School Council Elections
All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Benalla P-12 College’s School Council is comprised of 8 Parent Members, 5 DET (Department of Education and Training) Members and 2 Community Members.
School Councillors are elected for a two-year term. School Council must meet at least 8 times in each year, and at least once per school term.
Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

This year there are 6 Parent Member positions vacant and 2 DET member positions vacant.

I am therefore calling for nominations for 6 Parent Members – there are two, one year positions vacant and four, two year positions vacant.

I am also calling for nominations for 2 DET members – both positions are for two years.

Nomination forms can be obtained from each Campus Office.
Nomination forms must be lodged at your Campus Office by 4:00pm TODAY.
If a ballot is required, the list of candidates will be posted up at each campus on Wednesday 9th March

“THE SKY IS THE LIMIT” – Benalla P-12 College EXPO NIGHT

An Expo evening will be held on Wednesday 16th March. The evening will consist of displays, demonstrations, hands-on-activities and information sessions.
• The Avon and Waller St Campuses Expo evening will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:30pm
• The Years 5 to 12 Campus Expo evening will commence at 5:30pm on the Faithfull St Campus and conclude at 7:00pm

Information Sessions
The following information sessions will be held throughout the evening:
• Year Prep 2017 Information sessions for parents and students on both Avon and Waller St Campuses – 5:30pm to 5:45pm
• Years 5 & 7 2017 Information session – 6:00pm – 6:30pm – Faithfull St Campus
Families will have opportunities to ask questions at each of the information sessions.

There will be guided tours on each Campus.
Bully Prevention
I would like to stress to our community that we do not tolerate any form of bullying and we are taking proactive steps to address incidences of reported bullying. Our College is participating in the 'National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence' on the 18th March. Leading up to this event our students in Years 7 to 9 will be engaged in lessons in their Mentor Group to minimise bullying throughout our College. Years Prep to 6 students will also participate in anti-bullying classes, while students in Years 10 to 12 will lead an anti-bullying program across the College.
We consider bullying a serious matter and we continually encourage our students to report all incidences of bullying so that we can address these immediately. I urge students and parents to report any incidences of bullying immediately to the school.

Year 9 Camp – Outdoor school – 15 Mile Creek
A number of staff spent some time visiting the Year 9 Students at the Outdoor School - 15 Mile Creek during the week. They reported that the students are having a fantastic time participating in a range of different learning activities. The students left the main camp on Friday for a 4 day Journey and will return to the main camp tomorrow. We look forward to their return on Friday to hear more about their adventures.

Here are our Year 9 students visiting a local vineyard where Vineyard owner Peter discussed the water table and bore as part of the studies on the Murray Darling basin.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews provide an important time when families can speak to their child’s teacher to discuss academic progress and social emotional development. We value family members’ knowledge about their children and this meeting can help us to learn more about each child and how we can support them in their school life. **Your child is required to attend the Parent/Teacher interviews to be part of the discussion about their learning with you and their teacher.**
Parent / Teacher / Student interviews this term will be held on the following dates:
- **Wednesday 23rd March – 4:00pm to 7:00pm**
- **Thursday 24th March – 9:00am to 12:30pm** – **There will be NO classes on this day – Students must attend the Interviews with their Parents/Guardian**

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O’Brien
College Principal.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

**There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts.**
Students Of The Week!

Congratulations to our students of the week. Pictured above are Eliza, Tyler, Shayna and Charlie.

Offering Baskets

Under, over; that’s what we had to do for nearly a whole hour for Indonesian rotations. It was so much fun seeing the beginnings of our ‘Offering Baskets.’ We used plenty of coloured paper strips to create the woven baskets and lots of holding our tongues just right as we wove the strips under and then over. Aren’t we a HAPPY little group?

Grades 1/2 Avon Street
Mrs Hammond

Avon St Easter Raffle

We are seeking your support by selling a small book of tickets for our Easter Raffle. The cost is $1.00 per ticket. Hampers will be drawn at our final Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March at 2.30pm. Please re-use the plastic bag to return your tickets and money to the office by Monday the 21st March. For more tickets please see Karen at the office.

Thank you for your continued support.
Avon Street Parents and Friends.

Good luck to everyone!

Avon & Waller St Campus

Welcome to the Library

- Books can be borrowed for two weeks
- Remember to bring your library bag
- Books will be stamped in the back with the return date
- Students will be notified by their classroom teacher if they have an overdue book
- If a book is more than six weeks overdue your child may be given a note to take home
- We understand that damage and loss can happen – please notify the Librarian as soon as possible

Thank you
Library Staff
Students of the Week

Our Students of the Week for Week 5 were:
Back - Imogen, Ruby, Thomas, Ochre, Koby, Katelyn, Shylah & Tyler
Front - Emily (representing 3/4 Burnett), Elizabeth, Grace, Tahlia, Joely, Jye & Warren

Golden Shovel Awards

Golden Shovel Certificates went to:
Back - Ahmed, James, Emily, Joely, Flynn & Nick
Front - Mackenzie & Teresa

Music Award

Music Award presented to:
Georgie Morrison

Waller Street Scholastic Book Club
Orders are due back Friday 11 March 2016 by 9.00am
If paying by cheque, please make payable to Scholastic Book Club

Waller Street - 2016 Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle books have been distributed to our families at Waller St Campus.
Please return your Easter raffle book (even if not sold) and money in the zip lock bag provided, to school by Thursday 17 March 2016.
The Easter Raffle Hampers will be drawn at Assembly on Monday 21 March 2016.

‘You have to be in it to win a fabulous Easter Hamper.’

Families are reminded that Easter theme donations for our hampers such as Easter eggs, art & craft, books, soft toys are greatly appreciated. Please deliver to the Waller St Campus Administration Office by Thursday 17 March 2016.
Waller St Campus - Parents & Friends Association

In the foundation room we have been learning about writing numbers correctly!
Kate Hammond
Foundation Learning Area Leader
Lunchtime Activities!

The Faithfull Student Leadership Group are running lunchtime activities in the pool next week where students will be able to go swimming and buy ice-creams for $1 during a set lunchtime. The pool will be supervised by staff and students will have access to the hall to change into their swimming gear. The roster for the lunchtime activities is:

Monday 7th – Grade 5 Students
Wednesday 9th – Grade 6 Students
Thursday 10th – Grade 7 Students
Friday 11th – Grade 8 and 9 students

Faithfull Street 5/6 News

This week, the 5/6’s at Faithfull Street have been involved in a range of interesting activities. Here is Isabelle Martin’s take on the tree propagating we did:

‘On Monday the 29th of February at the Faithfull/Clarke St campus’s the year 5/6’s were helping the regent honeyeater project plant trees for the rare regent honeyeater. The people who came from the regent honeyeater projects names were Ray, Helen and Chris and they showed us how to plant the little seedlings properly and how not to plant them. After being shown what to do everyone would find a tray of soil, some plastic pots and some seedlings and started planting. When everyone was finished and the seedlings were planted and put into a tray, we all went back to class and did some work. It was so much fun planting the seedlings. I hope we get to do this next year.’

The Year 5/6’s were also lucky enough to have a visit from the Western Bulldogs. Our students were put through their paces, completing a variety of drills, including handballing, kicking and even some marking. The students were then able to participate in a Q&A session with the players, discussing ideas around nutrition and the importance of commitment and perseverance when working towards your goals.

Amy Foy
5/6 Teacher
School Immunisation Program: Benalla P-12 College

The first round of school immunisations is being conducted at this school on Wednesday 23 March 2016. The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

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These vaccinations are funded on the National Immunisation Schedule. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they will not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years.

Parent information packs were sent home recently. The consent card must be completed, signed and returned to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated. To consent to your child being vaccinated with one or more vaccines, please tick and sign the relevant YES sections of the consent card. If you DO NOT wish to have your child vaccinated with one or more vaccines or if your child has already been vaccinated, please tick and sign the relevant NO section on the consent card and return them to the school by Friday 4 March 2016. Please return the card to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

If you have any enquiries about the program or your child’s vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council’s Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.

Year 7 School Immunisation Information

As a parent there are some important things you can do to make the experience not quite as daunting for your child. These include:

- Discussing how important and lifesaving immunisations are, and that severe allergic reactions are extremely rare.
- Ensuring your child has a healthy breakfast on the day.
- Reminding your child to drink plenty of water on the day.
- If your child is nervous encourage them to go first- delaying the immunisation can result in increased anxiety.
- Remind your child that if they feel unwell- tell the immunisation staff- they are specifically trained to monitor and look after your child. It is normal to have a small amount of pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, this is nothing to be concerned about.

Dianne Grech
Adolescent Health Nurse

Faithfull Street Easter Raffle

Easter is just around the corner and to celebrate we are having a raffle.

There will be hampers full of Easter treats for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Tickets are $1.00
Tickets need to back by 21 March 2016.
Raffle will be drawn on 23 March 2016.
All money will go towards purchasing something for the school to benefit our students and their families.

Tickets will be sent home with our 5,6 &7 students as well as tickets being available from the office.

Good luck!
Year 12 Surf Camp

The Year 12 VET Sport & Rec and Outdoor & Environmental Studies classes attended a three day surf camp last week in Torquay. Two buses headed off early Wednesday morning for a long drive ahead to Torquay. Soon after arriving in Torquay the students were getting ready to learn how to surf. The conditions were great for the students first time in the water and after a few tries all students were able to stand up on their boards.

Over the three days the students had a very busy timetable. At times the classes were split to achieve different learning outcomes. The Sport and Rec students planned and conducted their own beach recreation session on which they were assessed in as part of their course curriculum. The Outdoor & Environmental Studies students visited Breamlea and Salt Creek to compare and contrast the recreational, historical, conservation and management uses of the area in preparation for their learning outcome.

In total all students had three surfing sessions and one sea kayaking session, with the waves getting bigger and better each time. The student’s skills and confidence improved significantly over the time away.

A few of the highlights were a trip to the famous Bells Beach, visiting the surf outlets and sharing Cooper and Alannah’s birthdays. The students were a sensational group and a pleasure to take away on camp.

Mr Elkington and Miss Kent

Rotary Yong Achiever Award

Kira Allen (Year 12) was presented with the Term 4, 2015 Rotary Young Achiever Award last week. Kira was nominated for this award due to her outstanding academic achievement, leadership within the College and her contribution to her local football and netball club. Kira is one of our College Captains this year and we are very proud of her.

Rebecca Pell, Senior Sub-School Leader

Kira Allen, pictured with Denise Durance of Rotary Club of Benalla
Dear Parents and Carers,

You are invited to an informal gathering for parents and carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who attend Faithfull campus. This is the first of such gatherings.

Come and join us in our new Wannik Room for refreshments. Have a chat with our Principal Barbara O’Brien; Assistant Principal in charge of Wannik, Paul Challis; Koorie Engagement Support Officer, Lyn Thorpe; and Wannik Program Co-ordinator, Judy Schwarzman.

Find out what exciting events and activities are planned for this year, and how your child and you can be involved. Chat with us about your ideas for your child’s education and Aboriginal education at Benalla P – 12 College.

Do you have any skills to share? Hear about planned Wannik lunch-time activities for students and find out how you can help.

Hope to see you on the 9th March.

Regards, Judy Schwarzman; Wannik Co-ordinator F – 12.

Please contact us if we can help or if you would like to have a chat about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education.

- Paul Challis
  Assistant Principal Barkly Campus
  Leader Wannik
  Email: challis.paul.q@edumail.vic.gov.au
  Phone: 5761 2888

- Lyn Thorpe - Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) - North East Victoria Region –
  Email: thorpe.lynn.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
  Phone: 0417 013 573
  Lyn is generally at Benalla P-12 College Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, unless she has other meetings. Please ring or email Lyn if you have any queries or would like to meet with her. Other contacts are Paul Challis, Judy Schwarzman or school Principals.

- Judy Schwarzman
  Wannik Co-ordinator F - 12
  Art Teacher - 5/6 Faithfull
  Email: schwarzman.judy.i@edumail.vic.gov.au
  Phone: Faithfull Wed & Thurs – 5761 2777

Deb Cheetham – Short Black Opera coming to Benalla!
Bullying

What is bullying?
Bullying is intentional and repeated negative behaviour directed towards another person by one or more people over time. It can be related to just about anything and can come in many forms. For example, bullying can include physical, verbal, social (like spreading rumours, excluding people, etc.) or sexual aggression, and it can be either online or face-to-face.

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that uses technology (e.g. text messages, email and social networking sites such as Facebook, Instagram or YouTube), anonymously or not, to carry out the behaviour.

Who is a bully?
A bully can be an individual or a group of people. A bully is usually a person who does not value or feel good within themselves (has low self-esteem) or has been a victim of violence themselves. Bullying is often a way of making themselves feel more powerful or “look cool” in front of others. Bullies can also be motivated by jealousy, lack of knowledge, fear or misunderstanding.

A bully can be anyone, including friends, a boyfriend or girlfriend, brother or sister, or an extended family member. A bully can also be an older person, or someone in a position of power such as a teacher, parent or boss.

The bystander
Someone who sees or knows about bullying, but does nothing to stop it, is known as a bystander. A bystander plays a significant role in bullying.

If you find yourself in this position, try not to accidentally support the bully by standing by and doing nothing. Laughing at the person being bullied, or by “liking” nasty photos or posts online, can help to fuel the person being bullied that you are there for them, as they may be feeling very alone. If you see bullying and do not feel comfortable taking action yourself, report it to a trusted adult and let them know you want to be kept anonymous.

The effects of bullying
People who have been bullied may feel alone, unsafe, afraid, stressed, ashamed and rejected. Often they will feel that there is no escape and may take measures to “fit in” by changing their appearance, acting differently, and may even go so far as to hurt themselves or others.

Bullying is not simply “part of growing up”. Research shows that being bullied can have serious affects on your physical and mental health, and your performance at school and at work which can affect you even into adulthood. Severe bullying can be traumatic for young people, especially poor bullying, as peer relationships are important at this stage of life. Experiencing bullying can also increase the risk that someone will develop depression and anxiety in the future.
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS –FRIDAY 25TH MARCH –SUNDAY 10TH APRIL**

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**“THE SKY IS THE LIMIT” - EXPO NIGHT**

Student Performances - Demonstrations - Hands On Activities
Displays – Information Sessions - Guided Tours

**Wednesday 16 March 2016**

**AVON STREET CAMPUS (PREP-4)**
5.00pm-6.30pm
(5.30pm-5.45pm 2017 Prep Information Session)
Phone: (03) 5762 1646

**WALLER STREET CAMPUS (PREP-4)**
5.00pm-6.30pm
(5.30pm-5.45pm 2017 Prep Information Session)
Phone: (03) 5762 2600

**FAITHFULL STREET CAMPUS (YRS 5-9 - incorporating Yrs 10-12)**
5.30pm-7.00pm
(6.00pm-6.30pm Yr 5 & 7 2017 Information Session)
Phone: (03) 5761 2777

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**Expo night**
Drop in to Waller or Avon to talk to the carers about your After School Care. Bring your child for a short play.

**Vacation Care**
With only 4 weeks of term left, we are now planning for the April Vacation Care, which will include 9 days of fun filled activities. Please ensure that you are fully paid up for the January holidays by the end of the this term. Program will be out next week.

**Change of address**
Please let the carers know if you have any changes to your postal address for account purposes.

**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.
Anglican Parish of Benalla
Fete and Food Fair

Official opening at 10.00 am by
Cathy McGowan  Federal Member for Indi.

Anglican Church
Arundel St Benalla
Saturday 19 March 2016
9am - 12.30pm

Food
Cakes
Jams & Sauces
Devonshire Tea
Plants
Face Painting
Children's Stall

11am Friday 13 May, 2016
11am Saturday 14 May, 2016
Benalla Performing Arts & Convention Centre
57 Samaria Road, Benalla
Bookings: (03) 5762 5515  www.bpacc.com.au
Benalla P-12 College would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Would an extra $500 help cover your child’s or your own education costs? Start planning for next year’s expenses now!

Saver Plus is a 10-month financial literacy and matched savings program that assists people to build savings for their own or their children’s education and in doing so strengthens their capacity to save.

The Steps of Saver Plus

Meet with Saver Plus Worker
Saver Plus Worker explains the rules of the program and savings goal is set. Complete the paperwork and open an account at your local bank

Attend Financial Skills Workshops
10 hours of financial skills workshops explain the basics of money management. Four workshops of two and half hours, over ten months. Locations include Moyhu, Wangaratta, Mansfield, Benalla, Alexandra, Rutherford and many others.

Save
Make regular deposits an account over a 10 month period, and keep in regular contact with your Saver Plus Worker. Maximum deposit amount is $12.50 a week, it can be less.

Savings Matched (Doubled)
Reach savings goal. Savings matched dollar-for-dollar up to $500 for educational expenses.

Sponsors of this program
Funded by the Federal Government (DSS) and ANZ Bank, with program delivery partners being: The Brotherhood of St Laurence, The Smith Family, The Benevolent Society & Berry Street.

For More Information
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