



Our Mission:

*To motivate to learn; to teach to think; to encourage to imagine;
and to show the compassion to care globally*

17/03/2009

Newsletter

College Council Elections

I would like to announce that the following parents and staff have been nominated for College Council. As there are the correct numbers of nominations for vacated places, there was no need to proceed to election. I would like to congratulate these people and look forward to working with them over the next two years.

The successful Parent Representatives are:

Sarah Walker
Leanne Falvo
Antonio Bencich
Amanda White

The successful Staff Representatives are:

Jodie Brasher
Marcus Batt

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March (5.00pm) followed by the first Council Meeting of the new members, at which time the office bearers will be determined.

- Welcome with Love -

The Benton Junior College children, staff and parents welcome:

Eli Marcus Petrovic

After much anticipation Imogen Batt and Alex Petrovic became the proud parents of a beautiful boy born Friday 13 March at 6.47pm weighing 8lb 2oz.



Congratulations to Imogen and Alex. May your dreams for your little one, all come true.

Congratulations also to 'very young' grandparents - Marcus and Deb Batt - who are understandably delighted! May your time as grandparents always be as wonderful as it is now xxx

Eli is well prepared for the 2009 AFL season having his own Carlton footy jumper and Marcus already has plans for the first camping and fishing trip with his grandson!

Building the Education Revolution

Building the Education Revolution

Benton Junior College has an unprecedented opportunity to access 21st century school facilities through the Commonwealth's Building the Education Revolution (BER) Program and the Victorian Schools Plan (VSP).

As part of the Commonwealth Government's recently released economic stimulus package, the Commonwealth has committed \$14.7 billion over the next three years to Australian schools through the 'Building the Education Revolution'. This funding will be provided to schools that can demonstrate that their project can meet the Commonwealth's implementation timelines.

We will work with our DEECD Regional Network Leader to maximise our access to available resources to ensure positive outcomes for Benton. We are eligible to apply for two funding programs.

We will seek funding to build a state of the art 21st Century Multipurpose Gym Centre. The multipurpose centre combines a number of specialist themes into a functional centre that can be used both by the college and the community. The facility combines spaces that may accommodate physical education, ICT, LOTE, Outside School Hours Care including food preparation areas. This facility would also be suitable for a range of sporting and other recreational pursuits and community gatherings.

We will seek additional funding through the 'National Schools Pride Program' to continue to develop our existing Performing Arts Facilities and to build a covered outdoor Performing Arts amphitheatre, additional music rehearsal rooms and stage. We look forward to keeping our community up to date with our progress.



Primary School Wear Competition

Toward the end of last year our uniform suppliers, 'Primary School Wear', ran a promotion for parents to shop early for their child's uniform for the 2009 year.

Each parent that shopped on the designated VIP night went into the draw to win a \$200.00 gift card that can be used throughout the year at the PSW uniform shop in Frankston.

The winner at Benton was:

Nicole Sikora

Congratulations!

Benton's First 'Snow Camp'

Last year, College Council approved a fantastic snow experience, for a limited number of Benton children. The selected twenty (20) children and accompanying staff will travel to and from Mount Hotham with a similar group from Dromana Primary School.

The aim of this camp is to give children the opportunity to learn to ski and to develop an appreciation for the alpine environment. The snow camp provides opportunities for children of all abilities, from those who have never seen snow before to those that are "Double Black Diamond Rippers". Mt. Hotham has arguably the best skiing terrain in Australia.

The group will leave by bus at 8.00am on Tuesday 28 July and return home late on Friday night 31 July. All DEECD guidelines for care and safety will be strictly adhered to. Mr. Jabyn Hogarth (Health and PE Teacher) will be the teacher-in-charge as he has organised and run this camp for several years in conjunction with Dromana PS. It has been an outstanding success for the schools involved.

The group will stay at 'The Arlberg' which is one of the finest resorts on Mt. Hotham. Its many amenities include a pool; sauna; games room; cinema room; supermarket and much more. Lessons with Mt. Hotham Instructors; ski hire; lift tickets for three (3) days of skiing; night skiing; restaurant meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner; and, the three (3) night's accommodation in motel style rooms is all included.

This exceptional deal will cost \$620.00 per child. Anyone involved in skiing will realise what a sensational deal this is as usual cost would be around \$1,250.00.

Attendance and pre-payment for each child's appropriate year level camp is a pre-requisite for eligibility to take part in the 'Snow Camp'. Parents need to keep a look-out for the 'expression of interest' form which will soon be sent home with the Term Two Extra Curricular notices.



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Benton children are members of a global community, connected to the whole world by ties of cultures, economics, politics and shared environmental concerns.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 18 March

Parent Program - 'Getting Ready to Read' Staffroom 7:30 - 9:00pm (R)

Thursday 19 March

Year 1 - Hands on Science

Fundraising Mtg. All Welcome.
Class Co-Ordinators to attend please.
Staffroom 7.30 - 9.00pm

*Friday 20 March
Chocolate Drive money due. Thank you!*

Safety House Awareness Week

Tuesday 24 March

Parent Program - 'Early Numeracy' Staffroom 9:00 - 10:30am

College Council Meeting
New and retiring Councillors to attend.
Staffroom 5.00 - 7.00pm

Wednesday 25 March

Ride Safely to College Day

313 / 314 Fitness Fun - MSC

Parent Program - 'Early Numeracy' Staffroom 7:30 - 9:00pm (R)

Friday 27 March

Hot Cross Bun Orders due



Fundraising News:

I would like to thank the following parents who helped put 450 boxes of Cadbury chocolates together on Tuesday 4th March: Julia Bacher, Leanne Falvo, Leanne Neil, Julie Goudge, Sally Van Raay, and Alison Roberts. Thanks also to the Year 6 children who helped deliver the boxes to classrooms. This fundraising event is a great support for our college. Last year we raised \$8,316.00.

Fundraising will continue to do Icpole Day Fridays right up until the end of Term 1. Last year we raised \$745.00 from October to the end of Term 4. The children really seem to enjoy it, and we plan to do it again in Term 4.

Term 2 plans (which may change): Hot Dog Days – 23rd April and 18th June; Second Hand Uniform sale – date to be confirmed; Trivia Night – 5th June. The Trivia Night is always a great night, and this year we plan to have sporting memorabilia and a dinner to auction, along with heaps more. Tickets will be on sale in April, with more details forthcoming closer to the date. We are asking any parents for donations for the night to please contact myself or the College Office.

Thank you everyone - great effort so far!
Megan West.

Fundraising Team Leader/College Councillor

Benton Community Footy Tipping:

The 2009 AFL Footy Season starts on Thursday 26 March with Carlton taking on Richmond. This season the staff of Benton Junior College would like to invite the members of our community to join in on a Footy Tipping Competition that will be run online using the Victorian Teachers Credit Union website.

Get your family together and enter online and join in the fun! Children can enter the family tips at college, or you can do it online at home before the bounce of the ball for the first game each round.

Website: <http://www.footyconnection.victeach.com.au>

Cost: no cost, but we will have a trophy at the end for the overall winner
When: The College competition is ready online. Enter your team name (family name) and password and join the "Benton Junior College" competition. If you need help, we will help your child create your team at college before Round One. Grant Gains




Orbit fitness

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Yellow Day Friday 27th March To promote Safety House Awareness

- Preps to Threes can dress in yellow or wear something yellow...
- Fours to Sixes can add yellow to their college uniform

(Please remember a gold coin donation.)

All week:

- Lolly & Piñata Guessing Competitions for P-6 ... 20c a guess

Special visitor at 2-3 and P-1 Assemblies

Entries for the competitions close 26th March.
Winners announced at the following F-1, 2-3 or 4-6 assemblies.

Benton Auskick



Footy's Back

Benton Auskick will soon kick off for the 2009 season.
Start Up Day is 21 March 9:00 - 10:30 am
at Benton Junior College - Call Garry Liddell on 5977 1260 or 0409 771 234



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Discipline, Rules and Consequences

A 2½ hour informative and interactive workshop for parents, grandparents or anyone who cares for children aged 0-12.

This session follows on from the 'Encouraging Cooperative Behaviour Workshop'.

Explore natural and logical consequences, setting rules and consistency, and how kids learn to behave well.

Explore different discipline techniques and how they might work for you.

WHERE: Mornington Park Primary School
40 Roberston Dve, Mornington
WHEN: Tues 24th March 2009, 9.30am - 12pm
COST: FREE But bookings essential
HOW: Call Sue at Parentzone on 5986 9940,

Helping Hand Dog Walking And Baby Sitting Service

Tel: 0458 227 619



- Experienced high school student.
- Kind.
- Mature minded.
- Sensible.
- Local.

We already know it is NOT okay to be away from college unless we are ill. It is also NOT okay to be late. Today 43 children were late! It would be appreciated if parents would ensure that children arrived at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the college day.