

Benton Junior College



Our Mission:

*To motivate to learn; to teach to think; to encourage to imagine,
and to show the compassion to care globally*

7th October 2016

Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our final term of 2016. The year has certainly flown. We also welcome Sharri Byron who is now teaching 631. Over the term holidays a panel of staff conducted interviews for new staff for 2017. We will now start the challenging task of class structures and student lists for 2017.

It is an extremely busy term with camps for Years 3, 4 and 6. Let's hope they have wonderful experiences and weather.

Classes for 2017

We are currently busy working on our classes for 2017. Once again I would ask that if you are not returning to Benton Junior College in 2017 to please contact us as soon as possible, as this will assist us with our planning.

Class Placement for 2017

If parents have a specific request based on educational reasons about their child's placement in 2017, please put this in writing addressed to the Principal and drop it into the office by Friday, October 28th. As you would be aware there are many changes that occur to schools throughout the last term and we will endeavour to do the best we can to support your specific requests.

Carols Night

On Thursday, December 1st we will be conducting our Benton Junior College Christmas Carols. This will be a family event where students will perform Christmas Carols in their year levels. Families can arrive at 5.30pm for their picnic or snacks. Students will move to their class assembly area at 6.15pm for Carols to commence at 6.30pm. Students will be required to sit in their class groups with their teacher ready to perform. Parents and extended family members can watch from behind the sectioned off area. This event will be purely a family picnic event with no food or drinks available to purchase. Families will be encouraged to come along with their own picnic and enjoy the carols performed by their children. We would also ask that parents and family members stay for the whole event to show their support for all our wonderful students. Teachers will supervise students and check them off as they are collected by parents at the **end** of the concert. It is important that we appreciate and respect the effort and commitment that all our students put in to learning their songs by staying for the whole production. It is anticipated that the Carols will run until 7.30pm approximately.

BJC Community Fair

Don't forget to mark our BJC Community Fair down in your diary for next year. It is our inaugural 'BJC Community Fair', on Saturday, 18th March 2017.

School Hats

A reminder that students are required to wear a BJC summer hat throughout this term.

Kerry Griffin - Principal

2016 STAFF CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 31st October

NOTE: Students do not attend school on this day.



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To Benton Junior College community

Thank you very much for your generous support of the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation**. Over the lifetime of the project, thanks to donations like yours, we have:

- delivered more than 170,000 books and literacy resources to over 250 remote communities
- Funded Book Buzz, an early literacy project in 19 remote communities and service locations
- Published and or funded, in partnerships, more than 43 community literacy projects
- Travelled with ambassadors and authors to conduct writing workshops in remote schools across Australia
- Launched a writing mentoring workshop in Alice Springs with a bequest from Pamela Lofts Estate.

In 2016-2017, our Foundation will focus our resources on early literacy and we look forward to updating you on our work.

Thank you again for helping us to make a difference.
Karen Williams
Executive Director

Well done BJC, you raised \$703.40 on Book Week dress up day for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

BOOK FAIR

Come and visit BJC Book Fair

When: Friday 21st—Thursday 27th October

Time: 8:45am—9:00am
Lunchtime
3:15pm—3:30pm

Where: Conference Room



2016 Important dates Term 4

Monday 10th—Friday 14th October (not Wednesday)	Year 1 Swimming Program
Wednesday 12th October	Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Friday 14th October	Prep 'Opal by the Bay' Visit
Friday 21st October	Year 6 Reach Rookys Workshop
Friday 21st—Thursday 27th October	Book Fair
Monday 24th—Friday 28th October (not Wednesday)	Year 2 Swimming Program
Thursday 27th October	Year 6 Media Studies Roadshow
Monday 31st October	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 9th—Friday 11th November	Year 4 Phillip Island Camp
Thursday 10th November	Year 1 Ceres Cultural Excursion
Friday 11th November	Prep Orientation
Monday 14th—Friday 18th November	Year 6 Canberra Camp
Wednesday 16th November	Prep Orientation
Wednesday 23rd November	Prep Orientation
Thursday 1st December	BJC Christmas Carols Picnic
Tuesday 6th December	Prep Orientation Year 7 Orientation
Tuesday 13th—Wednesday 14th December	Year 3 Manyung Camp
Wednesday 14th December	Year 4 Beach Fun Day
Wednesday 14th December	Year 5 Community Walk
Wednesday 14th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 15th December	Year 5 Kokoda Track
Friday 16th December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Monday 19th December	Whole School Sports Morning
Tuesday 20th December	Last Day of School 1:30pm dismissal

NB: These dates are accurate at the time of publishing but may change according to school needs. Changes to this list will be published in future newsletters.

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FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN; AUSTRALIA'S UNTOLD FOOTBALL TRAGEDY

On Tuesday the Year 3 teachers and students were very fortunate to have a visit from Paul Kennedy, a national television presenter for ABC News Breakfast. The reason for his visit was to share his knowledge and talk about his book "Fifteen Young Men"- the story of the 1892 maritime tragedy involving fifteen young men from the Mornington Football Club. During our current Unit of Inquiry, 'Events in our past have shaped our present', we have been researching many historical events including those that have happened right on our doorstep. Paul shared pictures of some of the men/boys and their families involved in the tragedy and what occurred on that fateful day. He shared how one man made the decision that ultimately saved his life, to catch the train home instead of the boat, as he had felt a little seasick on the boat journey to Mordialloc. The children were enthralled as Paul shared not only this story but snippets of the rich history Mornington has and places that still stand today, including the monument at the bottom of Main Street in honour of the men that never made it home. The children had a chance to ask questions at the end and it was evident from their insightful questions and comments that they had taken in, understood and were able to relate Paul's story to their own lives. As always we were very proud of the way our children listened and shared. We have purchased a copy of Paul's book for our school which he signed and I know there are a few teachers that will be buying their own copy to read and learn the whole story. A special thankyou to the Merchan family for putting us in contact with Paul.



Benton Voice Update- October 2016

Benton Voice is a forum for all students to have their say and provides an opportunity to make a positive difference in the school community and in the world we live in.

What a busy year it has been for the Benton Voice team! This year, our student representatives have been involved raising awareness to their peers on the happenings that have been occurring at Benton Junior College.

During our fortnightly meetings, we have met together to work on numerous projects this year. One of the biggest projects we have embarked on was working on the designs and features of our new playground equipment. After thorough planning and consultation with different playground developers, we were able to choose a design that meets the needs of the student population. We are looking forward to the construction of the new play areas, which will commence later this term. Stay tuned!

You may also have noticed a different appearance to our Buddy Bench garden area too! Work has been completed over the holidays to establish the area. Over the year, we allocate a free dress day which aims to raise funds for a specific charity or school project. Thank you to all BJC families for your contributions and support this year. On behalf of Benton Voice we greatly appreciate your support and assistance!

Lucas Dyring and Rachael Schembri- Benton Voice Team



Buddy Bench Garden- Term 2 Free Dress Day Project

Benton students on holidays in Japan!

ベントンの学生は日本に休日にしました！

Matilda in 001 recently went to Japan on a holiday. She took a questionnaire home and answered a few questions for us about her experiences there.

Where did you go in Japan?

Tokyo & Tohoku prefecture.

Your favourite moment in Japan:

Going on the 'Splash Mountain' ride at Disneyland.

Your Mum's favourite moment in Japan:

Visiting Dakigaeri Gorge and the walk to the water-fall.

Most unusual discovery:

- you have to take your shoes off at the door
- people eat with chopsticks
- people sleep on futons on the floor
- you have to wash yourself outside the bath before entering

Favourite place and why:

Tokyo Disneyland because the rides were fun.

Favourite food(s) and why:

Gyoza because it was like a dim sim.

Favourite landmark and why:

Shibuya crossing: the world's biggest intersection.

Matilda commented, "I was so squashed I could hardly see, people were walking in EVERY direction."

How did the big crowds make you feel?

"It was hard to get around. I had to stand in the train because it was so busy."

How did you find speaking/reading signs in Japanese?

I could say: My name is Matilda, hello, goodbye and thank you in Japanese.

Any other comments:

I love Japan, it was heaps of fun!

ありがとう Arigatou/Thank you to Matilda and her family for your insights into 日本.

If you have been to Japan in the last year or so, please see Mrs Jones or email her for a copy of the questionnaire so we can find out more about Japan!

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Have a すごい sugoi/great term!

Mrs Adele Jones, Mrs Thea Smith & Mrs Vanessa Wickes



Music/Performing Arts News

A huge welcome back to everyone for a very busy but exciting Term 4 in music and performing arts. We have certainly enjoyed hearing about all the great things the children from all year levels have participated in on their holiday break. Everyone has returned refreshed and enthusiastic.

The artist of the week is a very enjoyable part of our program where Year 3 to 6 children experience a selection of music from an artist, genre or era and discuss what they have seen and heard. Our focus this term is on particular decades and the music from them. This week we began with music from the 1910's. Many children were surprised that they recognised some of this music and enjoyed it. Each week will feature a new decade in music leading up to the present day.

Spring is here and the Main Street Mornington Festival will be on Sunday 16th October 2016. Once again our ensemble band have been asked to perform and will be on the community stage (near the police station) at 11.40 p.m. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to cheer them on. Band members are reminded to return their permission forms to Mr Seaman before Wednesday 12th October in order to participate.

Paul Seaman, Ant Richards,
Music Teachers

Sports News

On Thursday 8th September on a glorious sunny, spring day we had the Mornington District Athletics Carnival. Our extremely strong Benton team of 41 super talented athletes all performed exceptionally well. This was the fourth year that a scoring system was used across all events to determine an overall winning school- AND BENTON WON for the fourth year in a row!!!

22 of the children qualified to progress through to the Southern Peninsula Athletics Carnival, which took place on Wednesday. I would also like to make Tahlia K feel welcome to Benton Junior College. She is a new student to our school in Year 4 and has qualified for the 9/10 High Jump.

Well done to the following children in their respective events:

Ben H: 12/13 100m and relay

Ryan A: 12/13 Shot Put and relay

Finn T: 11 100m and relay

Leo F: 12/13 relay

Daniel B: 9/10 1500m and 800m

Teddy B: 11 1500m, 800m and relay

Jack W: 9/10 Shot Put and Discus

Chelsea Neil: 12/13 relay

Felicity C: 12/13 Shot Put

Claire S: 12/13 Long Jump

Tayla G: 12/13 1500m and 800m

Ethan SA: 11 High Jump and Triple Jump

Hunter L: 11 Relay

Wyatt W: 11 800m and relay

Louisa B: 9/10 1500m

Tahlia Kirke 9/10 High Jump

Jayden A: 12/13 1500m and relay

Tayla H: 11 Triple Jump

Sophie B: 11 Long Jump

Seb W: 9/10 Hurdles

Reece M: 9/10 High Jump

Nate H: 9/10 Triple Jump

BJC Spellathon Winners 2016

Congratulations to the winners of the BJC Spelling Competition.

Prep – Kai 006

Year 1 – Tamara 112

Year 2 – Jet 228

Year 3 – Elise 323

Year 4 – Audrey 413

Year 5 – Jacob 539

Year 6 – Sophie 613



SNOW CAMP 2017

BENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE

Camp Dates: Mon 31st JULY to Thurs 3rd AUG. Term 3, Week 3
Location: Mt Hotham
Accommodation: The Arlberg Apartments, Mt Hotham



The aim of our 'Snow Camp' which I have been running for 13 consecutive years now, is to give children the opportunity to learn to ski and to develop an appreciation for the alpine environment. The camp is for children who have never seen snow before, to those that are 'Double Black Diamond Rippers'- just like Mr Hogarth!!! Mt Hotham has arguably the best skiing terrain in Australia. Children will leave at 8.00am on Monday 31st July from Benton Junior College and return home late (Approx. 10.30pm) on Thursday night, 3rd August.

The cost of the camp will be approximately \$800 per child, which includes everything from bus transport to and from the mountain, ski, boot and helmet hire, lessons each day with Mt Hotham instructors, lift tickets for three days of skiing, night skiing at the 'Big-D', restaurant quality meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a 'snow camp' hoodie for the children to keep and three night's accommodation in apartment style rooms at the Arlberg, centrally located on Mt. Hotham. Its many amenities include: a pool, sauna, games room, cinema room and much more. Anyone involved in skiing will appreciate what a sensational deal this is! We calculated the regular commercial cost of the camp to be well in excess of \$1500, therefore making this snow camp an amazing opportunity.

MOST IMPORTANT: Children are selected for this camp based on their ability to conduct themselves in a *responsible* and *safe manner* at *all* times. If children have *any* behavioural issues, or are unwilling to 'have a go' at learning new skills such as skiing, which requires a huge amount of persistence, perseverance and hard work, then to the save disappointment of not getting a place, this will not be an appropriate camp for them. A good indicator for your child's suitability for this camp would be past Physical Education reports, for example; if your child has not performed very well in previous reports in relation to behaviour and effort then again, this camp may not be appropriate for them.

The Snow Camp is an '*extra*' activity for the year. All the selected children will still be expected to attend their annual Year level camp which compliments the learning program in their classroom.

If your child is currently in Year 4 or 5, you are interested in this camp and support the behavioural expectations for those children who attend- please see Mr Hogarth at School for an "Expression of Interest form".