

# Benalla P-12 College

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,

We are now past the halfway point of the final term of the year. The majority of Year 12 students have completed their exams, the last one is scheduled for tomorrow. In the upcoming week Year 11s will complete their exams with Headstart following the week after. Headstart gives students a brief introduction to the subjects they will be undertaking next year.

Our first prep transition took place last Friday, it was a delightful experience witnessing our soon to be preps coming to school. There were minimal tears and an abundance of excited faces. These transition sessions will continue over the next few weeks.

This past Saturday marked Remembrance Day. I felt honoured to witness many of our Campus Leaders attending and representing the school admirably. It was also the inaugural opportunity for our 2024 Captains and Vice Captains to step into their roles. I am delighted to announce that Jett Buntine and Lincoln Terry will serve as the 2024 College Captains, with Grace Cooney and Annabelle Lowe as the Vice Captains.



This Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10am our next *Meet and Greet* will be held. This term's *Meet and Greet* will be held at the Avon campus. It is a chance for members of our school community to come and get a bit of an update of what is happening at the school, talk to the leadership team and have some morning tea. It would be great to see you there.

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Regards,  
Kylie Cotter  
Principal



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday November 13

Year 11 Exams commence

Monday November 20

Years 7-10 Immunisations

Tuesday November 21

Year 12 2024 Headstart

Wednesday November 22

Life Skills Crew

Friday November 24

Year 11's last day

Tuesday November 28

Years 4 & 6 transition

Monday December 4

Year 9 exams commence

Wednesday December 6

Year 11 2024 Headstart

### Our College Values

Respect

Responsibility

High Expectations

Integrity



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONT ...

### REMEMBRANCE DAY



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don't forget to  
**UPDATE  
YOUR  
DETAILS**

- 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 [benallap12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:benallap12@education.vic.gov.au) or contact your campus office.

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## BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE TRANSITION DATES

### AVON AND WALLER STREET CAMPUSES

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10TH  
9AM TO 11AM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH  
9AM TO 11AM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH  
9AM TO 12PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST  
9AM TO 12PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH  
9AM TO 12:30PM

STATE WIDE TRANSITION DAY  
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH  
9AM TO 12:30PM

Tomorrow Today  
Foundation will run  
2 parent sessions  
10th & 17th Nov  
9-11am at each  
campus



AVON STREET  
5762 1646  
WALLER STREET  
5762 2600



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TERM 4 DATES, MONDAY OCTOBER 2– WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

BENALLA P-12 UNIFORM SHOP  
OPEN DAYS  
FAITHFULL STREET

dates  
to  
Remember



## Uniform Shop

Wednesday 2:30pm -5:30pm  
Friday 8am - 12 pm



Respect - Responsibility - Integrity - High Expectations

**USE THE QKR APP TO  
ORDER YOUR  
UNIFORM OR SCHOOL  
LUNCHES (YEARS 5-12  
ONLY)**



### 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 OR  
school lunches (years 5-12 only)**



## The Year 3s and 4s are hard at work!

For the last few weeks, the Year 4 and Year 3 students at Avon have been working hard in the Stephanie Alexander Garden.

There has been a lot of work to do and the job is not finished.

The students know that to have a healthy vegetable garden, it must be weeded! Mini trowels and mini forks as well as gloved hands were used to pull out all the weeds as well as plants that had gone to seed.

Students maintain the garden by watering the plants and keeping an eye on when the vegetables need to be harvested.

During our last harvest the students were lucky enough to collect lots of snow peas. There weren't enough for a cooking class so that meant the students got to sample fresh vegetables.

This harvest there was plenty due to all the rain and sunshine we have had lately. The students found many turnips, lots of spinach, chard, and cauliflower. The vegetables go to the kitchen at Waller where the Year 3 and 4s get to turn the home-grown vegetables into yummy food!







WALLER STREET STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Week 4 Students of the Week**

Kaycee, Chloe, Khloe, Jemma & Josh

**Week 4 Attendance**

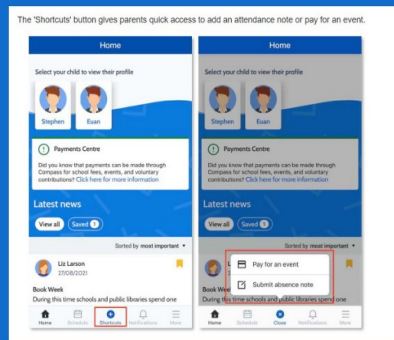
Grace, Daniel, Elijah, Ryder, Carter, Mia & Sienna

Amanda also attended our assembly to show off the Kitchen Garden prizes from the Benalla Show.



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

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





Congratulations to our Prep to Year 2 students who completed a very intensive 8 days of swimming lessons. Students learned about water safety, how to be safe in the water and also how to save someone. They improved their swimming skills by practising different strokes, floating, treading water and collecting sinkies!

A note to parents/carers: please consider enrolling your child/ren in swimming lessons. We are surrounded by water in many forms and learning water safety is a life skill we all need.

Please contact the Benalla Aquatic Centre and speak to their staff about lessons. Phone: 5762 2154





# HANDS ON LEARNING

The Cows Create Careers program has given the Hands on Learning students a chance to care for two dairy calves at school. The students fed the calves twice a day, assessed their health and ensured the yard was clean and supplementary feed and water were topped up. An online presentation session allowed students to learn more about the dairy industry looking at many aspects including production, exports, career opportunities and the value of dairy products as a source of dietary nutrients. Our team was presented with 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and congratulated on their enthusiastic participation. Thank you to the Melbourne University Dookie dairy for loaning us the calves and giving the students an opportunity to handle the young cattle and learn a bit about their behaviour.



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On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October Benalla P-12 was represented by Tim Matkovich-Allan, Anakin Pastuszka, and Addison Pastuszka at the State Athletics Championships at Albert Park in Melbourne.

It was a big day out with thousands of secondary students attending from all over the state of Victoria. Our students competed at a very high level against the best in the state. Tim came home with silver medals for Long jump, 100 meter sprint and 200 meter sprint, Anakin was up against some tough competition in discuss and shotput and he won bronze medals in both events and Addison won a bronze medal in her javelin event and also achieved a new personal best score. Our 3 students worked hard to get through the ranks and make it to state level athletics and we are very proud of their achievements.



## Live4Life

Congratulations to the Live4Life "Growing a New Generation" Competition winners. Amali and Zara took out the overall First Prize of \$200.

Well done to everyone that entered the competition



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As part of our Careers Education Program, our Year Ten students completed a Work Experience Placement at the end of October.

The program was highly successful and the overwhelming feedback from both students and employers has been extremely positive.

It is widely understood that growth and development often occurs when we are out of our comfort zone. For many, the week was approached with excitement but for some, trepidation. It was wonderful to see that when we visited our students there was a sense of confidence and achievement. The placements are invaluable as it gives them a taste of an industry, and an opportunity to build their employability skills such as communication, teamwork and self-management. For many the experience will be a valuable addition to their resume or maybe even a potential part time job, School Based Apprenticeship or future pathway.

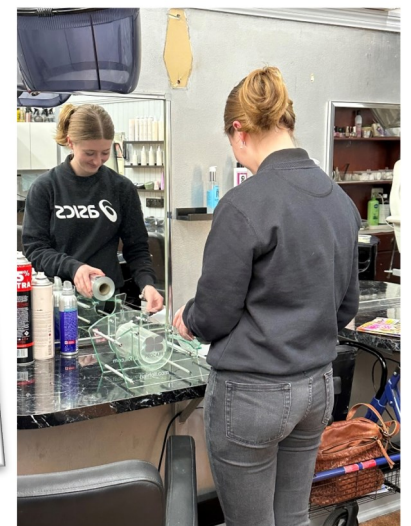
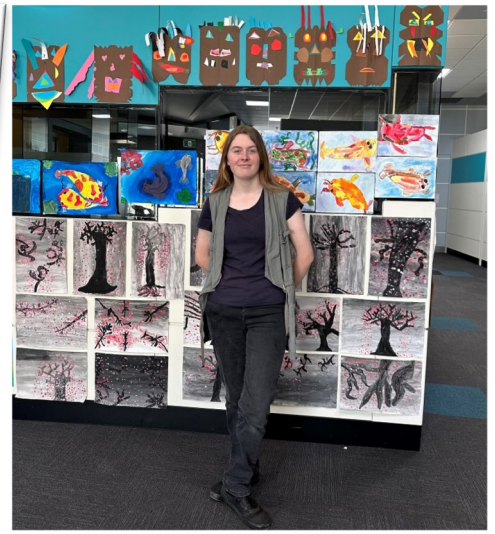
Thank you to the employers who supported our students and provided with the opportunity to gain a valuable work 'experience' and to immerse themselves in a world outside of the classroom.

We would like to acknowledge the following businesses/organisations for their support:

Adam C Nunan Floor Installations	Fobia Industries
Arcade Hair Design	Fruits N Fare
Artmania Wangaratta	Hair Manor
Australian Christian College	MAXJEM
Benalla Airport	North East Tree Solutions
Benalla Engineering	Nutrien Ag Solutions
Benalla Health	Primal Health Club
Benalla Kids Cottage	Rose City Vets
Benalla P-12 College – Faithfull & Waller Campuses	Ross Wood Electrical
Benalla Rural City Council - Library	RRR Auto Repairs
Bickertech Engineering	Schneider Electric
Blooms on Bridge	Shepparton Villages
Bradley Court Tyre & Auto	Sheehan Building & Construction
Brick by Brick Services	The Cakemaker's Daughter
Chris Welsh Landscaping	The Merchant Benalla
Connex Group Wangaratta	Timberline Constructions
Currie Electrical	Tomorrow Today Foundation
Dosser Panels	Total Vehicle Solutions - Mansfield
Estia Health Benalla	Wal's Auto Electrics
	Wangaratta High School











Live4Life wrapped up for Year 8 students at the Celebration Event which was held the Glasshouse. The Live4Life Crew, consisting of students in Year 9 and 10, organised and ran the event that included guest speaker Sally, bbq lunch, announcement of the "Growing a New Generation" winners and outdoor activities. There were two giant inflatable games, Basketball Bungee and Dodge Ball, as well as face painting, cookie decorating and tug of war. The Live4Life program for Year 8's has had a very successful year. Teen Mental Health First Aid training has been delivered to all Year 8 students, educating them to recognise when a friend is experiencing a mental health problem and how they can help by listening, finding a trusted adult and being a good friend. Now, Year 8's have the opportunity to apply to join the Crew for 2024. The Crew is a great way to be a Mental Health ambassador and develop leadership skills.



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## Students of the Week - Term 4 Week 4



Year 10  
Matthew Brophy

Year 10  
Edward Anderson

Year 11  
Alia Heaps

Year 11  
Max Cullen

Year 11  
Hayley Cooper

## Student of the Week Term 4 Week 5



Year 10  
Nikita Hanson



Year 11  
Alex Webb



Year 11  
Tyler Begnone

## Words of the Week: Term 4 Week 3

Theme: The weather & environment

### English Word of the Week

## Pacify

Pacify is a verb meaning to calm the anger, agitation or excitement of someone or something.

*They used a dummy to pacify the toddler at bedtime.  
The Prime Minister attempted to pacify the arguing ministers.  
She was eventually able to pacify them.*

### Bangerang Word of the Week

## Yurrnga

**Definition:** Sun

**Bangerang fact:** Language is extremely important for the Bangerang Nation; because they had no written language, traditions were passed down orally. Therefore language is vital to the continuation of the culture.

### English Word of the Week

## Ponder

Ponder is a verb meaning to think about something carefully, usually before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.

*Let me ponder that before I give you an answer.  
They were left to ponder the situation after the announcement.  
We intend to ponder all alternatives before making a decision.*

### Bangerang Word of the Week

## Yurri

**Definition:** moon

**Bangerang fact:** Initiation is an important part of growing up in the Bangerang community. Both the women and the men had to go through their own initiation process.



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## 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 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

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

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 [here](#)



RSVP by Monday 16th October

Bookings are essential

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

Please note this information applies to Term 4 2023



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People living well

## Could you be a Foster Carer?

We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.



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