



Benalla P-12 College Newsletter

Principal-Barbara O'Brien



Dear Families,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families and in particular to new families commencing at Benalla P-12 College this year. As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their child's school, your child does better and has positive feelings about going to school. I hope you will enjoy many opportunities throughout the year to become actively involved in your child's education and in the many activities and events conducted at our College.

There are many people at our College who are there to help your child learn, grow socially and emotionally, and navigate the school environment. The College Principal, the Assistant Principals who lead each Campus, your child's teacher and mentor teacher, student welfare officers, chaplains, Year Level Coordinators and the Sub School Leaders in Years 5 to 9 and Years 10 to 12 are all there to assist your child to experience success. Please make a time to meet with them should you have any concerns about your child.

Welcome

I would like to extend a special welcome to new staff commencing at our College this year.

- **Amy Foy, Hamish McPherson and Siobhan Higgins** – Year 5/6 and **Suzanne Nowara** – Year 9, Faithfull St Campus
- **Jemma Clarke** - Year 3/4 Waller St Campus
- **Hannah Rees, Michael Clark, Claire Martin and Stephen Dew** - Faithfull St & Barkly St Campuses
- **Shane Smith, Craig Carley and Sue Collingwood** - Barkly St Campus
- **Bernadette O'Brien (Speech Therapist)** - Waller St and Avon St Campuses
- **Kym Gracie and Liz Adams** - Admin, Faithfull St Campus

I would like to wish them a very successful working life at our College.

This year the Assistant Principals leading each Campus are:

- **Jo Treacy** – Avon St Campus (Years Foundation to 4)
- **Paul Challis** – Barkly St Campus (Years 10 to 12)
- **Kirsty Halligan & Jordan Smith** – Faithfull St Campus (Years 5 to 9)
- **Rick Martin** – Sub School Leader – Faithfull St Campus (Years 5 to 9)
- **Heather Leary** – Waller St Campus (Years Foundation to 4)



Whole School Assembly

Our first Whole School Assembly for this year will be held next Thursday 11th February commencing at 9:45am in the Clarke St Gymnasium. All our families and friends are invited to attend. This is a special assembly when our Year 12 students will present the Year Prep students to the whole school. I look forward to seeing you there.

Newsletter

The weekly newsletter will continue to be emailed out to families every Monday. If you have not yet provided your email address or you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact your Campus office.

School Uniform

All students are required to be in full school uniform. If you are experiencing difficulties purchasing the uniform please contact your child's Campus Leader. The Uniform Policy is attached to this Newsletter.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Barbara O'Brien
College Principal.



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Avon St Campus

(Prep-Gr 4)

Ph: (03) 5762 1646

Fax: (03) 5762 2740

Attendance Hotline
5762 1646

Waller St Campus

(Prep-Gr 4)

Ph: (03) 5762 2600

Fax: (03) 5762 3863

Attendance Hotline
5762 2600

Faithfull St Campus

(Yr 5-9)

Ph: (03) 5761 2777

Fax: (03) 5762 4076

Attendance Hotline
5761 2747

Barkly St Campus

(Yr 10-12)

Ph: (03) 57621 2888

Fax: (03) 5762 5276

Attendance Hotline
5761 2810



BELL TIMES 2016

Foundation to Year 4 –Avon & Waller St	
Session 1	8:50am – 11:00am
Recess	11:00am – 11:30am
Session 2	11:30am – 1:30pm
Lunch	1:30pm – 2:10pm
Session 3	2:10pm – 3:10pm

Important Information

- * **Year 7 Mentor Days—Nillahcootie**
7A & 7B –Monday 8th Feb
7C & 7D-Tuesday 9th Feb
The cost is \$15 and includes lunch, notes and payment are due back by Thursday 4th February.
- * **No school on Wednesdays** for Foundation students during February
- * **Weekly Waller Street Assemblies**
Monday 9.00-9.30 (All welcome)
- * **Weekly Avon Street Assemblies**
Friday 2.40-3.10 (All Welcome)

Year 5 to Year 12-Faithfull & Barkly St Campus	
Monday	
Period 1	9:00am – 9:45am
Period 2	9:45am – 10:30am
Mentor	10:30am – 10:55am
Recess	10:55am – 11:20am
Period 3	11:25am – 12:10pm
Period 4	12:10pm – 12:55pm
Lunch	12:55pm – 1:40pm
Period 5	1:40pm – 2:25pm
Period 6	2:25pm – 3:10pm

Year 5 to Year 12-Faithfull & Barkly St Campus	
Tuesday - Friday	
Period 1	9:00am – 9:47am
Period 2	9:49am – 10:36am
Recess	10:36am – 11:08am
Period 3	11:13am – 12:00pm
Period 4	12:02pm – 12:49pm
Lunch	12:49pm – 1:28pm
Period 5	1:33am – 2:21pm
Period 6	2:23pm – 3:10pm



Barkly Street Sub School Team

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the mentor teacher or Coordinator if they have any concerns relating to their son or daughter's schooling. Please ring the Barkly campus on 035761 2888.

Sub School Leader	Rebecca Pell
Year 10 Coordinator	Karen Legg
Year 11 Coordinator	Sharni Symes
Year 12 Coordinator	Richard Hubbard

Mentor teachers	
10A	Wasył Bihun
10B	Hannah Rees
10C	Mark Rogers
10D	Nirmala Nadan
11A	Lauren Sims
11B	Billy Sims
11C	Jo Martin
11D	Richard Hubbard
12A	Greg Hoysted
12B	Luke Elkington
12C	Shane Smith
12D	Gerard Vitti

CSEF APPLICATIONS

Funding is available to help families with the cost of **Camps, Sport & Excursions**. If you hold a valid means-tested Centrelink Card (ie Health Care Card, Pension/ Veterans Affairs Card, Youth Allowance Card) please contact the school asap to complete your Application Form. There is no age restriction on this funding, your child just needs to be enrolled at school and your Centrelink Card valid to be eligible.

Attendance

This year we are going to continue to focus on working with students and parents to encourage and support improved attendance at school. We ask that students and parents schedule appointments outside school hours so access to learning is not impacted on. If we all work together we can make a difference and continue to improve student outcomes.



School success starts with attendance





After School Care:

The Avon P-4 Campus and Waller P-4 Campus operate After School Programs each weeknight throughout the school year. Care is provided from 3.10pm until 6.10pm in the Avon Campus front classroom and the Waller Multi-Purpose Room. Both programs employ qualified staff and provide safe and stimulating environments for students.

Cost:

Base cost before reduced by Child Care Benefit:

- After School Care -** \$13.50 per session
- Last day 2.30 dismissal -** \$18 per session
- Vacation Care -** \$42.75 per day

Program and Snacks:

The program includes experiences including cooking, indoor/outdoor games, crafts, Ipads, Lego, board games and activities chosen by the children themselves. We provide healthy snacks each night including fresh fruit, sandwiches, biscuits and spreads, pasta, cereal and custard. The program and menus are included in the school newsletter each week.

Vacation Care:

Vacation Care also operates for 8 weeks of the school holidays, from 8.30am to 6.00pm. Families to supply own lunch and snacks. The program may include excursions such as swimming and movies, which are an additional charge to the daily cost. These days are advertised to families several weeks prior to the care and are invoiced to families at the end of the program.

Child Care Benefit (CCB):

Families claiming Child Care Benefit (CCB) can have a fee reduction depending on the number of dependants and combined income of your family. If you are a new family using the program, you need to ring the Family Assistance Office on 136150 to register for CCB.

Staff in Charge:

Avon: Tali Treacy **Waller:** John Hanrahan
Additional qualified workers include:
 Kerry Masters, Sue Johansen, Jade Hodson,
 Nardia Holmes, Sarah Kilpatrick & Vicki Tuckett.

This Weeks Program

AVON – Mon 1/02	Tues 2/02	Wed 3/02	Thurs 05/02	Fri 06/2
Activity: Totem Tennis and painting Afternoon Tea: Fresh fruit, biscuits and cheese, milk & juice.	Activity: Ipads and Xbox Afternoon Tea: Fresh fruit, cocktail franks, milk & juice.	Activity: Hamabeads / Lego Afternoon Tea: Fresh fruit, toast and spreads, Milk & juice.	Activity: Outdoor games and blocks Afternoon Tea: Fresh fruit, yogurt, milk & juice.	Activity: 40/40 and Dodgeball Afternoon Tea: Fresh fruit, sandwiches, milk & juice.
WALLER – Mon 1/02	Tues 2/02	Wed 3/02	Thurs 4/02	Frid 5/2
Activity Lego & totem tennis Afternoon Tea Fruit, crumpets milk & juice.	Activity Chalk drawing & skip-ping Afternoon Tea Fruit, fresh s/wiches, milk & juice	Activity Sandpit & Hama Beads Afternoon Tea Fruit, cereal, milk & juice.	Activity Jocks P/ground & board games Afternoon Tea Fruit, jelly & ice-cream, milk & juice.	Activity Play dough & cricket Afternoon Tea Fruit, pancakes milk & juice.

Bookings: New families to complete an enrolment form available from the school office. Bookings can be made by phoning the school or the program mobile on:
Waller Street: 0407 715 660 or 5762 2600
Avon Campus: 0428 014 133 or 5762 1646
 Bookings not cancelled are charged at the normal rate.
Further details: hanrahan.anne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

COME AND TRY
 We are encouraging children and families to visit After School Care to find out more details. Drop in, meet the carers and stay, while your children have a play.

PERMANENT BOOKING FORM – TERM 1, 2016

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Parent Name: _____
 Phone Number _____

I would like to book my child/children in each week for the following nights.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Casual only

Please return this form to the school office