

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*

15/07/2009

Newsletter

Congratulations Cheryl



It is with more than a little sadness that we say farewell to Cheryl Irving who has accepted the position of Principal at Cranbourne North East Primary School. It is very hard to define the scope of leadership required to build a new school, as Cranbourne is, but if we compare Benton as we know it now to the Benton in 2003, there is no doubt words such as capacity, dedication, vision and innovation are synonymous with Cheryl's leadership. Cheryl would say 'we all have so much to be proud of', but for those of us who have worked closely with Cheryl know, we also have much to be thankful for. Cheryl's commitment to children, passion for education and determination to build the very best school is second to none. Cheryl leaves a school that is well known for the richness and breadth of its curriculum, innovative facilities and excellent outcomes for children. We will certainly miss Cheryl, but I know she will follow our future progress with keen interest. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Cheryl for all of her hard work and the countless hours she has committed to Benton, and wish her all the very best as the inaugural Principal at Cranbourne.

Staff Training

Staff at Benton Junior College participate in a range of ongoing professional development activities and training programs. Last Term staff attended Anaphylaxis Training to further consolidate the colleges' first aid procedures in the response to a child's reaction with this condition. Office staff also successfully completed Level 2 First Aid Training. All staff completed Mandatory Reporting training which included the legislative requirements for all teachers to notify cases of physical or sexual abuse of children to the Department of Human Services. This training update for staff was facilitated by Child Protection Workers and specialist members of Victoria Police.

During our recent school holiday break, three Prep staff attended the Reggio Training Program in Adelaide which focussed on developmental learning and provision for young children. Another three staff attended a Primary Years Program in Brisbane over the holiday break, which will enhance their capacity to implement the Primary Years Program here at Benton. We look forward to learning more about their experiences at our forthcoming Year Level meetings and Staff Meeting.

College Sport

This Friday the boy's T-ball team will play against Derinya PS to determine which school will go through to the Peninsula Zone Finals.

Our boys' team won all four of the games they played late last term during the Winter Lightning Premiership day. The game will be played this Friday 17th July at 9.30 on our college oval. So if you are free and would like to watch a ripping game of T-ball and cheer on our boys, please come along!

On another note, the footwear that some children are wearing for their sport lessons is causing me some concern. T-bars, boots and high heels are not appropriate footwear for your daughter or son to wear in physical education classes. To give your child the best opportunity to participate effectively and safely during sport lessons, please ensure they bring an extra pair of runners in their bag on the days they have sport.



Building the Education Revolution



The construction of the new gymnasium and the amphitheatre have commenced! Concreting works associated with the amphitheatre were completed prior to the end of last term and earthworks are currently under way to shape the area in preparation for the artificial turf. Engineering com-



putations and permits are in hand for the installation of poles that will support the massive shade structure. The poles will be installed in about 4 weeks time. In the meantime the site for the gym has been secured and site offices have been installed. While it is necessary to keep the site secure and our children out of harms way, we won't be able to access the Col-



lege grounds via the entrance at Hareeba Court. Access is still available via Durham Drive and the entrances on Racecourse Road and Longwood Drive. As demolition of the college hard courts has commenced, Jeff O'Donnell has rescheduled Netball training for Years 1 to 3 Netball teams at the Mornington Netball Courts in Hampden Street Mornington, commencing Monday 20th July 3:30 - 4:30pm. Weather permitting, we can look forward to seeing significant progress on both projects during this term.

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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 15 July
 Snow Camp Meeting 5:30pm
 Year 6 Learning Centre

Friday 17 July
 Snow Camp Final Payment

Monday 20 July
 Year 3 Wild Action Incursion

Mar Shere Dance Studio
 Selected Children

Peninsula Connections
 Information Evening 7:30 - 8:45
 Year 6 Learning Centre

Thursday 23 July
 Year 5 Excursion Pompei Exhibition
 8:30am - 3:30pm

College Council
 Meeting
 5:00 - 7:00pm College Staffroom

Tuesday 28 July
 Snow camp Departs 8:00am
 Return Friday 10:15pm

Wednesday 29 July
 Pre Excursion to Scienceworks
 8:30am - 4:00pm

Safety House AGM
 7:30 - 9:00pm College Staffroom

Thursday 30 July
 Year 1 Excursion to CERES
 8:00am - 4:00pm



Safety House Keeping our Communities Safe

Benton Junior College Safety House Committee Seeks Your Help

The Safety House Program teaches children and the community about safety and safe behaviour to help protect them from harm. The Safety House Program is a volunteer community-based network of safe places including homes, schools and businesses that provide community assistance to children, teenagers and senior citizens. The Program also offers safety education programs at schools.

A safety householder is a reliable adult who:

- ~ Provides a safe place for those in need
- ~ Contacts the Police if required

You are not expected to give food, drink, medication, transport or shelter.

The more people who participate in Safety House programs, the safer it is for our communities. Responsible adults can apply to have their home or business registered as a Safety House by contacting the Safety House office on 03 9775 0099 or at safetyhouse@bigpond.com or the local Benton Safety Committee by leaving their contact details at the College office.

While Safety House applicants do not need a Working With Children Check, they do undergo a Victoria Police check which is provided at no cost to the Safety House applicant.

The Safety House Committee at Benton Junior College needs local residents who are willing to help and to build further on this very worthwhile community program that provides safety and assistance to children and senior citizens who feel unsafe or unsure when they are out and about.

Your assistance in any of the following would be wonderful;

1) **By becoming a committee member.** A short meeting is held once a month, and a couple of extra hours per month assistance where needed. This is a great way to get to know other parents and your local community.

2) **By becoming a monitor.** Now that we have a number of safety houses, these need to be monitored once a month. Approximately 1/2 hour per month in close vicinity to your home.

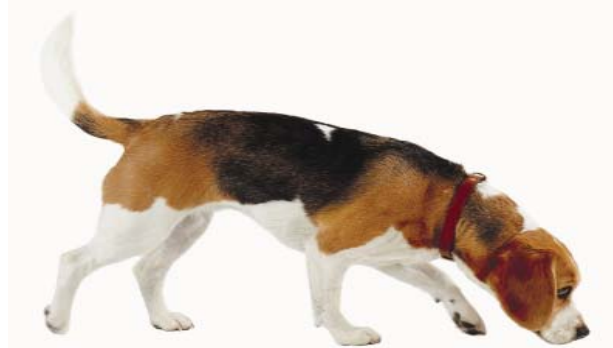
3) **By offering your home as a Safety House.** There needs to be an adult home approximately 50% of the time when children would be out playing or travelling to/from school and all persons in the house over the age of 17 must undergo a police check (no cost).

If you can help us out in any of the above ways, please leave your details with the College office and someone from the Committee will make contact with you. An Annual General Meeting will be held on July 29 at 7.30pm in the college staffroom. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

We have a large number of Safety Houses within the local area and there may be one in your Street - so keep an eye out for the bright yellow Safety House sticker:

Vine Street, Mt Martha
Shiraz Close, Mt Martha
Ekert Court, Mt Martha
Secrets Way, Mt Martha
Willjohn Drive, Mt Martha
Roya Court, Mt Martha
Hereford Court, Mt Martha
Hyde Court, Mt Martha
Paperbark Drive, Mt Martha (x 2)
Veda Avenue, Mt Martha
Klarica Close, Mt Martha
Hutson Way, Mt Martha
Benton Square Shopping Centre - John Old Optometrist
Meridian Way, Mornington (x 3)
Serenity Way, Mornington (x 2)
Killingholme Drive, Mornington (x 3)
Parkside Crescent, Mornington
Casuarina Close, Mornington
Moorehead Avenue, Mornington

Waltham Drive, Mornington (x 2)
Caversham Drive, Mornington
Dunns Road, Mornington (x2)
Manor House Drive, Mornington
Marquis Avenue, Mornington (x 2)
Swallows Close, Mornington
Moonrise Place, Mornington
Kilpara Court, Mornington
Jamboree Close, Mornington
Bayrise Drive, Mornington (x 3)
Spinnaker Rise, Mornington
Boormanii Drive, Mornington
Kathleen Crescent, Mornington
Benton Grange Drive, Mornington
Halcyon Rise, Mornington
Summerfield Drive, Mornington
Tolmie Way, Mt Martha



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Netball

Year 1, 2 and 3

As the college Netball courts are out of action due to the commencement of the construction of the new gymnasium, training for players in the new Years 1 to 3 Netball teams will begin on Monday 20th July, 3:30 to 4:30pm at the Mornington Netball courts, Hampden St, Mornington. Melways Map 104 E2. Any inquiries call Jeff O'Donnell 5974 2854

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LESSONS FROM \$12
KINDA CLASSES - 4 YEARS
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GROUP CLASSES 8-16

LADIES BEGINNERS GROUP
MONDAY - FRIDAY
PRIVATE LESSONS

FOR BOOKINGS PHONE STIRLING OR LIBBY ON
0411 082 723

NOTICE FOR PARENTS EMA 2009

Applications for the second round of EMA 2009 are now open. If you have not already claimed for your EMA 2009 would you please bring current healthcare / pension card to the general office.

Please note applications close on Friday 7th August.

This is your last opportunity to claim EMA for 2009 so please do not miss out.

Thank you.



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