

# 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 and Carers,

As we come to the end of term one, it is time to take a breath and get ready for a break. It has been a long term and has had its challenges in many ways. We have managed to avoid going back into remote learning and have been working hard to return to normal as much as possible.

There have been many positive things happen this term that I would like to highlight, including several camps and excursions where our students were able to get out and about to support their learning:

- Enrolment of 57 new preps across Avon and Waller Campuses and having them all make a successful start to school.
- Introduction of a new spelling program for students in Grade 3-6 called Spelling Mastery.
- Good progress on the capital works program at Faithfull Street with the STEAM building on track for completion in September.
- Five Year 9 students having an eight-week experience at the new Don Valley Campus of the School for Student Leadership.
- 30 Year 9s are currently participating in the Futuremakers Camp at The Outdoor School including a 5 day journey in the high country.
- Year 11 and 12 students participated in a 3 day surf camp at Torquay as part of their studies in Sport and Recreation or Outdoor and Environmental Studies.
- Grade 3/4 and 5/6 swimming programs run for all students at our own pool and the local Benalla indoor pool.

As well as these opportunities, our primary students have been focussing on literacy and numeracy. We are in the process of developing a new approach to ensure that all students become successful readers and teachers are working hard to learn about and implement these strategies. I look forward to being able to share these with you in more detail next term.

In the meantime, enjoy the upcoming holidays. Stay safe and well and we will see all students back on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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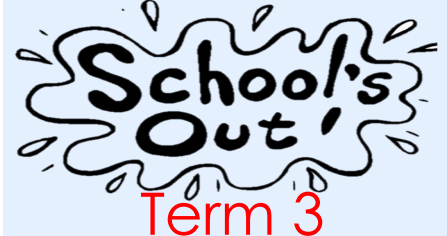
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 6 April

Uniform Shop open-Faithfull  
Street Campus 3.00-5.00pm

Friday 8 April

Last Day of  
Term 2.30pm  
Dismissal



commences  
26th April

### Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity

# BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE

Our 2021 Benalla P-12 College Yearbook is now available to purchase from your nearest Campus. \$20.00



## Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school on 0357612777 or log your child's absence using our school's IT platform Compass early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

- For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy <https://benallap12.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Attendance-Policy.pdf>

**CSEF**  
Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding

**Are you eligible ?**

### CSEF APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

- \*Helps Eligible families cover the cost of camps, sports and excursions.
- \*If you hold a means-tested concession card, you may be eligible.
- Payments are made directly to the school.
- \*If you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form, unless there has been a change to your family circumstances.
- \*All NEW students must complete a form to apply for CSEF.

Please contact your campus office for more information.

Victoria Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling. That's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

## Narrative Writing.

This term Year 3/4 have been learning how to write narratives. We have been learning about the descriptive language used in narratives and have been practising writing descriptive passages. Our focus was on learning about the nouns in a narrative and our we can describe them and the verbs, or actions the characters do and describing them by using adverbs. We became so good at this we began working on adjectival phrases and adverbial phrases (multiple descriptors). We were proud of our achievements.

### Student Reflections

***The nice young boy bravely stood on a big cliff slowly feeding the oversized brown and yellow giraffe.***

***The tiny helpful boy carefully fed the spotty humongous giraffe the tree branch.***

***The friendly young boy stood firmly on a rocky cliff carefully feeding the humungous hungry giraffe.***



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

This weeks Students of the Week were: Hayden, Sara, Kaiden, Izayah, Esme and Makayla



## 100% ATTENDANCE



**Attendance Matters**  
Every student. Every day.

WALLER STREET STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week  
Carter, Havana, Asha, Callum, Dianne,  
Amazon, Thomas and Max



ATTENDANCE WINNERS AT WALLER



Attendance winners for week  
8 and week 9

Riley, Myka, Scarlett, Elly, Jonathan, Vinnie, Piper, Jett, Oliver, Clayton, Bentley, Ben, Tyler, Mikayla, Tanner, Daniel  
and Fletcher

## 5/6 Hub Art Club

Join us every Friday lunch time in the art room for Art Club. This is for students who enjoy art in small groups. It is a relaxed, easy time for students to do their own thing with the materials provided.

This is some grade 5 girls free painting.

Ms Robinson



## CYBER SAFETY

Year 5/6 students had Senior Constable Lisa Atkinson from Benalla Proactive Policing Unit, come to Clarke St to talk to students and parents about cyber safety and how to protect your self on line.



To celebrate the achievements of our music students, on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> we are presenting an informal lunchtime mini concert 1:40pm in the PAC Auditorium of Individual students and Bands.

All students and families are welcome to attend. Parents or family attending must have proof of vaccination on hand please. ( Year 8 Band pic)

### NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS

We are pleased to have many students taking up the opportunity to start learning a range of musical instruments through our free instrumental music program. All students who have returned their signed enrolment form have been timetabled for their first lesson in the last week of term one. Bands and ensembles for new students will commence in the first few weeks of Term 2.

Please check in with Mrs Brentnall or Miss Nichol in the Music Office at the PAC if you are unsure of your lessons time or are unable to attend. Please bring your instrument on the day of your lesson if you have one. For safety Instruments should be brought to the PAC Storeroom at the beginning of the day and collected before you go home that day.

### KARAOKE CLUB

Wednesday lunchtime in the PAC has been the place for our 7 to 12 students to unleash their inner Singing star at our Karaoke lunchtime sessions run by Mrs Brentnall.

Individuals or groups can choose a song and take the mic to have fun singing to their favourite songs for the audience. Watch out for the whole group items like the Nutbush and YMCA where EVERYBODY joins in to sing AND Dance their way through lunchtime. More fun to come each Wednesday! Get your requests ready!



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TERM 3 DATES, TUESDAY 26TH APRIL– FRIDAY 24 JUNE



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PRESENTS DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG



## Building Resilient Young People Post COVID-19

SchoolTV's Dr Michael Carr-Gregg comes to Benalla to share his insights on how best to support students in returning to learning in this new post COVID safe environment.

Michael will be encouraging parents and carers to implement some simple steps to help their kids deal with the challenges they currently face. This will include tips on how to identify and manage anxiety, school refusal and adjusting to being back at school.

Even before the coronavirus transformed our lives and social landscape, 1 in 4 young people struggled with their wellbeing from time to time. Post lock down a combination of financial hardship, social isolation and uncertainty as to the future has created significant levels of stress for some young people.

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, this presentation offers practical, evidence-based strategies to build resilience at this difficult time.

**SUITABLE FOR:** PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND ADULT CARERS

**DURATION:** 45 MINUTE PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY 15 MINUTES QUESTION TIME

**Limited Numbers:** To book your seat please contact (03) 5761 2777 or contact your child's campus

This presentation will also be live streamed to those families who may not be able to attend this event in person due to capacity numbers in relation to COVID compliance regulations.

Some of Michael's books will also be available for purchase on the evening. Credit card and EFTPOS facilities will be available for your convenience.



**DATE:**  
THURSDAY  
5 May, 2022



**TIME:**  
AEST  
7.00pm - 8.00pm



**VENUE:**  
Avon Street  
Campus

**Attendance requirements:** Proof of vaccination and masks must be worn

### WHO IS PRESENTING?

**Dr Michael Carr-Gregg** is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists, author, broadcaster and specialist in parenting, children, adolescents and mental health. He wrote his PhD at the University of NSW on adolescents with cancer and in 1985, he founded the world's first national teenage cancer patients support group, Canteen. He currently works in private practice in Melbourne and is the Commonwealth Government representative on the Board of the Australian Children's Television Foundation and is the Consultant Psychologist to Australian Boarding Schools Association. He joined SchoolTV in 2016 as a key presenter to help support parents in understanding the mental health and wellbeing challenges faced by young people today.

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## VCE STYLE AND COMPOSITION EXCURSION

Last Tuesday, Georgia Nichols and I travelled to Melbourne for VCE Music Style and Composition. Firstly, Georgia gained inspiration from artworks at the National Gallery of Victoria. She will now compose her own music responding to one of the artworks that we studied. After the gallery, we attended the Top Class performance, which features musicians that scored highly in last year's VCE Music subjects. We saw compositions spanning many genres with different instruments, from which Georgia drew inspiration for her own works. In total, it was a big day of creativity and inspiration to keep us moving forwards in VCE Music Style and Composition.

Kristen Nichol, Classroom and Instrumental Music.



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## PLAYERS NEEDED!

ALL AGES and ALL ABILITIES

Thursday night training in Benalla.  
Saturday competition in Shepparton.

## SPONSORS NEEDED!

Get YOUR logo on our shirts!

Sponsorship applications close 30th March.  
Different sponsorship levels available.

Contact Lee Manning to apply  
0416 169 767  
[benallahockey@gmail.com](mailto:benallahockey@gmail.com)



## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

### To join, participants must:

- ✓ Have a current health care card **OR** pensioner concession card
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school
- ✓ Have regular income from work, yourself **OR** your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

### Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact Saver Plus:

✉ [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

🌐 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

☎ 1300 610 355

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UP TO  
**\$200**  
**VOUCHERS**  
TO COVER  
KIDS SPORT  
COSTS



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In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:  
[education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au)

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