AN EXCITING FIRST YEAR TO DATE FOR PREP STUDENTS AT BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE

What an exciting year to date it has been for the Prep students at Benalla P-12 Avon and Waller Campuses.

The students started the year paired up with a buddy from Year 3 and 4 assisting them in settling in and guiding them around their campus, making friends, and hearing them read and teaching them the rules. This has been a great experience for each Prep student and their buddy with both students developing good friendships.

The welcome BBQ’s that were held at the campuses was a great opportunity for parents to mix and meet with their child’s teacher and meet other families.

Another highlight for the Prep at the beginning of the Year was attending their first whole school assembly where students were paired up and walked into the assembly with a Year Twelve student. Principal, Barbara O’Brien said “This was a special time where our Year 12 students welcome our Year Prep students into the College. This was again repeated last week at the final Year 12 assembly when the Prep students walk our Year 12 students into the assembly to farewell them. This is a symbolic gesture to show them that one day they also will be a Year 12 student”.

Students have participated in various activities throughout the year which have included celebrating their 100th Days of Prep, Grandparent Afternoon Teas, Easter Egg Hunt, Excursions to the Mansfield Zoo and participating in the Campus Concerts which were both a great success. And in between all this fun there continues to be a strong focus on Literacy, Numeracy, and a love of learning.

Year Prep Coordinator, Kate Hammond said “The students have enjoyed becoming an important part of our school community. They love dress up days, presenting at assembly and most importantly reaching their learning goals. The proud look on their faces are always priceless”.

The College is holding the ‘Great Start To School Program’ which begins on Friday 21 October, with three consecutive visits 4th, 11th and 18th November. The children will be visiting from 9am to 11am and parents are invited to join with the school partners, Tomorrow Tomorrow for a parent workshop focussing on preparing children for school. The final visit will be on the State Wide Transition Day on Tuesday 6 December from 9.00am to 12.00noon, where students will spend class time with their 2017 teacher and classmates.

Information on new enrolments or Kinder/Prep Transition days please contact Jo Treacy at Avon St Campus (57621646) and Heather Leary at Waller Campus (57622600).