

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*

21st October 2016

Newsletter

BJC Community Fair – Saturday 18th March 2017

Save the date! A group of dedicated parents and staff meet every two weeks to plan this wonderful community event. Please support this event by donations, volunteering and spreading the word to local businesses. If you can help in any way please contact Emma (bjcfair17@gmail.com) or leave a message at the office. Please read the information in this newsletter.

Bike Riding Within School Grounds

Just a reminder to all parents, that there is to be **no bike riding** within the school grounds at any time. This is for the safety of all students, parents, toddlers and visitors.

Planning 2017

We are busy planning for next year. If your child is not returning to BJC in 2017, can you please notify the Office in writing.

Prep 2017

Our Prep orientation program begins in November. Our new Preps are invited to attend 4 orientation sessions: Friday 11th, Wednesday 16th, Wednesday 23rd November and Tuesday 6th December. It's always wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm of our new Preps.

Mornington Rotary Education Showcase.

On Wednesday 12th October, Ryan, Olivia and Isola attended the Mornington Rotary dinner. Local primary schools and secondary colleges were invited to talk about a program that is occurring within their school. Ryan, Olivia and Isola were confident and articulate in their presentation about Year 6 Exhibition. Isola was presented with a citizenship award on the evening. We are very proud of these 3 students and the way they represented BJC. Well done!

Pride of Workmanship Award

I am delighted to inform our school community that Lucas Dyring, Year 4 teacher, was presented with this award at the Mount Martha Rotary dinner last week. Lucas works with our Benton Voice students on various projects throughout the year. The latest project, the **new senior play equipment**, will be assembled next week.

Student Free Day – Staff Curriculum Day Monday 31st October

On Monday 31st October children will not attend school. On this day, staff will be participating in a professional development day on conceptual understanding and the Primary Years Program.

2016 STAFF CURRICULUM DAY

Monday 31st October

NOTE: Students do not attend school on this day.



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Above: Isola, Olivia, Ms Sharri Byron and Ryan at the Mornington Rotary Dinner.

Left: Lucas Dyring accepting the Pride of Workmanship Award

Upcoming Year Six Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea: Governments make decisions that affect the way we live

The Year Six students will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



JACOBS AND LOWE
ESTATE AGENTS

Jacobs and Lowe has offered Real Estate services on the Mornington Peninsula for over 100 years and as a proud supporter of Benton Junior College, by choosing Jacobs and Lowe to list and sell your property, we will donate, on your behalf, \$300 back to your school.

As a locally owned independent agency all our profits remain in the local area and we look forward to helping Benton Junior College prosper and continue to support aspiring young students.

Contact Mandy Castle 0407 855 585 or Samantha Keily 0432 045 866 to arrange your appraisal or discuss any of your real estate needs.

Shop 11, 210 Dunns Road
Benton Square Shopping Centre, Mornington



Congratulations to Paige C from 336 who has received a Music Scholarship for Term 4 from Jacobs and Lowe.

Let's talk about mental health

In Australia, one in six young people aged 16 to 24 years currently experiences anxiety and one in 16 young Australians currently experiences depression. The University of Melbourne, with funding from beyondblue, has developed guidelines to help parents reduce the risk of depression and anxiety in their children. Some of the key things parents can do are:

- Establish and maintain a good relationship with your child
- Establish family rules and consequences
- Encourage good health habits: diet, exercise, screen time and sleep
- Minimise conflict in the home
- Help your child to manage emotions
- Help them to set goals and solve problems
- Provide support when something is bothering them
- Encourage professional help when needed

More information about the guidelines and other tips can be found at www.parentingstrategies.net/depression or www.beyondblue.org.au.



Peninsula
Health

Building a **Healthy
Community**, in Partnership

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

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.	



COMPASS
School Manager

Celebrating Mathematics at Benton!

Australian Mathematics Trust



This week we celebrated the achievements of our students who entered the Australian Mathematics Competition.

The competition is held in July each year, and includes a series of complex mathematics questions and problems to solve. It is set by the Australian Mathematics Trust to promote confidence and enjoyment of mathematics. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 60 minutes (Years 3–6). The problems get progressively more difficult until the end, when they are challenging for even our best mathematicians.

I'd like to congratulate all the students who entered and showed a growth mindset to give it a try. We had 104 BJC students enter the competition, which is a great achievement within itself! In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the 9 students who received a Distinction award:

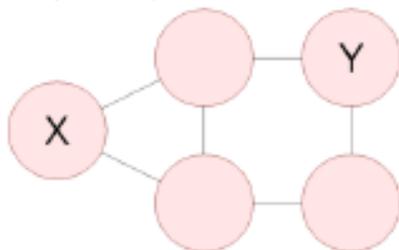
- Alyssa H 538
- Ryan C 539
- Lily H 413
- Asher D 417
- Luke B 418
- Dean O 418
- Emma W 321
- Kai S 322
- Ethan B 336

And a further congratulations to Paddy S in 418 who received a High Distinction.

If you'd like to see what the Australian Mathematics Competition is all about, give these questions a try. You'll see that they are very challenging ... you'll need to have your brain switched on, and a problem solving mind ready!

Mary has 62 square blue tiles and a number of square red tiles. All tiles are the same size. She makes a rectangle with red tiles inside and blue tiles on the perimeter. What is the largest number of red tiles she could have used?

Place the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, one in each circle in the diagram so that no number is joined by a line to a consecutive number.



The sum of the numbers X and Y could be

- A. 3 B. 4 C. 6 D. 7 E. 8

Peninsula Teachers Numeracy Tour

On Tuesday 18 October, we hosted 21 teachers from schools all over the Peninsula as part of a Numeracy Tour. The visiting teachers were at BJC to view and discuss our approach to teaching Mathematics; and see it in action in our classrooms.

The teachers were impressed by our whole school focus on problem solving and 'Challenging Tasks'. They commented on how the BJC students showed persistence in their Maths learning and didn't give up when the learning was hard ... and they loved how all our students talked about having a 'growth mindset'! The lessons were fun and engaging, and highlighted the positive attitude we have about Maths here at Benton.

Nadia Walker – Assistant Principal

Year Two Inquiry Fun

Throughout the last six weeks, students have explored the central idea, 'Messages can be communicated without words.' This has taken us on a communication journey where students have discovered Braille, Auslan, Morse Code, Aboriginal Symbols, Emoticons and Semaphore Flags. After this immersion, children enjoyed creating their own alphabet codes and messages for classmates to decipher. Wonderfully inventive work Year Two!



Fractions and Transformation

So far this term, children have explored the transformative properties of shapes, including flips, slides and turns.

We are now commencing our unit on fractions. On Tuesday, the children attempted the following challenging task:

I picked up a handful of counters and one quarter of them were red. What might a drawing of the counters look like?

Maybe you can try this at home. Best of luck!

Ideas to support your child's fraction learning could include cutting food into quarters, halves, thirds... maybe eighths if your sandwich is big enough! This is a great excuse for a pizza night. 😊



Music

The incredible BJC Ensemble band have once again done themselves and their school very proud. As the second school act they performed exceptionally well on the community stage at the annual Mornington Main Street Festival. The energetic and powerful set included "C-Jam Blues", "Shake, Rattle and Roll", "Smoke on the Water", "Skeleton Dance", "Bad" and "It's A Long Way to the Top". Lily played bass guitar, Sara played acoustic guitar with Owen displaying his skill on electric guitar. Sienna played electric keyboards while Josh and Max formed an inspired horn section. Drumming duties were shared between Kory, Ethan and Mitchell. Our long time instrumental teacher Dave Hedges was a most welcome guest on trumpet and Mr Seaman could not resist the opportunity to join in on electric guitar. The children displayed excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout and were well received by the vast audience.



Finally a huge thank you to the parents, children, friends and helpers who were there on the day.

Paul Seaman and Ant Richards, Performing Arts teachers.



Now is your chance to SELL SELL SELL!

Our school is planning its inaugural Fair, and we'd like to involve YOU, our school community.

The fair will be held on our school grounds on
Sat 18th March 2017, 10am-4pm
and will be open to the wider community.

If you have something to showcase or sell (eg. Party plan or something homemade), and would like to have your very own market stall at our Community Fair please submit the below information by **Fri 28th Oct 2016**.

We will be extending this opportunity to non-school community stall holders after this date for any categories that haven't been filled.

Please note that we have limited sites available, so applications will be processed in a first in, first served method. We will do our best to ensure there are a variety of types of stalls.

Please email the below information, along with a recent photo that represents your stall and/or the types of products you would like to sell, to bjcfair17@gmail.com by 28/10/16.

- Contact Name & Phone number
- Name & class of your child attending BJC
- Products you will sell on your stall
- Approx. space needed for your stall

Please note: You will need to provide your own display table and signage on the day.

We ask for a \$20 site fee and a donated product that we can use as a fundraiser for the school on the day (due at a later date once your application for a site is confirmed).

Any questions, please contact bjcfair17@gmail.com.

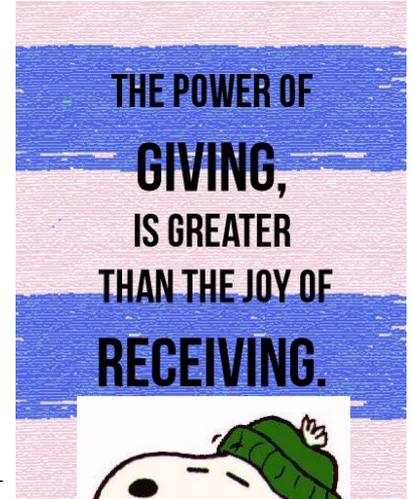
Benton Voice Update - October 2016

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 world we live in.

Giving Tree

Benton Voice is proud to be facilitating this year's Giving Tree. Each year, Benton Junior College has participated in this good cause and we are calling on for your support again. The Mornington & District Christmas Hamper Committee would greatly appreciate donations that can then be collected and made into hampers, which will be distributed to needy families in the local area. Donations such as new toys (not second hand), non-perishable foods (canned food, cereals, pasta, rice etc.) and toiletries (soap, deodorant, shampoo etc.) are suitable examples of what you might like to donate.

Donation baskets will be set up in the Office and donations can be brought in starting on **Monday 7th November**.



Walkathon

The Walkathon is returning for 2016! After the success of last year's event, BJC will be holding another walk on Thursday, December 1st (the same day as the BJC Christmas Carols). It will be a fantastic day, with the Walkathon during the day, followed by the family friendly picnic and carols later in the evening.

More details for the Walkathon will be coming out in the next newsletter. Stay tuned and get walking!



Lucas Dyring and Rachael Schembri

Benton Voice



Regularly at Benton Voice, we have children from all year levels who come to our meetings and want to share a story or issue that is occurring in the world today. Their passion to make a difference is always evident, as these children strongly want to make a difference by offering assistance and educating the school community of their cause. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) School, BJC commend students who take action and who are internationally minded on issues on a local, national and global level.

At Benton Voice meetings, we plan fundraising events to ensure there is a balance across each term. As much as we would love to support every child's cause, we are limited to how many fundraising events we can hold as we do not wish to place constant demands on to students and their families. Every cause does not need to be supported with raising money, however simply promoting it in the school community is the best way to gain awareness!

If you do have a cause you would like to promote at BJC, please bring it to Benton Voice and from there, we may suggest the following-

- ✓ Prepare a short piece for the upcoming **newsletter**, you can include a website address where the reader may choose to do further reading or take action themselves
- ✓ Plan and present a **short presentation** at a sub school assembly – must be proof read by teacher
- ✓ Create a poster that can be displayed at school or in the classroom to promote your cause
- ✓ Plan an awareness day at school eg wacky hair day, crazy socks (these must obtain College Council approval)

The following is from Sara in 323, as part of Unit of Inquiry's focus on endangered animals, she researched the impact poaching on rhinos has had on their existence and what we can do to help their survival in the wild.

Illegal Wildlife Trade

Demand for rhino horn from prosperous Asian communities is escalating. Poaching is a very real threat facing all populations of Sumatran rhino. Rising demand from countries like Vietnam where rhino horn is believed to cure cancer has seen a surge in poaching despite the efforts made by the traditional Chinese medicine community to call on practitioners to stop rhino hunting. Investigations by TRAFFIC, the world's largest wildlife trade monitoring network, and WWF reveal that the use of rhino horn in traditional medicine still occurs in many countries.

For more information- <http://www.wwf.org.au/what-we-do>

