

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*

21st August 2015

Newsletter

Student Led Conferences.

Our student led conferences will be conducted on Tuesday, 15th September. This will be a student free day. I am looking forward to listening in on some of the conferences.

Enrolments

If you know of any parents who have a child that will be coming to our school next year could you please remind them that we are taking enrolments now. This helps to create our class structure for 2016.

Extra-Curricular Activities

These are activities that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and are offered to all students. At Benton Junior College we are fortunate to be able to offer our students a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. I have listed below just some of the extra-curricular activities that we have offered our students so far this year.

Instrumental music, Choirs, Bands, Camps including (music and snow camps), and all our excursions including those events that happen at our school.

Uniform

At Benton Junior College we have a compulsory uniform which has been in place from when the school first opened. Although some fabric changes will slowly occur and a new summer dress will be introduced, students are still expected to be in uniform. One of the major areas of concern is the shoes. Students are expected to wear black shoes/runners. Could I ask parents to please ensure when they are purchasing new shoes that they keep in mind our uniform policy. If you purchase runners that are black but have bright fluoro coloured laces could you please change them for black shoelaces.

Over the next few weeks students who are out of uniform will start to receive a note for their parents to inform them that their child was out of uniform and requesting that they be in uniform. Many of our students are wearing bright runners, which I understand are very popular but our uniform policy does say very clearly that our students are expected to wear black shoes.

NAPLAN

Parents of Year 3 and 5 students will be receiving their child/ren NAPLAN reports and I hope you have the opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss the report with them.

Diary Dates

AUGUST

Tuesday 25th
Years Prep to 2
Maths Night

Monday 31st
Year 3 Drama Tool Box
Incursion

Monday 31st August to
Friday 4th September
Prep Swimming

Tuesday 8th
Year 1 Drama Toolbox

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 15th
Student Led Conference
Student Free Day



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School Banking

School banking started last week and was a huge success with over a 100 students commencing their school banking. This could not have happened without a group of dedicated parents who are willing to give up their time on a Thursday morning to administer it. I would like to acknowledge Vanessa Hooton who as College Councillor recommended we commence school banking and has worked with parents to make this happen. It is not too late to join up with forms still available from the office. Thursday is now our school banking day.

College Production

The college production is well underway. Students and teachers are working extremely hard and giving up their recess and lunchtime to ensure that we have a wonderful production. I feel very lucky to be the principal of a college with such talented students and staff. I am looking forward to the production which will be happening throughout the second week of Term 4.

Mission Statement

Mrs Foster has been looking at our Mission Statement with students, parents and staff. We hope in the very near future to re-launch our College Mission Statement. It appears that our Mission Statement isn't going to require many changes as it is still as relevant today as it was when it was created many years ago.

Sports Report—Jabyn Hogarth

Currently our children from years 3-6 have been trying out for our school's Athletics team. Approximately 45 children will make up the team that will travel to Ballam Park on Friday 11th September. These children will take part in the Mornington District Athletics Carnival. Last year Benton Junior College won the overall day and hopefully we will do the same this year, with our super little athletes that have been selected!

I would also like to add that Taylah G and Taj S have both recently run in the Victorian State Cross Country event at Bundoora. This is an amazing achievement for both of these talented runners. Taylah finished 28th and Taj 9th. Well done you guys! I'm looking forward to seeing how well you both do in the upcoming Athletics carnival.

Also a big thanks to Warren who was an integral parent helper on our recent Snow Camp.

Music— Paul Seaman and Ant Richards

It is a very busy time of the year in the performing arts at Benton Junior College. The 'Battle Of The Bands' production is in full swing. Despite poor weather conditions, rehearsals are well under way. It is **very important** that all cast members attend their scheduled rehearsals. Children are reminded to check the rehearsal schedule which is displayed outside the senior music room each day. Ensemble band members are also reminded that there is practice each Monday and Wednesday at the beginning of lunch time.

Parents will receive information regarding ticketing and costumes after the Term 4 incursion/excursion forms have been sent home.

With the production being a major component of Term 3, our unit of work on artist appreciation has a focus on musicals and productions. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children have recently been introduced to musicals such as, 'Jersey Boys', 'The Sound Of Music', 'The Phantom Of The Opera' and 'Footloose'. The children have explored how music and story can be combined to great effect.

Invitation to Parents

A meeting will be held to discuss student dress code requirements at Benton Junior College on Thursday 27th August at 2.30pm. Please register your attendance by contacting the office.

College Council News—Sam Newman, College Council President

College Council are currently looking at forming a Benton Celebration Committee, if you are interested in being part of this please contact Lyn Foster.

Parking—for the safety of all students please ensure you use the parking bays and school crossings.

College Council are currently reviewing our school uniform policy and dress code. Once this is finalised a copy will be forwarded to all families.

LOTE—Chen Zhao and Kirby Mitchell

During the last two weeks all year levels have been so productive during LOTE classes! Prep and Year One children have completed tasks to revise Mandarin greetings which include, “hello”, “good morning” and “good afternoon”. They have also learnt how to ask and answer, “How are you?” in Mandarin.

Year Three children have completed fabulous projects on China’s giant panda which links to the children’s unit of inquiry on endangered species.

The Year 6 children have been focused on using Mandarin to introduce themselves to others.



Children left unattended in car laws

A reminder to all parents and carers that children are not to be left in cars unattended.

It is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle in all states and territories of Australia.

In Victoria, it is illegal to leave a child unattended in a vehicle under the Children, Youth and Families Act (2005). The penalties for leaving a child unattended in a car in Victoria include:

- A fine (currently \$3,690), or;
- A maximum of 6 months jail

If you have to leave your car, even for a minute, always take your children with you

DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN CARS

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