

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*

18th November 2016

Newsletter

Professional Learning Community

Over the course of this year three of our outstanding teachers have been involved in a Bastow course 'Professional Learning Communities'. Prue Richards, Michelle Hobbs and Alex Petrovic have been attending this program and in 2017 all three teachers will be PLC leaders in our College.

The aim of this program was to build the capacity of our PLC leaders to improve the learning outcomes for every student through a consistent approach to disciplined, collaborative inquiry.

2017 Prep / Foundation Transition

It has been wonderful to see our 2017 Preps attending our transition mornings. They look so excited walking in with their parents and have joined in the activities with great enthusiasm.

Lost Uniform

Once again we have a lost College jacket which is extremely frustrating for the parents. Could I ask all parents to check that they have the correctly named uniform at home? If you find any uniform that has been mistakenly taken home could you please return it to the office so we can return it to its rightful owner.

This is also a timely reminder that all uniforms need to be clearly labelled so all items, if misplaced, can then be returned.

Carols Night

I cannot believe this great night is coming up very soon. All our students have been learning their songs in their class and music lessons so it promises to be a fun sing along night for all!!

Carols night is on **Thursday, December 1st**. Students will assemble in their class area at 6.15pm for Carols to commence at 6.30pm.

Things to remember about our Carols Night:

- Students will sit in their class group for the duration of the event and be dismissed at the end when parents collect them.
- There is no food or drinks available at the event so bring along your own picnic dinner.
- We anticipate the event should run for approximately one and half hours.

Request from a Neighbour

I received a phone call from a very concerned neighbour who witnessed some of our students pulling white posts out from their property. If your child/ren walk home could you please remind them to show respect and not touch items that are on other people's property. This particular incident was reported to the Shire.

Not Returning

If your child/ren are not returning to Benton Junior College in 2017 could you please inform the office as this will assist with our class lists next year.

Kerry Griffin - Principal



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The Giving Tree

Benton Junior College are again contributing to the Mornington & District Christmas Hamper Committee through our Giving Tree. Canned and packaged foods, toiletries and new toys can be left at the office collection basket. Our participation in this community effort is an opportunity for the students to take real action and appreciate the value of giving to those less fortunate than themselves.



Art Competition Winner 2016

A GREAT BIG congratulations to year 6 student, **Jessica H**, who entered and won the Mornington Secondary College "Express Yourself" Primary School Art Competition. The Award is an initiative of the Mornington Secondary College Student Arts Captains, who have judged all the works submitted.

In agreement with the Tallis Foundation, the benefactor of the MSC Art and Design Show, the award will be granted as a scholarship for each student's future studies at Mornington Secondary College.

Jessica submitted a beautiful sculpture of a curled up 'Armadillo' who's armour was crafted from dry eucalyptus leaves around an 80mm polystyrene ball. The head and tail were modelled from magiclay and painted bronze. It was placed in a nest of dry sticks.

Well done Jessica, a very worthy winner.

THANK YOU! to the many year 6 students who produced some amazing artwork for the competition. Our school was very well represented.

Visual Art Teachers: Mrs Marshall and Ms Hannan

'The World Needs Art'.



2016 Important dates Term 4

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| Wednesday 23rd November | 2017 Prep Orientation |
| Friday 25th November | Year 3&4 Free Dress Day |
| Thursday 1st December | BJC Christmas Carols Picnic |
| Friday 2nd December | BJC Walkathon |
| Tuesday 6th December | 2017 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.

Remembrance Day



On Friday 11th November we conducted our Remembrance Day Service. The students were incredibly respectful and listened attentively as the Last Post was played and a minutes silence was observed. A big thank you to our Year 6 captains who as usual did a wonderful job. Also thank you to Marc Morris who ran the service. A special thank you to the Benton students and families for your assistance with the sale of the poppies with a total of \$300 raised.



Ride 2 School update

For our most recent Walking Wheeling Wednesday, our Hands Up Count results were:

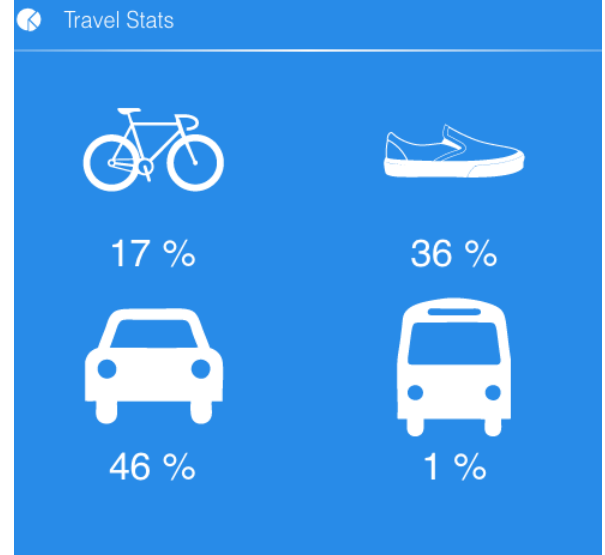
30 people rode
31 people skated or scooted
133 people walked
3 people took public transport
and 169 people took the car.

This means 53% of Benton Junior College children were active on our last Hands Up Count day. Great job!

Additionally, congratulations to class 634 for winning the Active Travel trophy for this month! They had a HUGE 77% of their class active! Brilliant! The most popular ACTIVEpath this month was the pink Benton square path.

It has come to our attention that many students do not have their helmets fitted correctly. Please refer to the information provided to ensure you are being safe when riding to school.

From the Benton Active Travel Ambassadors
Brooke & Claire (ATA's) & Mrs Adele Jones



BICYCLE HELMETS **Helmet Fit Guide**

The Ride2School Program encourages the use of helmets when children are riding bikes or scooters. We've developed this guide to ensure your child's helmet is the correct size and fit.

Step One: With loose straps, ensure that the helmet sits centered on the head.



Step Two: Adjust the chin straps — it should sit tightly but not uncomfortably.



Step Three: Ensure the helmet sits correctly on the head by measuring out a two finger spacing from the top of the brow to the start of the helmet.



Step Four: If possible, adjust the connection point of the neck strap so that it sits on the jaw, just below the ear.



Step Five: Tighten the neck strap so that both sides are tight and both connection points remain on the jaw between the ears. The straps should not twist or cover the ears. When done up correctly the straps should provide a snug fit over the ears and under the chin.



Step Six: Ensure that the helmet does not move off the forehead or from side to side.



Music/Performing Arts

Music is buzzing along at Benton Junior College with all year levels completing projects and self-assessment rubrics to go with them. An excellent feature of our program is that the children are taught to read formal music notation from Year 1. To some this may seem old fashioned perhaps even a little boring but to the children think it is anything but.

They begin by practicing to draw the treble clef (symbol to begin playing) on proper staff (music) lines. From there they draw the correct notes on the staff. There are several notes to remember but this is achieved by using a mnemonic system. The notes on the line (E G B D F) are remembered by saying "every good boy deserves fruit" or "every burger deserves fries" while the notes in the spaces (F A C E) are remembered by saying "face in the space". It is a lot of fun and the children find it a very effective way to remember all the notes.

Paul Seaman, Ant Richards
Music Teachers



Sports

Recently Ryan A in Year 6 progressed through to the Victorian State Athletics championship. Ryan is an amazing Shot Put competitor, and he put in an outstanding effort to make it through to the State Carnival. Ryan finished 10th at this event WELL DONE!!!



Also, we have recently had both of our Year 6 Boys and Girls Basketball teams make it all of the way through to the Southern Metro Region Playoffs. Both of the teams did an amazing job to make it this far and the Girls team ended up finishing 2nd on the day. All of the players put in an amazing effort and should be very proud of themselves. A big congratulations to:

GIRLS: Taylah 631, Kate 632, Mia 633, Georgia 633, Miki 634, Katie 634, Flick 634, Bec 634, Zoe 538.

BOYS: Jordie 632, Ben 633, Nathan 633, Xavier 633, Jayden 633, Spencer 633, Ryan 634, Zac 634.

Also I would like to Thank Marc Rylance for coming up and training and coaching the teams and coaching them.



Jabyn Hogarth
PE Teacher

This fortnight we need the help of all Year 3 and Year 4 families!

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are invited to wear free dress on the 25th November in exchange for a donation of either hair spray, mystery box goodies or a gold coin donation.

FUNKY

HAIR

It doesn't just happen
on it's own



Year 3 & Year 4 families
Please donate coloured hair spray, hair chalk, hair
glitter, etc for our FUNKY HAIR stall at the Fair.

Collecting donations NOW to help make our Fair amazing! Please take donations to
the FUNKY HAIR tub outside Rm 416 and Rm 323.



Dear **YEAR 3 & YEAR 4**
FAMILIES

PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR BJC Fair a SUCCESS.

We are asking for
MYSTERY BOX
DONATIONS



Although our BJC Community Fair isn't until 18th March 2017, to
help make it a successful fundraising event for our school & lots of
fun for everyone who attends,
we need your help now.

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Please donate any new/unused products suitable for Yr 3+ aged
children. Ideas include wrapped lollies (nothing that can melt),
tattoos, hair accessories, novelty erasers, pencils, small toys or
games, mini note pads, magnets, key rings, etc
and / or
noodle boxes.

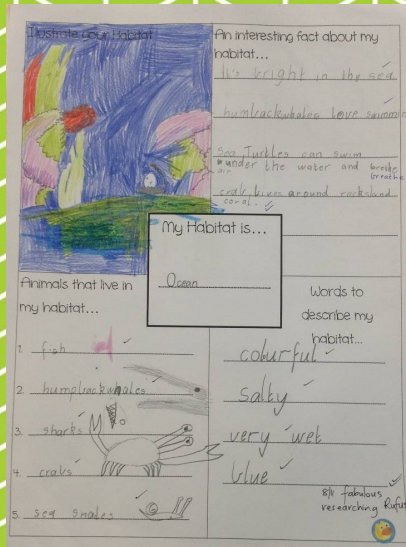
Please place donations in the
MYSTERY BOX tubs outside
Rm 416 & Rm 323.

Thank you!

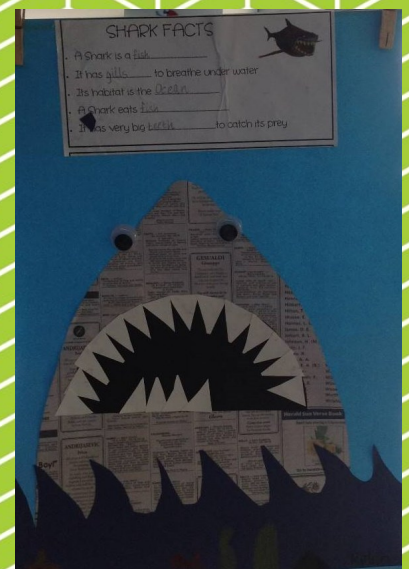
Any queries: bjcfair17@gmail.com



We used pastels to
draw a 'LIVING THING'.



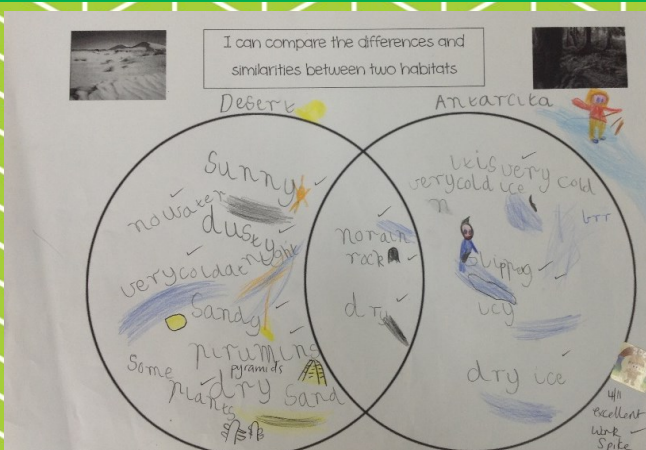
Children chose a
HABITAT to research.



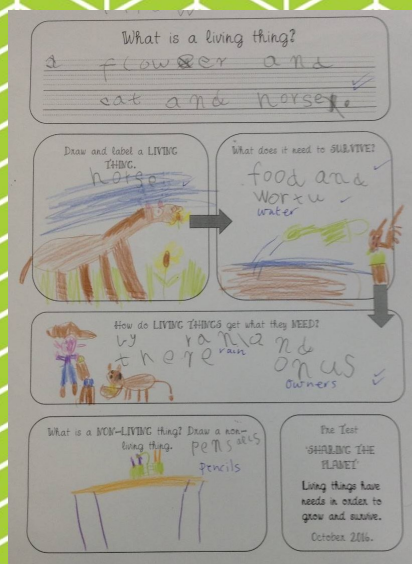
We researched animals
and what they need to
GROW and SURVIVE.

Inquiry in Prep

Throughout the term students have been inquiring into the transdisciplinary theme 'SHARING THE PLANET'. Our central idea is 'Living things have needs in order to grow and survive'. This central idea has lead us to an inquiry into: 'The unique characteristics of living things' and 'The conditions needed for living things to survive'.



We compared different HABITATS.



We found
out what
children
already
know to help
lead our
INQUIRY.

Walkathon 2016

Friday December 2nd, 2016

The Walkathon is returning in 2016! Last year's event was a resounding success and was made possible with the support and generosity of the Benton Junior College and wider local community.

This year, Benton Voice had discussed the focus for this year's Walkathon and it was decided that the donations will help contribute towards building a second new playground equipment at BJC. Two new playground structures have been recently installed on the oval which will be used for the Senior school students and it was evident that the Prep Playground area would be benefited from a new playground as well.

The Walkathon follows on from the same format as last year. Here's how you can be involved:

Option 1: Collect donations from sponsors

Collect donations from family members, relatives, friends and/or neighbours.

Raising \$10 or more allows you to be in the draw to win some fantastic prices! There will be a 'Premium Prize Pack' up for grabs for the three students who raise the most funds in the school, including-

- Jungle Cats Cheerleading pack (valued over \$250!)
- Movie tickets from Mornington Cinemas
- Smiggle giftset
- Book packs donated by Schemscapes

Once you have completed your fundraising, return your money in an envelope to school with your name and class number.

Option 2: Gold coin donation

Bring a gold coin donation on the day of the Walkathon.

Dress in your house colours on the day and start collecting!

The class who raises the most money wins...

The Choc Top Ice Cream Company prize, a choc top to every class member who raised money!