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 back to the final term. The first week saw some extremes; we went from some beautiful sunny weather to rain and flooding. Unfortunately, the extreme weather led to the cancellation or postponement of some events. Once again, we were reminded how important it is to have accurate information. If your student uses the buses, please ensure that they are registered. While we did put a message out on Compass around the bus cancellations, we also tried to contact each family directly. However, if we don't have accurate lists, it becomes challenging for us to do so. Please page 9 for information on registering. If you have any questions please contact the Bus Coordinator, Jason Humphries.

The Debutant balls were held on the weekend, Year 11's were presented Friday night, and Year 12's Saturday night. these were wonderful community events, and the students did a wonderful job learning the dances and working as a team



The whole school assembly is this Thursday 12th October, the last one for our Year 12s, I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Kylie Cotter Acting Principal





- Have you recently changed your address or telephone number?
- Do we have your email address?
- Would we be able to reach you or a nominated friend or relative in an emergency?

If you need to update any of your contact details or wish to see what information we have on the system, please email the school at <u>benallap12@education.vic.gov.au</u> or contact your campus office. 57612 777



Email: benalla.p12@education.vic.gov.au Web: www.benallap12.vic.edu.au



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday October 10

Year 5/6 Careers Program Excursions

Friday October 13

Hume Region Primary Athletics— Albury

Monday October 16-19

Prep-2 Swimming Program

Tuesday October 17

Year 12 Celebration Day

Monday October 23-26

Prep-2 Swimming Program Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday October 24

VCAA Exams

Wednesday October 25

Year 8 Live4life

Thursday October 26

Yrs 5-12 USMOB Meeting 2.15pm

Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED...



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.....

Open Compass App Click on shortcuts 3. Submit attendance note



BENALLA P-12 UNIFORM SHOP OPEN DAYS FAITHFULL STREET



The Uniform Shop is open every

Wednesday 2.30pm-5.30pm ጲ 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



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TERM 3 DATES, MONDAY JULY 10- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

avon street campus congratulates our students of term -





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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK







Avon & Waller Street Campus News

On the **second last day of Term 3 Avon and Waller Campuses** held a Footy Colours Day. The students dressed up in their favourite AFL footy team and paid a gold coin donation. A total of \$300 as raised for State School Relief which helps students in need.

A fantastic day was had by all with a lot of laughs and smiles!



MANSFIELD ZOO

At the end of last Term Avon and Waller Street Prep students went on an adventure to the Mansfield Zoo! We had spent the Term learning lots about animals and their environments. We practised writing information reports and learning interesting facts. We had so much fun at the Zoo learning about all the animals that lived there, especially the Lions! We loved walking around in the sunshine and getting up close to animals to feed them from our shovels and hands!

Miss Smith











Waller Street Campus congratulates our students of Term 3







STUDENTS OF THE WEEK





Avon & Waller Street News

Over the first week of the September school holidays 17 students and 4 staff embarked on an adventure to Papua New Guinea to tackle the Kokoda track. The group was led by Dan and Kate from No Roads Expeditions.

Our days were filled with fantastic new experiences as we walked, talked, sometimes climbed, and stumbled our way across the infamous track. We started our days to the sweet melody of 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' by the Tokens, anxiously wondering what hills we would need to climb up or scale downhill, only to repeat it again and again each day. The students showed exceptional resilience and supported each other in achieving every goal. They embodied the mateship that has always be en synonymous with this historic journey. As we got to each rest or lunch stop, then into camp, there was a communal sense of accomplishment and a drive to continue.

We saw where the soldiers fought, and wondered just how they did it with the heavy equipment, and lack of supplies or medication. It was so hard to fathom that the soldiers in WWII had none of our luxuries, not even the right coloured uniforms. Even walking across the track today still gives you a very real insight into what these brave men went through to protect Australia and ensure PNG didn't fall to the Japanese. Each day, Dan and Kate talked us through the

journeys and fates of Australian soldiers, and we learned the history of the choco soldiers and their connection to the people of PNG. We talked with our native guides, learned about their cultures and day to day lives taking groups like ours on such memorable and important trips.

This formidable trail was tough, very, very tough. Memorable, emotional, and beautiful. The people along the trail were the most accommodating and friendly we've met. The students played games with children from the villages and realized the lengths that some kids must go to in order to receive an education- scaling the sides of mountains to access their learning. The students received school packs and the looks on their faces expressed how valuable schooling really is. We heard about the different villages and our guides and porters sang powerful choral ballads to us while we had dinners. Truly an immersive and unforgettable experience.

With heartfelt appreciation we thank all those who supported us or contributed including our major sponsor Marangan Masonic Lodge and our own Kylie Cotter for allowing us to undertake this adventure.

"We know their stories; their stories are now ours. They live on through us, and we have a responsibility to return to our families and live our lives with no regrets. To pursue our dreams, to be the very best that we can... because the men who died along this track did not get to return."





Faithfull Street Campus News



Words of the Week: Term 4 Week 1

Theme: The weather & environment

English Word of the Week

Robust

Bangerang Word of the Week

Datjidja

Robust is an adjective describing something that is strong and healthy.

Example sentences I need a robust plant that will withstand strong winds. He took a robust view of my case. Their robust strength helped them survive.

Definition: hot

Bangerang fact: The Bangerang people who live in the Murray Goulburn area are known as the Bangerang people. Their country covers from near Shepparton across to Echuca, up to Deniliquin (N.S.W.) back across to Finley, down to Katandra and finished back near Shepparton.

Words of the Week: Term 4 Week 2

Theme: The weather & environment

English Word of the Week	Bangerang Word of the Week
Surpass	Bolkatj
Surpass is a verb for exceeding or to be greater than or better than.	Definition: cold Bangerang fact: The Bangerang Nation consists of the
Examples Her achievements will be difficult to surpass. He was determined to surpass the achievements of his older brother. I hope you surpass all the obstacles.	Moirathban, Toolinyagan, Wolithiga, Kailthban, Ngarri- mowro, Angootheraban and the Pikkolatpan tribes. The Bangerang are river people as the Murray, Goulburn, Campaspe, Edwards and Broken Rivers, and Broken Creek flows through their country.

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Community News

GREAT START TO SCHOOL PROGRAM for 2024 enrolments

Help your child have a Great Start to School. FREE for Benalla and district families with a child starting school in 2024. Our program is friendly and supportive, designed specifically for parents and carers.

This is a two-part program being held on:

Friday 10 November and Friday 17 November

From 9am - 11am

Benalla P12 Waller Campus Benalla P12 Avon Campus

Discussions include:

- What happens during a school dayWhat 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

To register contact

Sally Matheson at Tomorrow Today: 03 5762 1211

sallymatheson@tomorrowtoday.com.au

Registrations close 3 November.

tomorrowtoday.com.au



Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting

This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- · communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Tomorrow Today Shop 1, 66 Nunn Street Benalla	Wednesday 18th October - 22nd November 5.30pm - 7.30pm	This is a free program

To Register

gatewayhealth.org.au

Please note this information applies to Term 4 2023

You can contact Karen Curl at Tomorrow Today on 03 5762 1211 or admin@tomorrowtoday.com.au You can also register by scanning the QR Code or click<u>here</u>.



RSVP by Monday 16th October

Bookings are essential

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Student Travel Assistance Portal (STAP) **Quick Reference Guide for Applicants and Travellers**

This guide explains how to use key functions of the Student Travel Assistance Portal to support families in managing student travel needs.

Student Travel Assistance website: https://studenttravelassistance.educationapps.vic.gov.au

Step

STAP screen view

Register a new account.

Go to the Student Travel Assistance website.

- 1. Click on Register
- 2. Click I want to apply for a school bus and click Continue.
- 3. Enter your email address and click Continue.
- 4. Create a password and click Continue.
- 5. Enter your details and click Continue.
- 6. You will be sent an email confirming your account has been created.

Login to your account

- 1. Click Log in.
- 2. Enter your username and password. A verification code will be sent to your email address.
- 3. If you have forgotten your password, click 'Forgot Password'.
- 4. Enter the verification code.
- 5. Click Verify Code.

Check your eligibility.

- 1. Click on Pre-Application check from the main menu.
- 2. Answer the questions to determine your eligibility for travel.
- 3. Ready to apply? Click Log in to create an application or Register. if you don't have an existing account.





Step

Create an application.

- 1. Once you have logged into your account, click Applications.
- 2. Click Start new application and follow the on-screen prompts.
- 3. Your eligibility will be calculated.

Once the application has been submitted, you will be given a travel offer immediately, or your application will need to be reviewed by the school bus administration team.

Accept your offer.

You can accept your travel offer immediately and you will also be sent an email to accept the offer at a later stage. Your bus seat will not be confirmed until the offer is accepted.

- 1. Open your account.
- 2. Click on the application.
- Review your offer, within the nominated time frame, and select Accept or Reject.
- 4. The bus seat will be confirmed.

Renew an application.

You will need to renew your application each term if you are an ineligible or conditional traveller. A reminder will be sent to you via email. From your account, click 'Renew Application'.

- 1. Confirm your details have not changed, agree to terms and conditions, and click Submit.
- 2. At the end of term, you will be provided with a travel offer (see Accept Your Offer)

Change your details.

- 1. Click on My Details
- 2. Make changes to your email, address, phone number or to reset your password.
- From this screen, you can update your child's name or date of birth by clicking on the small pencil.

For further help, contact us on:

STAP screen view







1800 338 663 or via schoolbus@education.vic.gov.au