

Benton Junior College



Our Mission:

To motivate to learn; to teach to think; to encourage to imagine,

27th November 2015

Newsletter

Principal Report

Uniforms

The new uniform is available from Tuesday, 1st December at Primary School Wear (PSW). Don't forget you can order online. As previously mentioned students are not required to be in the new uniform immediately. It is expected that as you replace uniform pieces you will purchase the new styles.

I would also like to remind parents that students are expected to use the school backpack, and wear black school shoes (black runners with black shoe-laces). Over the summer holidays if you are purchasing new school shoes please ensure they are black. A copy of the Uniform Policy is in this newsletter.

Benton Picnic

Next week on Thursday, 3rd December we will be holding our Benton Celebration Picnic. I hope all students and parents are able to attend. Feel free to bring along a picnic to enjoy or take the opportunity to buy a sausage from our BBQ. It should be a wonderful night (weather permitting) to sit back or join in singing some Christmas Songs.

Thank you to all the families who have already returned their raffle books, prizes are displayed in the foyer of the office. More tickets are available at the office.

Camps

We have a busy last term with 3 camps occurring. Our Year 6 students returned from Canberra last week where they had an amazing time visiting parliament, Questacon, War Memorial and other iconic places. Once again I would like to thank the staff and parents who make these camps possible and congratulations to our students who represented our school brilliantly.

Transition

Our Preps for next year have had 3 orientation sessions so it has been very busy here with 130 new students. Year 6 students will attend their secondary college orientation day on Tuesday, 8th December and I am sure they will be extremely excited about going to their new schools.

Reminder

I would like to remind parents that school finishes on Friday, 18th December at **1.30pm**. Our last whole school assembly will be in the morning at 9.15am.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd

Walkathon

Christmas Picnic

Monday 7th

Prep—Visit to Opal

Tuesday 8th and
Wednesday 9th

Year 3 Camp

Friday 11th

Year 6 Big Day Out

Year 2 Beach / Water
Safety Day

Monday 14th

Prep—Visit to Opal

Friday 18th

**Last Day of
Term 4**

1.30pm

Dismissal



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2016 Student Class Placement

Student placement for 2016 will be go home to parents with the end of the year written reports. Teachers have been working extremely hard to place students in their new classes for next year.

Kerry Griffin, Principal

Arty News—Michele Marshall

Lots of wonderful things have been happening in the art room. A big '**Congratulations**' to "**Holly S**" for winning an art award in the Mornington Secondary College Art Exhibition. Well done, Holly.

Mornington Regional Gallery "Friends Art Award"

I'm also very excited to share some students who are finalists for the Friends of Art Award:

Ethan O'H: Prep

Zoe S: Year Two

Robyn W: Year Six

Willow A: Year Six

Highly commended:

Ava F: Year Three

Sarah C: Year Six

We are very well represented! They will be on display at the Regional Gallery during the 'On the Beach' exhibition from 11th Dec to 28th Feb.

Mount Martha Mural

Budding Michelangelo's from four Mornington Peninsula primary schools are learning about flora and fauna in their area and then capturing their experiences on magnificent murals.

The youngsters have been under the watchful eye of Red Hill artist Michael Leeworthy and their school class and art teachers.

The stunning result of their artistic endeavours will be unveiled at Balcombe Estuary, Mt Martha, 'Old Campground' Rotunda at 10am on Monday, December 14.

Bushland friends group BERG Mt Martha supervised the project with the help of a grant from Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Children from Osborne Primary, Benton Junior College, Balcombe Grammar and Mt Martha Primary worked with BERG Mt Martha volunteers and drew on their resources to develop an understanding of the flora, fauna and ecology of the local environment.

The schools then painted four murals related to the Balcombe Creek environment.

513 pupils painted Birds of Balcombe Creek Reserve after working with a BERG MM volunteer using a birds of Balcombe Creek brochure and their own research.

A big thanks to Ms Cooney who offered to participate in this activity.

Sport Report—Jabyn Hogarth

Throughout the year we utilise our fantastic BIG Gymnasium at recess and lunch time. On a Tuesday recess there are a number of eager students that come in regularly to do the Shuttle Run Beep Test. A number of the children do it to improve their fitness and some do it each week to try and beat Mr. Hogarth—none have been successful as yet! Also for the last few weeks of 2015 we will be running a Wednesday Lunchtime 10 a side soccer competition. The gym is also regularly opened during recess and lunch times for children to come in and play. This gives students another play space as our school rapidly expands in numbers. The gym is also available to hire after hours and is used by many sporting groups for training such as basketball, cricket, footy and soccer. The Gym is an amazing asset to the school and the community and one that we regularly use for many extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

LOTE—Kirby Mitchel and Chen Zhao

This week students have been learning about traditional Chinese scrolls. Children were shown a number of traditional scrolls. They discovered the scrolls were depicting beautiful sceneries. Using pastels and charcoal, children developed their own scenic scrolls, using cherry blossoms and temples as their main focus. Next week children will learn how to date their work in Chinese.



Music Report— Paul Seaman and Ant Richards

The children continue to work well in Performing Arts as a very exciting 2015 draws to a close. In Term 4 we have continued to study and discuss important musical styles and artists with the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes with the focus being on decades. For the 20's the children were exposed to jazz, the 30's blues and ragtime while the 1940's saw the emergence of war time songs and big band music. The 1950's brought rock and roll, the 1960's saw supergroups, including the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, and the counter culture arrived and many of the children recognised the disco and hard rock of the 70's. All classes have responded well to these sessions and have impressed us with their knowledge and opinions. The teachers and children in all Year levels are very busy getting ready for our special end of year celebration by fine tuning their Christmas song. There will be some well-known Christmas classics and some marvellous surprises also. We look forward to seeing you on December 3.

BJC Walkathon

Dress Code: **HOUSE COLOURS**

Thursday 3rd of December

How to Donate:

Option 1: Bring a monetary donation along on the day.

Option 2: Find sponsors - for example family members and to donate towards our Walkathon.

Children who raise \$20 or more will be put in the draw to win a variety of prizes. Money will need to be brought to school by Wednesday 2nd December to enter the draw.

Where: School Oval

Time: 2:00pm - 2:50pm

Thank you to all the local business who have kindly donated prizes so far.

2 x \$50 Taco Bill Mornington Vouchers

4 x Mornington Cinema Tickets

1 x Game from EB Games Mornington

2 x Vouchers from Tutti Fruitti Mornington

\$10 Target Voucher

\$100 Voucher for Barbershop and Co Mt.Eliza

1 x Girls Hair Cut at Amica Hair

6 x \$6 Subway Vouchers

2 x \$65 Consultations from Benton Vet Clinic

All proceeds from our Walkathon will be donated to the **Murdoch Children's Research Institute**, world class researchers who are making a real difference to the health of children.



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Family Christmas Picnic Celebration



Date: Thursday 3rd December

Time: set up from 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start—til 8pm

BYO: chairs, blankets, picnic / nibbles

Join us in celebrating a

Merry Christmas

And a fantastic school year!

Relax and enjoy listening to

our Band,

Class Christmas songs,

special solo performances by Liz

Catford and Courtney Smith and a

very special guest—SANTA!

Christmas Raffle with great prizes. Tickets home next week.

*Sausage Sizzle, Show Bags, Raffle Prizes, Choc
Tops, Glow Sticks, Soft Drink and Water will be
available*

Cash only—No voucher system

No Alcohol





School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

The Benton Junior College School Council requires all children to wear the Benton school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when they are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Aims

We are proud of our school uniform which is readily identified within our broader community, and when children are on excursion away from our school. Wearing a school uniform can:

- help your child feel they belong in their school by promoting a sense of identity
- provide students an equity of status in terms of clothing, avoiding comparison and competition
- assist school staff to easily identifying students while on school excursions
- give children a sense of pride in their school.
- help children develop an awareness of the need for sun protection
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

Implementation

The Benton Junior College School Council is responsible for Policy and Policy revisions.

- Parents, teachers and students are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate uniform is worn, clean and well maintained
- Items from the approved uniform list (Refer to Appendix) can be purchased from the supplier; Primary School Wear School (PSW). Order forms are available on the PSW website
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published on the school's website
- The wearing of the designated school uniform (Refer to Appendix) is compulsory for all students at Benton junior College
- The designated uniform supports the Physical Education Policy and Sun-Smart Policy
- Students will wear their school/sports uniform in order to be able to represent the school in sports teams, music groups, school choirs, school photographs, excursions, etc unless authorised by school personnel
- The School Council requires that the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy and dress requirements in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a distinctive polo shirt to reflect their status as the senior students of the school
- Arrangements can be made by parents consulting with a member of the Principal Team to supply items of school uniform through State Schools Relief fund or other agencies for families experiencing significant hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform and Dress Code due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or significant hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration
- School uniform is available from Primary School Wear. Refer to details listed below.
- Parents and guardians are required to provide a signed and dated explanatory note to their child's teacher when their child is out of uniform. If this is not provided an Out Of School Uniform Notice will be sent home by the child's teacher requesting the parent's support.

The School Council or Principal may grant alternate clothes days.

Jewellery: The only jewellery permitted to be worn are one set of small single sleepers or studs in the lower earlobes and watches. To maintain the safety of all children during a variety of school activities, no other jewellery is permitted including necklaces and bracelets, anklets, rings on fingers or toes. No earrings studs of any kind are permitted in the nose, eyebrow, tongue or other area of the face, and are not permitted if they are clear or covered with a band aid. Tattoos either permanent or temporary are not permitted.

Hair: For health and safety, students' long hair is required to be tied back using black hair-ties and a ribbon of either navy, cobalt or tangerine (orange) may be used. Head scarves are not permitted. Student hair needs to be regularly washed, kept clean and neat. Hair color must be a natural color and extreme hair colors (for example pink, green purple rinses) and/or extreme hair styles including spikes, mohawks, shaved heads, dreadlocks are not permitted.

Footwear: School shoes are black and may be either canvas or leather. Black shoe laces are to be worn, no bright fluoro colored laces are permitted.

Makeup: Both makeup and colored nail polish are not permitted. Clear nail polish is acceptable.

School Bag: The Benton Junior College school bag is compulsory for all students and no other bag is permitted. No graffiti on school bags is permitted.

Hoodies, windcheaters and leggings: Hoodies, windcheaters and leggings are not replacements to school uniform. Snow camp windcheaters may be worn to school in the two weeks prior and the two weeks after snow camp. School netball windcheaters and jackets are not school uniform and must not be worn to school.

Hats: For protection from the sun, students are required to wear the school's hat during terms 1 and 4, or at other times deemed necessary to comply with the school's Sunsmart Policy.

Lost Items

The school will make provision for the return of lost property and school uniform items that are labelled with the student's name. Parents are required to clearly label all items of uniform with their child's name in waterproof ink. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items students bring to school, on excursion or school camp.

Primary School Wear: Supplier of our school uniform.

Our School Council has arranged to provide good quality clothing for children at the best rates available. There is a large choice of uniform items available. The School Council has authorised Primary School Wear (PSW) as the supplier of the correct school uniform for Benton Junior College. Please refer to the PSW website for all school uniform clothing.

Primary School Wear Uniform shop, located at 21 Playne St, Frankston is open Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am to 5:00pm, and Saturdays 9.00am to 4.00pm. Phone 03 9769 6510, www.psw.com.au/retail/shops/

Should parents experience difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items, they are encouraged to discuss the matter with their child's teacher, and if need, to arrange for further assistance by contacting our school office.

Second Hand Uniform

The school offers an second-hand uniform shop for selected pieces of school uniform. Parents are encouraged to contact our school office to identify opening times. Opening times are advertised also in the school newsletter and at school assemblies.

Compliance with Uniform Policy and school dress code

A copy of the school's Uniform Policy and Dress Code will be provided for all new enrolments and parents and guardians will be required to sign an acceptance form acknowledging their support and compliance with the school's uniform and dress requirements for students.

Together, we encourage all children and their families to support our school uniform. When a student is unable to wear the correct school uniform we ask that parents provide a written note to the child's teacher. In cases of persistent breaches of the uniform and dress code, school staff will:

• speak privately to the student to encourage him/her to observe the school dress code.

• provide advice to parents and an Out of Uniform note will be sent home seeking parent and guardian cooperation and adherence to student dress requirements.

• parents may then, if necessary be contacted by school staff to remedy the situation.

Endorsement

This school policy was ratified by School Council on Tuesday 8 September, 2015.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2016.