

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,

Welcome back, the start of Term 4 has been eventful to say the least. There have been some wonderful celebrations with the Year 10 and 11 Formal in the first week back, the first whole school assembly for the year and some of students participating in the athletics (that had been delayed multiple times), to our week ending with the severe weather that impacted many staff and students and resulted in the closure of the school.

There is a common thread that I have seen through all of this and that is the Benalla P-12 community coming together. It is such a testament to the school how we can all come together and celebrate those highs, and support in the lows.

A very big thank you to our staff member James Carboon. Mr Carboon, as a member of the SES, has been working tirelessly to keep our community safe during this period of severe weather. He and his fellow members dedication to our community is remarkable. We also have staff involved in the CFA, and our families that volunteer and we are extremely grateful for all volunteers across the community.

Whole School Assembly

The first whole school assembly for the year was held this past Tuesday. It was fantastic seeing the whole community come together for the first time in a long time. The smiles on the prep students faces said it all as they escorted their Year 12 buddy into the Year 12s final assembly. It was a fantastic celebration incorporating our newest students to the school, the preps, and those that are finishing their schooling journey, the Year 12s.

We were also treated to some wonderful musical pieces. Emily Hedt performed the National Anthem and an original piece. Mason Rae-Green, Harrison Drury and Justin Maddox performed an original piece by their band 'Inversion'. It was also an excellent opportunity to acknowledging the Avon and Waller leaders throughout the year.

Our College Captains, Taree Fletcher, Georgia Nichols, Tayissa Gray and Harrison Drury did a fantastic job planning the event and should be commended on their leadership on the day.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday October 17-20

•P-2 Swimming Program

Tuesday October 18

•Year 12 Celebration Day

Thursday October 20

•Vet Sport & Rec First Aid Training Day

Monday October 24-27

•P-2 Swimming Program
•Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday October 26

•VCAA English Exam –9.00am

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

**Faithful Street
Campus every
Wednesday 2.30-5.30pm
&
Friday 8am-12pm**

Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity

COVID update

A reminder to the changes of Covid-19 requirements.

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school

advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers

undergo testing for COVID-19

Please ensure that you continue to notify the school if your student has a positive Covid-19 test result.

The school will continue to supply and support students in wearing facemasks. The Department of Health

recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

Smoking and vaping

Parents, carers, schools, and community all play an important role in protecting children and young people from, and educating them about, the harmful effects of smoking and vaping.

Research from the Royal Children's Hospital shows many parents and carers are not aware of the harmful effects or how their views about smoking and vaping can impact the likelihood of a young person taking up smoking or vaping.

The Department of Education and Training has collated resources to help you learn more about the health risks of smoking and vaping, and some suggestions about how to talk to your child about vaping, and where to get support. This includes a video from experts at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne with tips for parents for starting a conversation with teenagers about vaping.

Along with educational programs, one strategy being implemented at the school to prevent vaping and smoking are vape detectors. These were installed in a number of bathrooms over the holiday break and it appears to have already had an impact.

Regards,
Kylie Cotter

Benalla P-12 College Grade 5 & 6 present:



7 pm, 15th September 2022

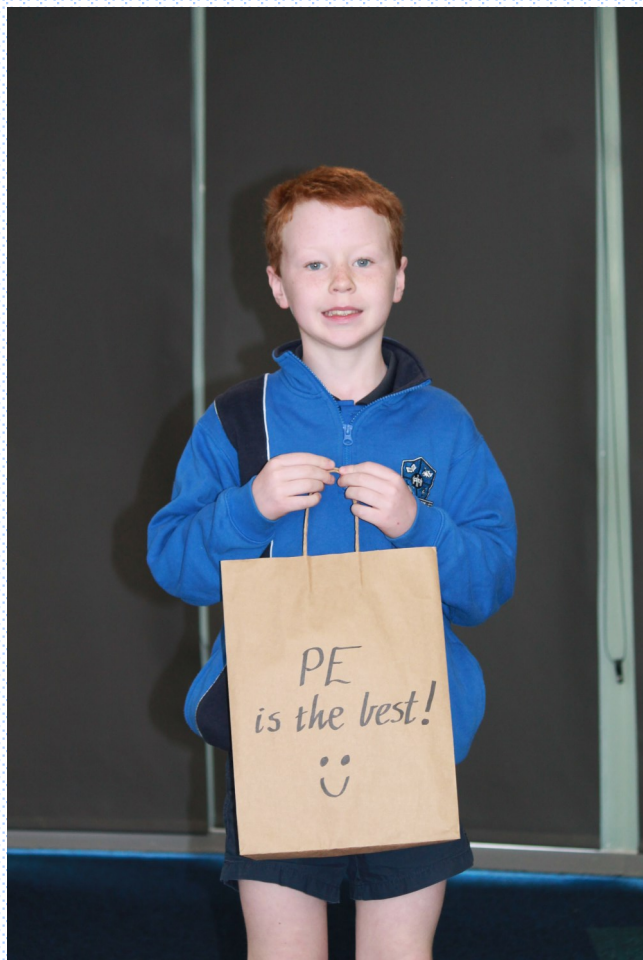
Benalla Town Hall



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TERM 4 DATES, MONDAY OCTOBER 3 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

AVON STREET STUDENTS OF TERM 3



WALLER STREET STUDENTS OF TERM 3



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CLARKE STREET STUDENTS OF TERM 3



LUCAS PROUDFOOT PERFORMANCE

Last term Clarke, Waller and Avon Campuses were treated to an incredible performance from Lucas Proudfoot in the last week of Term 3. Lucas is a musician, story teller and writer who uses his performances to entertain, inspire and educate students about Indigenous Australia. During his performance, students were introduced music from didgeridoos, stomp box, rhythm sticks and even boomerangs!! Lucas' performance was certainly enjoyed by everyone.

If you would like to know more about Lucas and his performances, check out

<https://www.lucasproudfoot.com/>





Father Dino Gabriel from the Anglican Parish of Benalla, has donated \$850.00 to support many of our families whose children are in need of uniforms from foundation to grade 4. Pictured is Bron Greig accepting a cheque from Father Gabriel on behalf of the Wellbeing team at Avon and Waller Campuses.

HOUSE COLOURS FUN DAY AT WALLER

On the second last day of term 3, the Waller Campus SLG ran their annual House Colours Fun event.

As always it was a colourful and enthusiastic session, with students working in multi-age groups to score house points.

Students participated in: Hit the net, rebound ball, rapid fire, hit the pins, giant quoits, markers up, hurdles, vortex and relays

Although the final scores were quite close, Buller House were the overall winners on 1,492 points.



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Benalla District Primary School Athletics

At the end of last term the District Athletics event was held over two days. The 11, 12 and 13 year olds competed on Wednesday 7th September at Churchill Reserve. The students participated in eight events and earned points for their House. They were also competing against St Joseph's Primary school students. The overall winner at the end of the day was St Joseph's. Congratulations to Buller (Blue) who finished in first place in the House competition.

1st Buller, 2nd Buffalo, 3rd Hotham and 4th Stirling

The 9 and 10 year olds competed the following week, after a rain delay. They also participated in eight events and earned points for their House. Congratulations to Buller for finishing in first place in a tight contest!

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Well done to all students who participated. The students trained extensively for this event and displayed great sportsmanship and competitiveness on the day. A big THANK YOU goes to all staff, parents and our P-12 secondary students who assisted to make this event a success.

Congratulations to the 31 students who qualified to compete at the Division level in Wangaratta. We wish you every success.

Vanessa Neilson



SOUTHERN RANGES ATHLETICS

Students recently competed in Shepparton at the Southern Ranges Athletics Carnival. All of the students performed to the best of their ability, encouraged each other, other schools and were extremely well behaved.



Fourteen students made it through to Hume Region Athletics Carnival in Albury, last Thursday 6th.

A massive congratulations to Gemma Mathieson (16's) and Cooper Binion (14's) who were awarded aged champions. Tim Matkovich-Allan won all of his multi-class event as well as coming second in the 400 metres.

Thank you to staff and students who helped throughout the day.

Pip O'Donoghue
7-12 Sports coordinator



Words of the Week: Term 4 Week 3

constitute

1. As a verb **constitute** means to add up to, or to form something; E.g. "*Females **constitute** 65 percent of the population at the college.*" or "*Twelve months **constitute** a year.*"
2. **Constitute** can also mean to be the same as or equivalent to something; "*The court determined that looking up its employees on-line Facebook activity constituted a formal breach of the company's rights to privacy agreement*"
3. To **constitute** is to form a rule, group or meeting, etc. in a way that is correct and legal. "*Restrictions on the use of mobile phones at school were **constituted** by the government*"

focus

- As a verb, **to focus** means to concentrate on something and give it your full attention. E.g.: "*There was a lot of background noise around me, so I needed to **focus** on our phone call to make sure I heard you well.*"
2. As a noun, **focus** refers to the central idea of something. E.g., "*The **focus** of today's newspapers was on the re-opening of schools in Victoria.*"
 3. As a verb, **to focus** can also mean to adjust parts of a camera, telescope or microscope until you can see your target image as clearly as possible. As a noun, **Focus** can also refer to the quality or clarity of an image. "*For best **focus**, please use the zooming in and out function located in the bottom right corner of your screen.*"

GENERATION STUDY

Our Year 10 students have been invited to participate in the first year of a new longitudinal study of young people in Australia. In 2022, the GENERATION study will focus on the activities and aspirations of Year 10 students – what they are doing now and what they think they would like to do in the future with study, training and employment.

Each student who completes the survey will receive an individual summary of their careers interests, while the school will receive a summary report of the plans of Year 10 students as a group. No individual student will be identified in the school report.

There are plans for another 10 years of surveys in this longitudinal study. Students will be asked if they are interested in participating in later years of the study. If students agree to participate in later years, they will be asked to provide their contact details. Please note that it is not a requirement for students to participate in later years, and all questions in the survey are voluntary.

YR 11 & 12 MARKET DAY

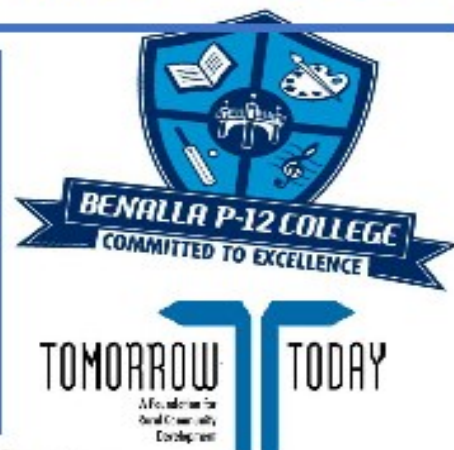
Year 11 & 12 VCAL ran a market day on the last Thursday of Term 3 as part of their \$20 Boss Project. Students organised their own businesses; manufactured products and then sold them to staff and students at the Faithful St Campus. Students were allowed to keep the profits from their enterprises; with some donating a portion of their proceeds to charity.



Transition dates & times 2022

Avon and Waller Street Campus

Friday November 11 th	9am to 10am
Friday November 18 th	9am to 11am
Friday November 25 th	9am to 11am
Friday December 2 nd	9am to 11am
Tuesday December 13 th	9am to 12pm



Transition Starts...

November

11

Avon Street Campus
5762 1646

Waller Street Campus
5762 2600



GREAT START TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

[for 2023 enrolments]

Help your child have a Great Start to School

FREE for Benalla and district families with a child starting school in 2023 in our local area.

Our program is friendly and supportive, designed specifically for parents and carers.

We can offer childcare during these sessions. Places are limited, so please include your request for this service when registering your attendance.

We will explore topics such as:

- What happens during a school day
- What you can do to help your child gain confidence and independence
- What you can do to support your child's learning
- Helpful routines that help support your child's school day
- Preparing for the big day: What does your child need to feel ready?
- Exploring your ideas and any concerns

This program runs over two sessions:

- Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Tuesday 29 November 2022

From 10am - 12 noon

At Tomorrow Today
Shop 1, 66 Nunn Street,
Benalla

Free \$50 uniform voucher
for participants who attend
BOTH sessions

To register contact Sally Matheson
at Tomorrow Today:

03 5762 1211
sallymatheson@tomorrowtoday.com.au

Registrations close 18 November.
Places are limited, so be sure to book
your place as soon as possible.