

# 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 March 2016

## *Newsletter*

### **Early Finish**

I would like to remind all our families that this term finishes on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. Our end of term assembly will be at 9.10am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>.

School resumes back on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9am.

### **Curriculum Day**

Our next Curriculum day is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April which is the first week back of Term 2. Unfortunately we did not have much of a choice of this date as it is a combined curriculum day with 5 other schools. Our final curriculum day is Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October (the day before Cup Day).

### **Congratulations to Elsie**

We have a very talented student in Year 1 Elsie K who not only designed a float for this year's Moomba festival but also got to ride on the float in this year's parade. Congratulations Elsie!

### **Interviews**

Our parent / teacher interviews are being held next week on either Tuesday or Wednesday according to the teachers availability. Ms Keays and Mrs Minos will conduct their interviews early in Term 2.

### **Principals and Literacy Leaders**

This week Nadia Walker, Lorraine Hart and I started a course called Principals as Literacy Leaders. Over the year we will attend several days and we are using this program and research as the base to develop Benton Junior College Instructional Model for Reading. I am sure Nadia will keep you informed about our progress.

### **Annual Report to the Community**

As you may be aware every year each government school in the state has to produce an Annual Report to the Community. We have been working on our plan but unfortunately there has been a technical problem from DET which may cause a small delay. As soon as it is completed you will be notified via our Tq-biz. Hard copies will be available in the office or you will be also able to find a copy on our web page.

### **Parking Signage**

I have been contacted by the Mornington Peninsula Council to include in our newsletter an explanation about some of the parking signage around the school. Please take the time to have a read of them.

### **New Portable**

Our Year 5 students and teachers are close to moving into the new portables which are much larger than our old ones. Over the coming months some gardening work will be done to beautify the area.

### **Holidays**

I hope all our student and families have a wonderful and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone next term.



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## PE—Jabyn Hogarth

Benton Junior College have recently been involved in a number of swimming carnivals. We started back on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb at the Mornington High School Pool with 45 swimmers eagerly coming along to participate in a number of 50m races in all the 4 strokes- Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. The final event saw our Year 6 Swimmers race off against the teachers in a very close relay race- as usual the children tried to cheat, and the teachers triumphed in the end...

From the Benton Swimming trails we had 26 children progress through to the Mornington District Swimming Carnival which was held at the Pines Pool in Frankston. This was a terrific day. With a further 6 children progressing to the Peninsula Division Carnival.



## Harmony Day

Harmony Day, 21st March, celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that 'everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

At BJC we celebrate harmony across the school by a sports morning whereby our students will rotate through different activities organised by Mr Hogarth. This promotes a sense of unity and community across the school. Also within the year levels the meaning of harmony day will be discussed. Students can wear their house colour and bring a gold coin donation that goes towards our sponsorship of Nitesh, our World Vision child. **Benton Voice**, which is our student's voice within the school, have planned the day.

Year 5 and 6 will attend an ANZAC centenary production '**Bringing the past to the present - Victoria's Journey of Remembrance**' a free presentation which combines video, theatre and narrative to explore the ANZAC story.



## JAPANESE—Adele Jones, Thea Smith, Vanessa Wickes

こんにちは (Konnichiwa/hello)!

This week in Japanese we have been making おにぎり (onigiri) or Japanese rice balls. Onigiri are a very popular snack in Japan made from white rice, filling and ノリ (nori/seaweed). They are great fun to make and children from all year levels have loved doing some Japanese 料理 (ryoori/cooking).

We also learnt about how onigiri are served and eaten in Japan. They are so popular that there are specialty stores which sell only onigiri with all sorts of fillings, as well as pre-prepared packets available in convenience stores. One fact that particularly interested many children was that onigiri is not a type of sushi because of the rice used.

After learning a little about onigiri in Japan, we attempted making our own, which was trickier than it looked! We made lots of mess with the rice, but enjoyed the process and all helped clean up. Children then demonstrated their PYP attribute of risk-taking by having a taste. Most people thought they were おいしい (oishi/delicious), not to mention healthy and full of energy for growing kids! Children also got their own copy of an onigiri recipe to take home and use with their families to make a great snack or lunchbox filler (some children were so excited that they have already made おにぎり at home!) We are all looking forward to experiencing more Japanese food as we continue our language and cultural studies this year.

**All families invited to attend the Japanese Festival at Frankston High School on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. See flyer in newsletter for more information!**

さようなら (Sayonara/Goodbye)



## Music—Paul Seaman and Ant Richards

As Term 1 draws to a close at Benton Junior College, we would like to thank all the children from all year levels for their efforts in music. There is always a positive and energetic atmosphere in both the senior and junior music rooms. We look forward to this continuing in Term 2 and throughout the year. A massive 2016 is now in full swing with ensemble band, instrumental lessons and the senior and junior choirs all working hard and making great music. Stay tuned for more information on the Mornington Community Music Camp during Term 2. Finally we wish all children and their families are very happy and safe Easter and look forward to seeing you after the holidays.

## Neighbourly Assistance

During long weekends and school holidays our school is often visited by people who damage our grounds and buildings. The cost of this damage is considerable and it is disheartening for students and teachers alike.

We ask our nearby residents to contact the police (phone 000) during weekends or school holidays should they consider the school is being damaged by unwanted visitors. Your continued assistance is well appreciated.



## Easter Egg Raffle

Don't forget to return your tickets as soon as possible.

Winners will be announced at the End of Term Assembly on Thursday 24th March.

Donations are still welcome!



## 2016 Important dates Term 1

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| 21 March   | Harmony Day Gold Coin Donation<br>Wear House colours  |
| 21 March   | No Years 4, 5 & 6 Assembly  |
| 22-23 March  | Parent-Teacher Interviews   |
| 23 March   | Whole School Incursion<br>Hercules (Alpha Production)<br>No Years 2 & 3 Assembly                        |
| 24 March   | Last day of Term 1<br>Assembly @9.15am<br>School finishes @ 2.30pm                                      |
| 11 April   | First day of Term 2   |
| 14 April   | <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b><br><b>Staff Professional Learning—</b><br><b>Professional Learning Communities</b> |
| 18 April   | Year 2 Hands on Science   |
| 20 April   | Year 4 The 52 Storey Treehouse Performance  |
| 21 April   | Year 6 Reach Rookys #2  |
| 21 April   | Year 3 Phillip Island Excursion   |
| 21 April   | Year 1 Cranbourne Botanical Gardens   |
| 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

Thursday 14 April Monday 31 October

**NOTE: Students do not attend on these dates.**

## An Evening with Michael Grose

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear Michael Grose come and share his insights into 'HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR KIDS BY DOING LESS FOR THEM.' Michael is the founder of Parentingideas, Australia's leader in quality parenting education for parents and schools. Come and join us to share in his insights and ideas. If you have any questions please contact Raelene Harvey on 97871385. For further information go to [mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/](http://mtelizaps.vic.edu.au/)

Mt Eliza Primary School  
20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

7.15 for a 7.30 start

Tea/coffee on arrival

Bookings \$20.00 an adult

<http://www.trybooking.com/184420>



# PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM.....YEAR 5

Under the transdisciplinary theme of **How We Organise Ourselves**, the children in Year Five have been inquiring with enthusiasm, into the central idea **“A Successful Business Depends on Supply and Demand”**. We opened the unit with a guest appearance by a local business owner, who explained how he and his wife had to come up with a plan to convince the bank to lend them money to start their business, as Choc Top vendors. The children used this as inspiration to design their own business plans to create a successful stall at our annual Afternoon Market. Throughout the unit they have to learn **how to be part of a team**, to **listen to the ideas of others**, to **deal with disappointment** when the consensus of the groups goes against them, to **use their powers of persuasion** to achieve their goals and to make sure **everyone in their group does their fair share**.

## Working Mathematically.

Each student made two prototypes and surveyed the school community to get an idea of popularity and potential pricing of their products. At this point they had to be objective and decide on making the products which were going to provide the best return on their investment. Resilience was required to overcome some disappointed entrepreneurs. Survey data was used to calculate how many items they needed to make and what their predicted profit would be. This was a great opportunity to use iPads for some graphing and data analysis. Market Day is an example of a ‘real life’ situation for financial mathematics with plenty of opportunities to make change and calculate totals.



# PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM.....YEAR 5

## English in action.

We visited Main Street Mornington Market, where the children interviewed stall holders about their products and aspects of supply, demand and marketing. Observations by the teachers, parents, members of the public and stall holders made us proud of our confident, polite and articulate young business people.

Each child wrote a persuasive presentation suggesting which charity the market profits would go to. The standard of the speeches was amazing and the choice between the six finalists was a tricky one. After a secret ballot the choice was made and it was **decided by consensus of the group** that the market profits go to the....



Making the items for the market provided an opportunity for some procedural writing. Having experienced some unforeseen explosions of flour and paint in the classroom during our 'making sessions' gave the children some ideas for how to include suitable warnings in their instructions!

**Market Day  
Amount raised..  
\$1328.15!**





# Parking Around Schools



Parking congestion around schools is a challenge as everyone is arriving at the same time. Parking signage is in place to assist with traffic flow and improve safety. Below is some information that will assist you to park legally.

## No Stopping Any Time



You cannot stop here at any time.

This area is not suitable to drop off or pick up any passengers.

## No Parking Any Time



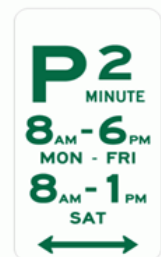
You may briefly stop to drop off or pick up passengers. A driver may park here for no more than two minutes and must stay with the vehicle. (This may also be signed around schools as 'Kiss and Go')

## 2 Minute Parking

You can park your car here for two minutes whilst you wait for passengers to come to the car.

At school pick up time, people often park in these areas for a lot longer than two minutes. It may be easier to find a place to park if you arrive a little after the time that school finishes.

If you will be waiting for more than two minutes for your passengers, or want to take some time to catch up with other parents, you will need to find another place to park.



**If you have any questions feel free to contact the Shire Ranger Team on  
1300 850 600**

An incredible opportunity for our Benton community to experience Japanese culture.  
See Adele Jones for more information. Students **MUST** be supervised by their parents.



# Japanese Festival

Presented by Frankston Susono Friendship Association

**Sunday 17 April 2016, 10am-4pm**

**Where: Frankston High School - Senior Campus Foot  
Street, Frankston**

Come and help celebrate the Frankston-Susono  
Sister City relationship and experience Japanese culture.

## Activities include:

- Hands-on activities for all the family
- Japanese performances and entertainment
- Japanese handicrafts
- Japanese food and cooking
- Cultural displays
- Goods for sale
- Martial arts
- Sister City displays

**Loads of prizes and give aways**

For more information contact Peter Patterson on  
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More details on our website and facebook page.  
[www.frankston-susono.com](http://www.frankston-susono.com)



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# Uniform Clearance Sale



## Benton Junior College

**Polar Fleece Vests and Jackets 50% off.**  
**Senior Polo & Junior Polo (old styles) 50% off.**

**Take advantage of 2 year transition and grab a bargain.**

**\*Limited sizing and while stocks last\***



Your school uniform is available online and at the PSW store in **FRANKSTON**.

21 Playne Street, Frankston VIC 3199  
Phone: (03) 9768 0346

**TRADING HOURS\*** (From 14th Marhc)  
Tues to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

**www.psw.com.au** Save Time, Shop Online!



Store trading hours are subject to change, please check the website for latest information [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au). During 2016 PSW stores will be closed for the following public holidays on these dates: VIC - Mon 14 Mar Labour Day, Fri 25 Mar to Mon 28 Mar Easter Weekend, Mon 25 Apr ANZAC Day, Mon 13 Jun Queens Birthday, Fri 30 Sept & Sat 1 Oct AFL Grand Final Day, Mon 31 Oct & Tues 1 Nov Melbourne Cup (Metro Stores Only).

**THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIALISTS**