

Benton Junior College



Our Mission:

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

30th October 2015

Newsletter

Parking

Monday last week several parents and I met with a Mornington Council representative to discuss the parking situation around our school. It was enlightening to hear suggestions from our parent community about how to improve the safety and parking. We were able to discuss the parking along Longwood Drive and other parking options. The roundabout corner of Longwood Drive and Racecourse Road was also raised in particular the red marking on the road which many of our students use instead of our actual school crossings. The council representative has taken back some of our suggestions and I will keep you informed on any decisions from the council.

Family Picnic on the Oval/Benton Celebration 3rd December

As I am quickly learning the community spirit at BJC is amazing. Parents have in the past organised the Benton Junior College Celebration. This year a small group of dedicated parents have started to meet with Lyn Foster to discuss and organise this year's celebrations. This group have decided that after reviewing the celebrations from previous years that this year we will have a more relaxed picnic event. The general consensus was that we have outgrown the previous format and that we need to revitalise the event. The main request from parents is that it remains a family event so a picnic on the oval would involve all families to attend. Christmas songs that all can join in with will be performed by our choir, school bands, teachers, and students. Santa will attend and there will be stalls that sell show bags, glow sticks and drinks along with the traditional Christmas raffle. More details will come out soon with the complete details of this event.

It is hoped that early next year a group of interested parents along with some staff will form a committee to organise a larger event such as a BJC Fair for late 2016 or early 2017. If you are interested in being a member of this team please give your name and number to the office.

Christmas Raffle

We are asking for donations for our BJC Christmas raffle. If you would like to donate any item (toys, food, games, household good etc) please leave at the office. Thank you for your support.

Masters

Once again we have been supported by our local businesses. Masters has provided us with a new barbeque. This will be put to great use at our Benton Celebration this year. On behalf BJC community I would like to thank Masters for their generous donation to our school.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Friday 30th

Day for Daniel
Gold Coin Donation

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd

Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

Wednesday 4th

Thursday 5th

Friday 6th and

Monday 9th

Year 1 Swimming

Wednesday 11th to

Friday 13th

Year 4 Camp

Thursday 26th

Year 1 Coal Creek



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Planning 2016

We are very busy planning for the 2016 school year. If you are moving house or intend to move schools can you please inform the office in writing, or via Tiqbiz ASAP. We need accurate information so we can plan for the new school year. Parents are requested to write to me if they have an educational request for consideration when placing their child in a class next year. All letters must be received by Friday 13th November.

December Reports

You will notice significant changes to our December reports this year. The reports will show 'I can statements' which will explicitly indicate what the students can do in key curriculum areas. Teachers have spent a lot of time aligning the 'I can statements' to the curriculum standards. The reports will give an outline of the curriculum areas covered and the statements will give a sample of what the students can do. If your child achieves above the expected level teachers will use statements from the applicable level. As December reports go out on the last Wednesday of this term we will be seeking parent feedback about the changes to reports early in 2016. It is hoped that the changes to the reports will make them easier to read with less jargon which may have led to confusion in the past.

Kerry Griffin, Principal

WALKATHON—Save the Date: Thursday 3rd December.

To raise money for the 'Murdoch Children's Research Institute' Benton Junior College is holding a walkathon. This whole school event, which is an initiative from Benton Voice, will encourage all children to be active and participate in the walkathon. We have planned this day to coincide with our Benton Christmas Picnic and we hope it will be an exciting day for all involved. We ask children and parents to begin thinking about sponsorship and donations for the event. More details will be provided in the coming weeks, be sure to mark the date in your calendars. If you would like to find out more information about the 'Murdoch Childrens Research Institute' you can visit their website: www.mcri.edu.au/about

Sports—Jabyn Hogarth

Bike riding is an extremely good way to keep fit and have fun. Each year at Benton Junior College we have a number of students who enter the Victorian Cycling events around the state.

Sophie S in year 5 is one of these eager bike riders, she has been keeping busy over the last four months competing in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships and she has achieved some great results for herself and Benton Junior College. She earned 10 medals and is now looking forward to the next Series which starts later this month.

Mountain Bike

Dromana – 1st place

You Yangs – 1st place

Lysterfield Park – 1st place

Bendigo State Final – 2nd place and

Sophie also won the Series aggregate points.

BMX

Lilydale – 1st place

Bendigo State Final – 1st place jersey

Road

Casey Fields – 2nd place

Fairfield – 1st place

Bendigo State Final – 2nd place



It would be great to get some more children interested in this very exciting sport.

Day for Daniel- Friday October 30th - 'Wear red and educate!'

Day for Daniel is an annual day of action to educate communities about keeping children safe. The day was established by the Daniel Morcombe foundation. It was great to see all the students wearing red today and supporting the foundation. Benton Junior College raised \$937.00!

For more information, please go to www.danielmorcombe.com.au.

There is also a FREE safety app recommended by the Daniel Morcombe foundation, *Help me*.



PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

DEALING WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR



Is your child – talking back? not listening? having meltdowns? aggressive? out of control?

Join us in a free 3 week program to share parenting tips and strategies for dealing with children's challenging behaviours.

- WHO:** Parents and carers of children age 5 – 10 years
DATE: Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th of November 2015
TIME: 1.00 – 3.00 pm
VENUE: Karingal Primary School (Meet at the office)
Mallum Ave, Frankston

Chat about your concerns in a safe, supportive place

Get information and support for you or your family

Receive a Certificate of Participation

Afternoon tea provided

FREE PROGRAM!
Bookings are essential

TO BOOK or for more information, contact Barbara on 9781 6787 or 0458 750 754



Join us at the world's biggest event for type 1 diabetes and share in activities including a raffles and prizes on the day. The event starts at the Mt Martha Village carpark at Langrigg Avenue. The Walk is pram and wheelchair friendly, dogs are permitted.

Sunday 8th November, 2015
Check-in: 7:30 AM Starts: 8:30 AM
Length of Walk: 5km or 10km





WOW....What an amazing spectacle we witnessed over 4 sensational performances! The Benton Junior College production "Battle of the Bands" was a huge success, with over 80 students participating as part of the cast, backstage, senior choir and first the time ever, the BJC Ensemble Band. With 3 night performances, we also trialed our first ever day time matinee. This proved to be one of the most popular shows, one which we will no doubt look at in future years, but the highlight was of course the final show where it was standing room only!

Of course shows like this don't take place without the tireless efforts of many people. The list is too long to mention everyone, but a big thanks to all the teachers and parents who helped out in so many different ways (props, backdrops, lighting, make up, canteen). I will however single out Melanie Gard and 'The Peninsula School of Dance' for donating their amazing costumes, Matt Shepherd for coordinating the canteen, Dave Hedges for leading the band along with Mr Seaman (who just made it through with illness during the last show!) and of course the sensational Production Team of Michelle Hobbs, Penny Malcomson, Courtney Smith, Liz Catford, Erin Power and Paul Seaman for their amazing work giving up most of their recesses and lunchtimes for rehearsals.

Finally, the biggest of all thank-you and congratulations to the students! Four performances in three days is no easy feat. They are truly inspirational and should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved! So for the final time....CHOOKAS!!

Ant Richards

'Battle of the Bands' Director

Music/Performing Arts Co-ordinator



THANK YOU!