of myself, past and current music staff and the many hundreds if not thousands of students you have musically inspired and helped over all these year, we wish you a fantastic retirement from teaching but not from playing. I for one can't wait for our next performance opportunity together.

Barry Roberts  
Performing Arts Coordinator.



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Students of the Term 3 were awarded to Elliot, Caitlin, Jess and Charlie for their hard work and persistence during remote to earn 4 out of 5 subject nominations each!

### Whole School House Challenge

The final ladder



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### Whole School House Challenge

Thank you to all students and staff who participated in the Whole School House Challenge. There were some very creative entries! Well done to Buffalo, the winning House and to Ms Milvain's class for the highest number of entries.

The second round of Year 7 school immunisations and Year 10 immunisations are being conducted at this school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**.

The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINES OFFERED
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	GARDASIL9 (HPV) DOSE 2 FINAL DOSE
YEAR 10 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY – ONE DOSE ONLY

These vaccinations are funded as part of the Victorian Secondary Schools Immunisation Program. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they may not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years in the school program.

**Please ensure that your child is wearing their sports uniform or a short sleeve shirt on the vaccination day (without any long sleeved layers underneath), this will enable a smooth vaccination process.**

Please note that no vaccines can be administered within 7 days of receiving any COVID vaccination. Please advise Council's Immunisation Team on [immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au) before the vaccination day. You are advised to bare this in mind if you are booking a COVID vaccination appointment.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by emailing your withdrawal of consent to Council's Immunisation Team on [immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au) before the vaccination day.

If your child has been vaccinated elsewhere and you have not already done so, please notify council's immunisation team on 1800 655 360.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to receive any further vaccinations or if you have any enquiries about the program or your child's vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council's Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.

### Year 7 Students

Consent cards for Year 7 students should have already been signed and completed for these vaccinations earlier this year.

If your Year 7 child missed the first dose of vaccines please contact council's immunisation team on 1800 655 360 to obtain a consent card (if consent card previously not returned). Council can administer the first dose of vaccines at school if we have a signed consent card. To complete the vaccine course, students must attend a council immunisation session or their GP, 6 months after dose 1 was given.

### Year 10 Students

Consent cards for Year 10 students were recently distributed for Meningococcal ACWY. Year 10 students who have NOT returned a Meningococcal ACWY consent card may obtain a spare consent card from the school office. This completed consent card must be returned on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.





# CHILDREN'S WEEK 2021

23 October - 31 October

Activity Packs

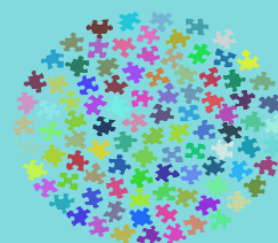
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together**



**Friends  
create  
together**



**Friends have the  
right to safely  
connect with each other**

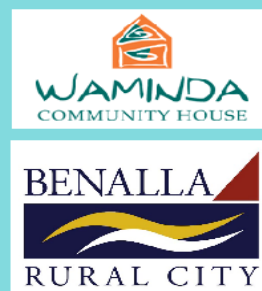


To celebrate **Children's Week 2021**, we're inviting children aged 0 - 12 in Benalla Rural City to get their creativity flowing.

The theme for this year is:

**All children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others.**

Collect your activity pack promoting friendship and safely connecting with others from:  
Waminda Community House, 19 Ballintine Street, Benalla and  
Benalla Community Care, 45 Coster Street, Benalla  
on **Wednesday 27 October 2021**.



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# Racquet Club Tennis Coaching



There is a range of coaching programs offered at Euroa Lawn and Benalla Lawn Tennis Clubs in Term 4 (Group sizes dependent on COVID restrictions)

- Kinder group sessions (3+)
- Primary and secondary school group lessons
- Squad sessions
- Private lessons
- Cardio Tennis



Tennis Australia accredited coach Kyle Andrews  
For more information  
[www.racquetclubtenniscoaching.com](http://www.racquetclubtenniscoaching.com)



**Term 4  
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