

Benalla P-12 College

Acting Executive Principal - Kylie Cotter

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 to Term 3, I hope you all had a wonderful break. It is hard to believe we are half way through the year, there are still some fantastic opportunities and events for students coming up so it definitely will not slow down.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday July 20

Monash University visit

Wednesday July 26

• Curriculum Day– Student Free

Monday July 31-Thursday August 3

Avon St Year 3/4 Swimming

Tuesday August 1

• Interview to Impress mentoring

Wednesday August 2

• Health Careers Day

Thursday August 3

Year 10/11 Course Counselling Day

Monday August 7-10

Waller St Year 3/4 Swimming

Thursday August 10

Hands on Trades Career Expo– Winton Raceway



Stay well this winter

In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to:

- wash and sanitise their hands regularly
 - avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing · stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed
 - stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Our school has masks for staff, students and visitors if they want to wear them.

Flu vaccinations

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting the flu. Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. As part of the National Immunisation Program, it is free for:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older
- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- people aged 6 months or older with underlying medical conditions.

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs, pharmacies or your local council immunisation service.

For more information about staying safe this winter, refer to: · Stay well this winter on the Better Health Channel, translated into 16 languages · Influenza and immunisation on the Better Health Channel · Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) on the Better Health Channel · Getting vaccinated against influenza

Regards,

Kylie Cotter
Acting Principal





2024 Prep Tours
Avon & Waller Street

Phone 5761 2777 to make an appointment

Avon Street Campus option 5
Waller Street Campus option 4

Notify the school of your child's absence

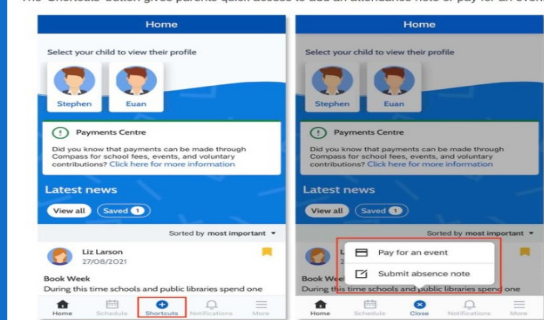
Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

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.

Adding an attendance note is as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

1. Open Compass App
2. Click on shortcuts
3. Submit attendance note

The 'Shortcuts' button gives parents quick access to add an attendance note or pay for an event.



BENALLA P-12 UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN DAYS
FAITHFULL STREET

please note

The uniform shop will be closed Friday 21st July

The Uniform Shop is open every

Wednesday 2.30pm-5.30pm
&
Friday 8.00am-12.00pm

Uniforms can be ordered through the QKR app



Step 1 Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone, iPad users can download 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 Register your children

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 uniforms

- Select Menu
- Click on Uniform
- View menu
- Select items
- Add to cart
- Checkout and pay with credit card

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF TERM 2





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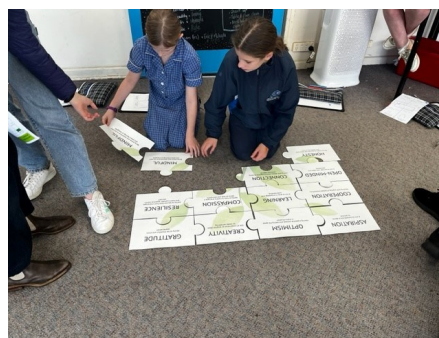
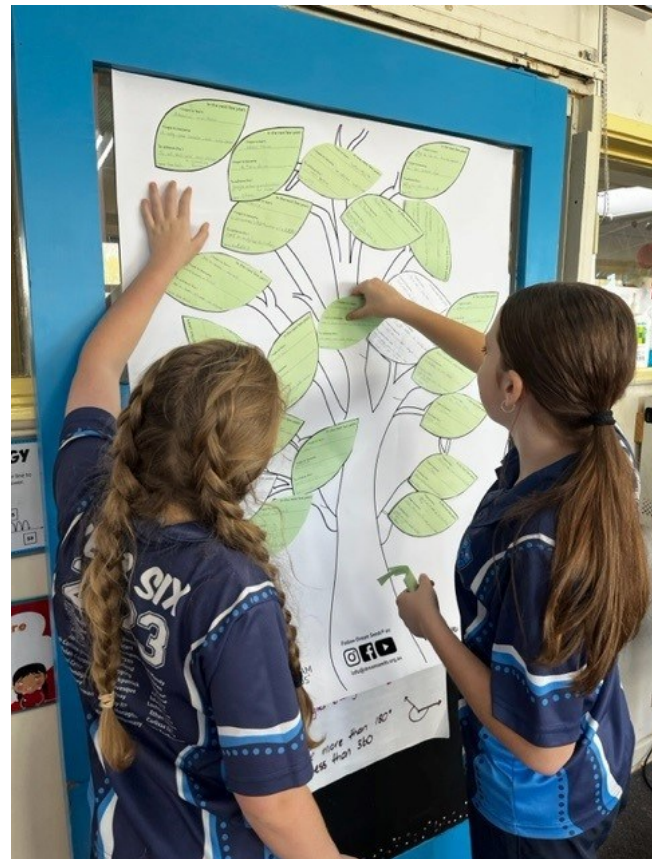
The end of last term Year 3/4 students at Avon St and Waller St had a visit from the teachers at 15 Mile Creek Camp.

Georgie, Matt, James, Ellyse, Thea and Courtney visited both campuses to talk to our Year 3/4 students about their time at camp. They talked about which activity was their favourite (the flying fox was voted the most popular) and what strategies or thinking they used to help them complete the activities they found challenging. The teachers from 15 Mile Creek then joined us in kitchen to watch the kids cook and to eat lunch.

Danielle



TERM 2 CAREERS DAY AT CLARKE



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From Monday June 19th to Wednesday June 21st, three of Benalla P-12 College's school captains embarked on a journey to Canberra. The aim of the trip was to encourage the captains to develop leadership their skills as well as gain valuable insight into Australia's political processes. The captains visited Parliament House, where they dined and discussed pressing issues with Helen Haines and sat in on Question Time, witnessing several interesting debates. On Tuesday evening, the captains had the chance to reconnect with previous Benalla P-12 alumni (Lachlan Sands, Cheyane Vaughan and Zoe Thomson) and former school captains over dinner, discussing their experiences as leaders thus far and learning about life after graduation. On Wednesday morning, the captains visited the Australian War Memorial, where they took their time exploring exhibits, educating themselves on Australia's military history, and paying their respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On a more light-hearted note, the captains were also able to partake in several fun activities, participating in ten-pin bowling and visiting the National Dinosaur Museum. Overall, the captains had a wonderful experience, and thank the school for providing them with the opportunity.

Benalla P-12 College Captains: Oliver Hall, Ebony Armstrong and Erin Quin.



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	30 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!



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Mitchell Cooney, Josh Hart, Gemma Mathieson, Tim Matkovich-Allen and Hamish Willett recently represented Benalla P-12 at the Hume region Cross Country down at the Benalla showgrounds. It was a fantastic day with some tough competition, and everyone gave it their best effort! Congratulations to Tim who came first in his category and will have the opportunity to represent the school at the State Cross Country championships. Thankyou to the Year 11 students who volunteered to help out on this day.



Words of the Week: Term 3 Week 1

Them: Coming together

English Word of the Week	Taungurung Word of the Week
reconciliation	buk
<p>Reconciliation is a noun for the process where two people or two groups of people become friendly again after having a falling out.</p> <p><i>The process of reconciliation in Australia is ongoing.</i> <i>He hoped for reconciliation.</i> <i>The mediator tried to bring about reconciliation between the two parties.</i></p>	<p>Definition: people, mob</p> <p>Taungurung fact: Taungurung people are the Traditional custodians of a large part of central Victoria and have lived on this country for more than a thousand generations.</p>

Term 3: Week 2

English Word of the Week	Taungurung Word of the Week
perception	ngarrgi
<p>Perception is a noun for the way in which something is seen, understood, regarded or interpreted.</p> <p><i>We want to change the public perception of the business.</i> <i>My perception of him changed when I got to know him.</i> <i>Our perceptions of death impact the way we live.</i></p>	<p>Definition: dance</p> <p>Taungurung fact: The Taungurung people are many clans sharing one language and deep spiritual connection with country.</p>



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CHILD EMPLOYMENT – AN OVERVIEW HOW TO LEGALLY EMPLOY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 15

From 1 July 2023 the employment of children under 15 years of age in Victoria will be regulated under The Child Employment (Amendment) Act 2022.

The Act improves the regulation of child employment, strengthens protection for children in the workplace and makes it simpler for employers to understand their obligations when employing children under the age of 15 years.

The Wage Inspectorate Victoria is responsible for enforcing compliance with the Act.

A NEW LICENSING SYSTEM WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT PERMIT SYSTEM

From 1 July 2023, all businesses employing children under 15 years old will require a Child Employment Licence. This will replace the existing Child Employment Permit. Once the Child Employment Licence is granted, employers will be able to employ multiple children under the one licence. This licence may have certain conditions attached.

Employers can apply for a 24-month licence for their business. Employers with businesses operating in the entertainment industry can apply for a 12-month licence.

The new system introduces a 'fit and proper person' test which includes, among other things, consideration of an employer's compliance with child employment and other relevant workplace laws. See overleaf for more information.

There are new roles for 'nominated officers' under the Act. The nominated officer is a delegate of the employer who will be responsible for ensuring that the Act and any licence conditions are met.

There will be a public register of all child employment licence holders on the Wage Inspectorate's website.

FIND OUT MORE HERE:

www.vic.gov.au/changes-child-employment-act

DO YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE WAGE INSPECTORATE:

www.vic.gov.au/contact-wage-inspectorate-victoria

IS YOUR WORKPLACE EQUAL AND FAIR?

Check your Fair Work compliance here:
fairwork.gov.au
calculate.fairwork.gov.au

BFWSC
BENALLA & RURAL WORK STUDENT UNION COMMITTEE

CHILD EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

If you're considering employing someone under the age of 15, you need to be aware of the following requirements.

THE MINIMUM AGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN VICTORIA IS 13

This includes employing children to do delivery work. To employ children without a licence they must be 15 years and older.

SUPERVISION

From 1 July 2023, children are required to be supervised by someone who holds a current employee Working with Children Check.

Supervisors of children under 15 in the workplace will now be required to be 18 years or older.

MOST TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT WILL REQUIRE A LICENCE

You must obtain a licence from Wage Inspectorate Victoria prior to the employment commencing. This includes paid and voluntary work.

Employing a child without a licence is a criminal offence and may attract a penalty.

WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CHILDREN

- During school term children can be employed for a maximum of 3 hours per day and 12 hours per week.
- During school holidays children can be employed for a maximum of 6 hours per day and 30 hours per week.
- These hours are inclusive of rest breaks.
- Children may not work before 6am or after 9pm.
- Children must have a 30 minute rest break for every 3 hours of work.
- There must be a minimum of 12 hours in between their shifts.
- Children may not be employed during school hours on a school day.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF THE CHILD EMPLOYMENT ACT

Offences include:

- Obstructing or hindering a child employment officer
- Breaching a licence condition
- Employing or allowing a child to be employed without a licence
- Employing a child without observing the general and/or special conditions of employment
- Employing a child in prohibited employment
- Allowing a person who is not considered to be suitable to have direct supervision or control of a child

Penalties for these and other offences range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.



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Could you be a Foster Carer?

We have an urgent need for full-time, emergency and weekend/school holiday Carers in your local community.

If you can share your home, heart and time with a child or young person in need, we'd love to hear from you!

To find out more scan the QR code or call Louise on 0437 262 194.



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lwb.org.au/foster-care

Connect9

TOMORROW TODAY
Benalla, Stronger together



WHAT IS Connect9?

A 10-week program just for Year 9 students. You are matched with a local mentor to explore some of the wonderful things that Benalla has to offer. You'll also make new friends and have the chance to consider your future.

WHAT'S IN THE PROGRAM?

Every week we explore a new activity, there is so much to do here in Benalla!

- YMCA
- Masterchef Night
- Lakeside Scavenger Hunt
- Art
- Venturers
- Robotics
- Flight simulation
- New hobbies like archery, blacksmithing, fishing, sports and fitness, photography and more!
- Volunteering opportunities in the community
- A FREE GLIDER FLIGHT!

WHO CAN COME ALONG?

Any Year 9 student living in Benalla Rural City.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The program is absolutely FREE!

WHEN?

You can join the program in either Term 2 or Term 3.

TERM 2 2023

Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm

TERM 3 2023

Wednesdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm

WHERE?

Tomorrow Today
66 Nunn St, Benalla



USE THIS QR CODE TO APPLY, OR SEE YOUR YEAR 9 COORDINATOR