Dear Families,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school to all our families and to any new families commencing at Benalla P-12 College this term. We are looking forward to another productive term.

ANZAC DAY Whole School Assembly – Friday 22nd April.

We would like to invite our Parents and friends to our ANZAC Day Whole School Assembly this Friday 22nd April at 11:30am in the Clark St Gymnasium. The assembly will be hosted by our College Captains and Vice Captains and will pay a special tribute to ex students of Benalla High School who gave their lives in World War 2. We will also acknowledge the sacrifices of all former Benalla school students who have served in wars and conflicts throughout the world. This is a significant assembly for our students. We welcome parents and friends to stay behind after the assembly for morning tea.

Zero Tolerance to Bullying including Harassment and Violence

Our College considers any form of bullying including harassment and the use of violence to be a very serious matter and there is no place for it in our College. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Bullying can happen:

- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers, and children may be reluctant to report bullying and it can therefore take time for teachers to identify that a child is being bullied.

As children get older, peer group relationships are increasingly important in how young people treat each other and they are also less likely to report bullying. Most of the time bullying takes place with bystanders present. Bystanders are those who witness or know bullying is occurring. The way bystanders act has a major impact on bullying.

Bystanders who are passive (take no action) or behave in ways that give silent approval (watching, nodding, walking away) encourage the behaviour to continue. When bystanders defend or support the student who is being targeted, often the bullying stops quickly.

Any students who are involved in bullying, harassment and violence will receive additional support and guidance to understand the impact they are having on others and to ensure this behaviour ceases. We want to keep all our students safe and support those students subject to disciplinary procedures in improving their decisions and actions in the future.

There are some real dangers to your child(ren) through not always being aware of the possible consequences of their actions. We will be educating all students on the serious effects of bullying including harassment and violence as this will not be tolerated at our College. The College’s duty of care includes acting to stop bullying, harassment and violence, supporting any victims and disciplining those responsible. We have a zero tolerance to any form of bullying, harassment and violence in our College and our disciplinary processes to address this requires close cooperation with parents in all incidences of reported bullying. We implore parents to work with us to stamp out incidences of bullying in our school community.

New Staff

Over recent weeks we have appointed a number of new staff. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jackie Varcoe – English and Humanities (Faithfull St), Michael Thomas – Health & PE (Barkly and Faithfull St), Kate Leith – Administration (Faithfull St), Shane Richardson – Integration Support (Faithfull St) and Teena Wright – Integration Support (Faithfull St). I wish them every success at our College.
Principal’s message continued…

2016 Debutante Ball
The Benalla P-12 College Debutante Ball will be held on Saturday 28th May at the Lakeside Community Centre. Melinda Pentreath is coordinating the ball along with a very committed group of parents who are supporting her in the planning and organisation of this. Our students have been practising for some time and we are looking forward to what will be, an outstanding evening.

Student Wellbeing Support
In the light of the tragedies that some of our students have faced over the past few weeks, I would like to emphasise the support that our College provides for our children and young people. Our student wellbeing team is highly experienced and is readily available to assist students and families.

• Craig Carley, student counsellor and wellbeing officer on the Barkly St Campus
• Lou McCloskey, student wellbeing officer on the Faithfull St Campus
• Vivian Long, Chaplain on the Waller St and Avon St Campuses - Monday, Tuesday and Friday.
• Annette Wall Chaplain in the Year 5/6 area on the Faithfull St Campus - Monday and Tuesday.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O’Brien
College Principal.

School Fees
A friendly reminder that school fees are now due. Family statements will be emailed (for those who have provided their email address) or mailed out next week. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Business Manager on 5761 2777 if you are experiencing difficulties or would like to discuss payment options as we may be able to help with alternative arrangements.

The Importance of arriving at school on time

• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Gives students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption.
Term 1 at Avon St Campus moved incredibly fast. The Preps settled in extremely well and their buddies have guided them in this process. Each week we have been able to celebrate great achievements made by the students at our campus. During the last week of Term 1 the students were involved in Easter Rotations whereby students enthusiastically made a number of beautiful Easter gifts. Our end of term assembly was again a wonderful celebration of the various achievements of our students. Students from Year 3-4 shared their amazing I am boards, the Year 3-4 Indonesian Dance troupe performed the Poco-Poco dance. A wonderful excitement spread through the assembly when the winners of the Easter Raffle were announced. Congratulations and thankyou to all students and families, we raised $668.00 from the raffle. The proceeds will go towards a special improvement in the yard for the students.

Well done students on a wonderful Term One!

Easter Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle Winners:
1st Prize Hayley Watts
2nd Prize Natalie Maher
3rd Prize Haylea Brauman
Other winners were Tannis Brooks, Harry Skelton, Daryl Armstrong, Evalee Roysten, Zarenna Barnes, Alex Maher and Audry Walker.

AVON STREET CAMPUS
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders are due back to school by Tuesday 26th April at 9.00am.
If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Book Club.
Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.
Congratulations to our Avon Street Students of the Term

WOW! awesome job!
Waller Street Easter Egg Hunt

The school’s year 12 VCAL Numeracy students again organised a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt for our younger students on Waller and Avon Campuses. This year, students were asked to collect as many eggs as they could find, and then in their House Groups they helped in tallying the group collected: Stirling House led the charge with 48 points. Students then shared in the spoils. Congratulations go to Foundation student Darcey Carracher who found 9 eggs in total; the best of a hungry lot. Thanks to all the staff (Foundation and Year 1/2 teachers) and the VCAL Students (Mack Bodsworth, Chelsea Collins-Train, Chloe Wilkinson, & Dylan Westmore) who presented the day and helped with the project.

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Easter Fun Activities

Waller campus students had their Easter fun activities. It started with a hat parade followed by multi age house activities. This is Lily Walkaday’s bunny drawing activity. Students put a ‘House’ ribbon around the neck of their bunny. The results were very, very cute.

The house that earned the most points was HOTHAM
**Year 5/6 News**

Welcome back to term two. We have a very busy term coming up, with lots of activities and events occurring.

**Canberra Camp**

On the 30th of August to the 2nd of September the grade 5/6 students will be attending the Canberra camp. All students need to bring in their completed note about their attendance on this camp.

**Cross Country**

On Thursday the 19th of May all year 5/6 students will be competing in cross country. Classes have begun to practice and train for this event. It would be great if you continue this hard work at home. Good luck to all house colours.

**Anzac Day**

This week at school, students have begun researching Anzac Day history. We have been reading stories, watching clips and creating posters displaying our knowledge of this important event in Australia’s history. A reminder to all grade six students completing the Rotary program, that they MUST attend a ceremony or service on this significant day.

**Year 5/6 Art**

"Many thanks to Chris Dossor 5/6 C and his Dad, Gordon and Mum, Leonora, for bringing in a large Carp fish caught by Chris, for us to make prints from in Art. The prints are a work in progress…to be used this term."

"Justin Maddox – 5/6 C. Congratulations! Justin’s turtle design was a winner, being used on the back cover of the new Aboriginal Children’s Panel publication. Well done Justin!"

**Footy Tipping**

Footy fever is in full swing and the Faithfull campus footy tipping comp is set to be a fierce contest. After round 3 the top ten is:

1. Charlie Bull
2. Mrs Stolz
3. Matt Gillespie
4. Tyler McGregor
5. Mrs Arendshorst
6. Harley Evans-Spencer
7. Sam Cullen
8. Samuel Heaney
9. Chelsea McKinnon
10. Mr Robinson

**Students of the Week**

Pictured above are Sammy, Isabelle, Cormac, Riley, Anika and Sam. Congratulations to you all!
We have started our **Careers Intensive Program** with all Year 9 students. In addition to our Advisory teachers, we will be having presenters, community volunteers and trainers assisting with this program.

Sessions include:
- Goal setting/Employability skills
- Resume Writing
- Career Exploration
- Career Action Plans (CAPs)
- Personal Presentation workshops
- Interview skills/Job Application letters
- Portfolio development
- Mock job interviews
- Safe@work activities and certificates

The work completed will form the basis of the ‘**Student Achievement Portfolio**’ which will be stored in the Year 9 careers room in hard copy form.

**What else can be added to the portfolio?** Students will be encouraged throughout the year to collect evidence of their employability skills. We will constantly remind them to insert certificates for good attendance, academic achievement, sporting achievement, volunteer work and any other activities they take pride in. They will also be asked to select assignments, activities and project work from their classes that reflect their achievement. Photos, newsletter/newspaper articles will also be important.

**How can parents help?** In Term 3 parents will be invited to the school to share their child’s portfolio development. This will include some 1:1 pathways planning and help with **course selection for Year 10 and beyond**. In the meantime, please help your child to organise materials they have at home that they can already include in their portfolio.

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Goal setting and career workshop conducted by Glenn Irvine. Community volunteer, Sally Sykes helps student identify their skills.

Personal presentation session – Students learn about skin care, hair care, shaving techniques and clothing suitable for a job interview.

Please contact me at school on 57612 777 if you have any questions.

Sue Oakley (Pathways to Retention Coordinator)
Congratulations to our Students of Term One!

An assembly was held in the last week of Term One to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our Barkly Campus students. Teacher Commendation awards for each class were presented, as well as attendance awards. It was with pride that the following students were announced the Benalla P-12 College Students of Term One: Josh Dean, Naomi Saunders (Year 10), Max Avdyugin, Breanna Lancaster, Isobel Still (Year 11), Lauren Wright and Amelia Mentiplay-Smith (Year 12). Congratulations to everyone on a productive and successful Term One!

Rebecca Pell, Senior Sub-School Leader.
Dates to Remember

**Term 2 Monday 11th April-Friday 24th June 2016**

| Monday 18 April | Year 9 Personal Presentation Session-Group 2  
|                | Year 11 S&R Overnight Mount Feathertop Bushwalk |
| Tuesday 19 April | Maths Camp-Lake Nillahcootie |
| Friday 22nd April | **Whole School Assembly-Clark Street Gymnasium 11.30am**  
|                | Eltham College Concert Band –Avon Street 2.10pm all welcome  
|                | Please Note there will be **NO ASSEMBLY AT AVON STREET** |
| Monday 25 April | **ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** |
| Tuesday 26 April | Southern Ranges Athletics-Meadowglen Sports Stadium 9.00am-5.00pm  
|                | Avon Street Scholastic Book orders due back |
| Wednesday 27 April | Uniform Shop Open-Faithfull St Hall 3.00pm-5.00pm |
| Thursday 28 April | SAKG Autumn Harvest Festival –Waller Street 11.30am-1.00pm |
| Friday 29 April | Waller Street Scholastic Book orders due back |
| Monday 2 May | Year 8 Outdoor Education overnight Survival Camp-Strathbogie Ranges  
|                | Year 9 Personal Presentation Session-Group 3 |
| Thursday 5 May | Year 9 Outdoor Education-Reef Hills |
Benalla P-12 College

Presents

~ An Evening with Dan Petro ~

“Making Parenting a Little Easier”

Please join us on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30pm as behavioural analyst Dan Petro shares practical solutions for daily parenting challenges. Dan’s presentation style is engaging, humorous and most importantly, focusses on small things you can do which will make a big difference at home. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you will leave the presentation with useful practices to help make your parenting job a little easier.

Date:  

Tuesday May 17th 2016

Time:  

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Venue:  

Avon Street Campus

Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Free child care will be provided on the evening.

Please phone to make a booking. 5762 1646
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**Vacation Care** - Once again the children have been enjoyed an exciting two weeks of holiday care. Highlights of the program included exploring the Myrrhee Maze, the Mansfield Zoo, movies, Police and Fire Brigade, Butearth, Art workshops and many cooking activities. Thank you to our dedicated team of carers including John, Tali, Kerry, Nardia, Sarah, Jade, Vicki, Gaby, Di, Lauren, Brad, Jenny and Maddy, who worked tirelessly throughout the two weeks to ensure a safe and engaging program for families.

**Receive your account by Email**

Would you like to receive your account by email? Thank you to all the families who have responded to my request to receive their account electronically. If I do not currently have your email address and you are happy to receive your account by email instead of by post, please send an email to hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au to request your account to be sent by email.

**Enquiries**

Any enquiries regarding your accounts or Child Care Benefit can be directed to Anne Hanrahan each Friday, at Waller in the morning 5762 2600, or Avon in the afternoon 5762 1646. Please leave a message at the school, office and Anne will return your call.
Are you interested in having a paid part-time job after school, or on weekends, but don’t know how to go about it or who to ask? A program has been created specifically to provide interested young people, aged 15 to 17, with everything they need to become work-ready and to find that part-time job.

**THE PAID PART-TIME WORK PROGRAM**

The program supports participants to complete an after-school, work-readiness training program each Wednesday for 3 hours over 5 weeks. Local employers are very supportive of the program and students will meet at least 10 employers over the 5 weeks.

**What will you gain?**

- You will have a career action plan, CV and be able to write a job application
- You will have documentation organised for employment, such as your tax file number
- You will be familiar with typical occupational health and safety issues in the workplace
- You will know employers’ expectations in relation to your punctuality, reliability, behaviour and appearance at work
- You will understand the importance of confidentiality in the workplace
- You will be prepared to interact with customers and workmates
- You will gain on-going support in your search for a job, once training is completed

The next program is on Wednesdays 20th and 27th April, 4th, 11th and 18th May

For more information about the Paid Part-Time Work program contact Deb Paez at Tomorrow:Today

PHONE 5762 1211

EMAIL deborahpaez@tomorrowtoday.info

Benalla Basketball Association is running a junior development program in Term 2 for children aged 11 to 14 years old. This program offers players of all skill levels and abilities the opportunity to improve and develop their skills prior to the winter competition in Term 3. The program will run for 10 weeks at the Benalla stadium in Ackerley Avenue commencing on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

To register for Junior Development Program click this link and complete the registration form: https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?formID=58318

The cost of the 10 week program is $50.00 and includes 12 months insurance cover for the period 1/4/16 to 31/3/17

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**Positive Parenting Telephone Service**

This Program is offered to parents, grandparents & carers of children aged 2 – 10 years

Our ten week program aims to assist you to:

- Develop a stronger and more positive relationship with your child/children
- Manage everyday behaviour problems
- Set rules & limits
- Teach new skills
- Developing behaviour strategies

Through our service you will receive a workbook and weekly phone calls with a parent educator. All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

**Interested?**

For more information or to enrol phone

FREECALL 1800 880 660

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**Benalla Community Health Service**

**“Boob Bus”**

Your next Boob Bus to BreastScreen is scheduled for Wednesday 20th April

Leaving Benalla Community Care Coster St. Benalla at 12.15 pm

**Bookings:**

Call Benalla Community Health Service on 5761 4500

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**Term 2 Tennis coaching**

BOOK NOW

Coaching begins this Friday 15th. All children in Benalla are invited to the Benalla Gardens Tennis Club With your local and fully qualified (Level 2) Club Professional Tennis Australia coach

Mick Young. Experience a local junior player development program fully endorsed by Tennis Australia.

Mick & Janine Young

17 McMahon Place.

Wodonga 3690

Email: mick@jamtennis.com

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Soak up the scenery, be moved and immerse yourself in sounds from close to home and all around the globe.

The day will kick off at 12m with a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony from Torrington Nation.

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- BURUNDIAN DRUMMERS • GEORGE & NORIKO

There will be food to tantalise your taste buds, coffee, local wine and beer and interactive craft and culture.

Bring a cushion, rug or seat, family and friends and enjoy a day out in the country under the Autumn blue sky before the cold of winter sets in.

No glass allowed.

**TICKETS:**
- $35 adult / $10 child (children under 5 free)
- Visit www.wintonwetlands.org.au for info and bookings

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