

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*

26th August 2016

Newsletter

Our New Playground Equipment

Benton Voice (Student Council) and College Council have decided on a SafePlay design for our new play equipment. The senior equipment will be installed during 4th term. I am sure that this will provide a lot of entertainment to the students as they watch the installation process. As the Prep area is a more confined space and we do not want any of it to be out of bounds to students the new equipment for that area will be installed over the summer holidays ready for next year.

This is very exciting and this equipment will create more designated playing areas for all students to enjoy. Don't forget this is your fundraising money at work for our students.



Policies

On Tuesday night at College Council we ratified the following policies: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Homework, Commitment to Child Safety, Child Safe Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy. These policies will be placed on our College website and I encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with them. Over the coming months as our policies are updated and ratified by College Council they will be added to our webpage.

Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2017. If you have yet to put your child's enrolment form in or know of someone who is thinking of our school for next year could you please remind them that tours and forms are now available.

Student Led Conferences

Don't forget our dates for 'Student Led Conferences' are Tuesday, 13th and Wednesday, 14th of September. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child/ren to talk to you about their learning and the goals they have set for themselves in different curriculum areas.

Book Week Parade

It was great to finish the week with a 'Book Week' parade with everyone involved. A big thank you to all those busy parents and guardians that helped design and create the costumes, you were instrumental in making it a fun parade!!

Kerry Griffin - Principal

PRINCIPAL DAY

On Friday the 5th August, we celebrated Principal's Day. This day was celebrated over morning tea with staff, school captains and college councillors. It is a day to acknowledge our Principal team at Benton Junior College. Kerry, Lyn, Marc and Nadia make a strong Principal team and we should feel very privileged to have them onboard. They work together to strive for the best and offer the school community the latest opportunities available. The size of our school gives a very clear indication of its popularity, opportunity and results. If there is a better way of doing something, changes will be made. If there is an issue, the Principal team will put their heads together and solve it. If there is an achievement, they will celebrate it. Staff and students are very fortunate to have such a strong team lead our school. Their open door policy, fairness and honesty are highly regarded. No issue is too big for them to handle. They lean on each other, put their heads together and support one another. BJC is continually evolving with new ideas and improvements.

I was very fortunate to be on the panel, when choosing a new principal. Kerry stood out from the rest. She has kept her promise of what she would offer our school. She has made so many improvements from the day she began and improvements are continually evolving. College Council is a great group of parents, staff and Principals that meet monthly to discuss our school agenda. We walk away from each meeting feeling prouder and prouder to be apart of it. We walk away feeling as though we have been heard and action will be taken.

Regards,

Kate Butterworth

College Council President

2017 Prep

Enrolments now open!

2016 Important dates Term 3

29 August - 2 September	Literacy & Numeracy Week
30-31 August	Fathers Day Stall
1 September	Science Works
7 September	Year 6 Exhibition
8 September	Drama Toolbox Fairy Tale Fiasco
13-14 September	Student Led Conference
13 September	Footy Day
16 September	Last Day of Term 3—2:30pm Dismissal
17-18 September	Vision Portraits Fundraiser
3 October	First Day of Term 4

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.

2016 STAFF CURRICULUM DAYS

Monday 31 October

NOTE: Students do not attend on these dates.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember to log on to Compass for all student absences. If you have misplaced your login details please email the school:
hilli.sarah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au



COMPASS
School Manager

Uniform Addition

At College Council on Tuesday evening an addition to our uniform policy was approved. Students may now wear a dark navy / ink skivvy under their polo shirt. Could parents please note that the approved amendment was dark navy / ink coloured skivvy no other colour was approved.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

It started off with a bang with our book character costume day today. It was fantastic to see so many children and teachers dressed as book characters.

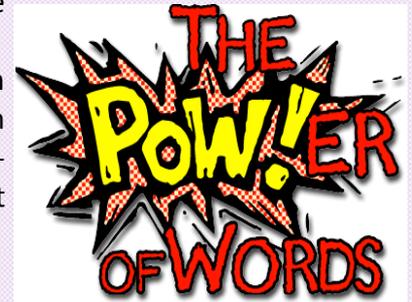
BJC SPELLATHON

During National Literacy and Numeracy Week (29/8/16 – 2/9/16), we will be holding our BJC Spellathon across each Year level. First round will be held next week, followed by the Championship Round the following week (from 5th Sept)

During the first round, students are given a list of words to learn, which went home yesterday. The class teacher will conduct the Spellathon in class. If the student gets 100% correct they will move into the Championship Round with **unsighted words**. Lorraine Hart and Lyn Foster will conduct the Championship Round from September 5th.

There is a \$10 Scholastic book voucher for the winner of each year level.

Happy spelling!!!



STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

What are Student-Led Conferences?

At Benton Junior College it is important for our students to take responsibility for their learning. Together, with the support and guidance from their teachers and parents, they will be supported with their learning. One way to involve the students in unpacking their learning is participation in a Student-Led Conference. They will use their portfolio to demonstrate growth, success and identify areas that they can improve. This process demonstrates to the students that we (parents and teachers) positively support their learning and respect their opinions. It also clearly demonstrates that together with their families we celebrate their achievements.



Date: Tuesday 13th September, 3.30pm – 7.00pm (finishing at 7.30pm)

Wednesday 14th September, 3.30pm – 5.00pm (finishing at 5.30pm)

These are a great opportunity for the student to share and explain their learning to their parents. Using their portfolio they will be able to discuss learning engagements that they are proud of and shows growth. It is time to celebrate. **It is not a parent teacher interview.**

Parents have the opportunity to ask questions of their child. Questions such as:

Tell me about this piece of work.

What did you learn from this?

What are you most proud of?

What would you like to learn more about?

What are you learning in Maths? Tell me more about it/show me.

What are you learning in reading/spelling/writing? Tell me more.

What is VCOP? Tell me more.

What is your current unit of inquiry? What have you learnt so far?

What do you want to get better at?

I can tell that you have improved in

How can I help you become a better learner or improve on reading/maths?

Parents will log onto PTO (Parent Teacher Online) to choose a time slot.

Attention Year 5 2016 Parents

SNOW CAMP 2017

BENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE



Camp Dates: Mon 31st JULY to Thurs 3rd SEP.
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 Ripers'- 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 September.

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- ie 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 you are interested in this camp and support the behavioural expectations for those children who attend- please contact Mr. Hogarth at the college to receive an 'Expression of interest form'.



Primary Years Programme

YEAR 5 NEWS

PROGRAM OF INQUIRY

The Year 5 children have been learning about life on the goldfields and the impact of the Eureka Stockade on democracy in Australia. After a sensational camp to Sovereign Hill, they are now preparing timelines and researching the key figures, such as Peter Lalor and Anastasia Hayes, who led the miner's rebellion against the government.



An Inquiry into:

Events that led to the Eureka Stockade

Consequences of the Eureka Stockade

Impact of the results of the Eureka Stockade on the development of democracy

MATHEMATICS

Challenging Task: Using newspaper, the Year 5's had to investigate how to create a miner's lease that measured 3.6m^2 . It took some creative thinking and they soon discovered that there were many possible solutions to the problem. Great job Year 5's!

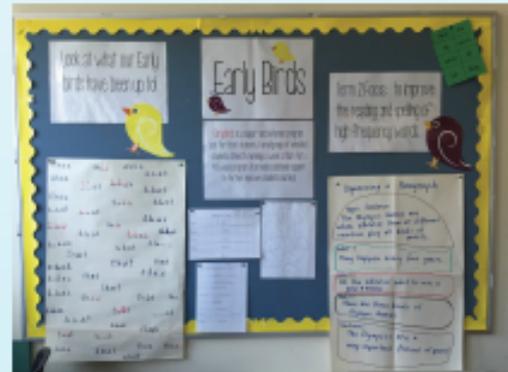
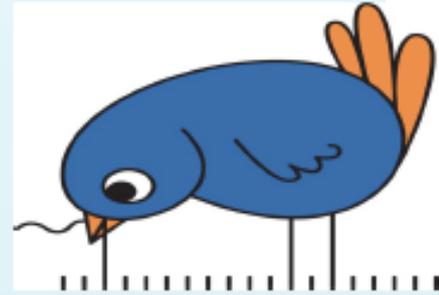


I can solve problems using multiplication and division * I can calculate the perimeter and area of rectangles

Year 1 at BJC

EARLY BIRDS

During Terms Two and Three, many Year One children have been coming to school bright and early to join our Early Birds Program. So far selected students have participated in sessions to develop reading, spelling and writing skills. The children always bring a big smile and eagerness to learn to every session, which makes this program such a positive one. Our next group of Early Birders will be focusing on developing their numeracy skills. Thank you very much to all the children, mums and dads for getting up extra early to come to Early Birds!



Human use of the environment affects biodiversity



During our current Unit of Inquiry the children have been investigating why biodiversity is important, the variety of Australian biodiversity and the positive and negative ways in which humans affect it. Andrew Wegner shared his wide knowledge of native Australian animals and the children loved being able to handle creatures such as a Bearded Dragon, Blue Tongued Lizard, Green Tree Frog, Carpet Python, turtles and yabbies.

We have been on a biodiversity walk around BJC where we found a variety of plants and animals such as bees, caterpillars, Magpies, worms, daisies and gum trees. Most recently, the children have looked at pictures of the area around the school, taken between 1957 and 2007, to see how humans have affected our local biodiversity. Our main key concept for this unit has been change and the children have been investigating how biodiversity has changed in our local area.



Book Week
Character
Dress Up
Day!



MUSIC NEWS

All of the children continue to work well in Music as Term 3 progresses. There are exciting things happening at all Year levels and many children are displaying their performing arts skills at their weekly assemblies.

Last Saturday the 20th August the ensemble band performed an inspired set for the residents and their guests at the Opal by the Bay nursing home in Mornington. The band was Max on saxophone, Josh on trombone, Louisa on flute, Sophie and Sienna on keyboards, Tyler, Owen and Sarah on guitars, Ethan on drums with Mr Seaman assisting on bass guitar. We were also delighted to have former student Noah join us as a special guest on trumpet. It was a tremendous afternoon and many parents and friends were present to cheer the band on. Everyone played extremely well and did Benton Junior College very proud. Great work.

Paul Seaman & Ant Richards
Music Teachers

(from left to right Sophie, Sienna,
Mr Seaman, Louisa, Ethan and Sarah)



(from left to right Josh, Max and Noah)

FATHERS DAY STALL

Shhhhhh..... Don't tell dad!!!



The Benton Fundraising Team are holding a Father's Day Stall. There will be heaps of lovely gifts you can buy to give to your dad on Father's Day, Sunday 4th September.

Gifts will range from \$1.00 to \$7.00. On Monday, August 29th, your class will be able to look at all the gifts available for purchase. Your teacher will then tell you which day you will be able to come to buy a gift for dad. It will either be Tuesday August 30th OR Wednesday August 31st. PLEASE make sure you have your money on that day.

DOLLARITE BANKING

BJC student Dollarmite banking day is every **Thursday**.

Don't forget to bring your bank book to school on Thursday's and continue to watch your savings grow.

If you would like to open a Dollarmite account, simply pop into you local Commonwealth Bank, open an account and then bring your bankbook to school.



NEW SUBWAY ORDER FORM

Subway now offer the option of a Salad Bowl on their Order Form. The updated forms are now available at the office.

Vision Portraits

Help BJC raise funds & book your family photo with Vision Portraits.

Date: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September

Bookings Due by: Friday 2nd September

Information is available at the school office.

Peninsula Health Children's Services

Peninsula Health Children's Services are for children with mild – moderate delays who live in Frankston or the Mornington Peninsula. The Children Services Team support children getting to their full potential by providing developmentally appropriate activities and strategies. They are part of broader services at Community Health for the whole community.

Services include:

- Speech Pathology - For children up until entry to school
- Physiotherapy – For children with developmental issues up until entry to school. For other issues, all ages can access.
- Occupational Therapy – For developmental issues up until to prep
- Psychology/Counselling
- Podiatry – All ages
- Dietetics – All ages
- Audiology – 9 months – 18 years

Children are eligible for services if they demonstrate concerns in one or more of the following areas of their development:

- Communication
- Gross motor
- Social, emotional or behaviour
- Sensory Processing
- Fine motor Skills
- Foot or leg
- Dietary
- Hearing



To book an appointment with the Peninsula Health Children's Services, phone 1300 665 781.



Peninsula
Health

Building a **Healthy**
Community, in Partnership

Child safety is our collective responsibility

The Victorian Government is introducing Child Safe Standards to improve the way organisations that provide services for children prevent and respond to child abuse that may occur within their organisation. The Standards are compulsory for all organisations providing services to children, and aim to drive cultural change in organisations so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in the everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers.



The Child Safe Standards are a central feature of the Victorian Government's response to the Family and Community Development Committee of the Victorian Parliament's *Betrayal of Trust: Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations* (Betrayal of Trust Inquiry).

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect. The Standards apply to **all** organisations working with children and are aimed at creating child safe cultures and environments.

Benton Junior College is a school committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. Our school has policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being revised to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse with the introduction of the Child Safe Standards. The Child Safe Standards provide a framework to identify gaps and improve policy and practices around child safety in all schools. To create and maintain a child safe organisation, a school must have:

Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements

Standard 2: A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety

Standard 3: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel

Standard 5: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

Standard 7: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Responsibility for compliance with the Standards is with our College Council, which will

(a) take account of the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable; and

(b) make reasonable efforts to accommodate such diversity

Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe. **Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.** The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students' family members.

Please refer to our school's Our Child Safe policy, together with our Child Safety Code of Conduct and our Commitment to Child Safety policy:

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the policies on our website.



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