



Our Mission:

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

28/07/2009

Newsletter

Road Safety

Road safety is an important priority for all schools, and the college works closely with the Shire and Crossing Attendants to ensure that our children are safe and well educated with regard to negotiating the roads and footpaths when travelling to and from school.

Earlier this year, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Ranger Team made several visits to Benton to speak with parents about illegal or unsafe parking practices in our neighbourhood during pick up and drop off times.

The main areas of concern are:

- **Parking overtime**, the bays have been designed to allow parents to quickly drop off or collect their child/ren and then move on, thereby allowing as many parents as possible a chance to use these desirable parking spots

- **Parking on nature strips**, is prohibited as parking in this manner can impact on the 'line of sight' of vehicles or pedestrians, which is especially important in the college vicinity

- **'No stopping anytime' areas** where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, for even a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.

- **Double parking**, can lead to traffic disruption and places the child who may be entering or exiting a double parked vehicle in a very dangerous position. Double parking even for a short time is not appropriate.

- **Stopping in a disabled parking bay**, these bays are for use of people who hold a disabled parking permit only and should not be used as 'a drop off or pick up bay'.

- **Stopping in a bus zone**, bus zones are designated for buses only, using these bays even for a short time, can cause disruption to a bus, which in turn causes traffic congestion.

- **Stopping on a road with a yellow edge line**, these lines are placed where it is not appropriate to leave a vehicle stopped, for even a short time. These areas are not considered a safe nor appropriate place to stop, or for a child to enter or exit a vehicle.

Our Crossing Attendants work very hard to ensure that children and adults adhere to the appropriate crossing rules and negotiate these busy roads safely.

You can assist them with this task by following these simple rules:

ALWAYS cross the road at a designated crossing STOP at the yellow line, WAIT for two whistles, WALK promptly across the road, keeping WITHIN the two white lines,

BIKES and SCOOTERS must always be walked across the crossing.

Motorists can also assist with the safety of our crossings by remembering that it is against the traffic code to stop on a school crossing. Motorists must wait behind the wide white line until it is clear to completely cross the crossing.

The safety of our children is of paramount importance. Please follow the traffic code and be particularly vigilant in school zones. Please don't encourage your child to cross the road between parked cars as other drivers may not see them. Please be patient and courteous at pick up times as it is the best way to model the appropriate attitudes and behavior to our children.

Bicycle Riding To School

While on the topic of road safety, the Benton Junior College Council has determined that only children from Years 3 to 6 be allowed to ride a bicycle/scooter to and from the college, and park the bicycle/scooter, during the day within the college grounds.

This decision is based on the information available from VicRoads; Bicycle Victoria; as well, as the recommendations of the Australian Safety Council and Victorian Police.

The College Information Booklet, provided upon the enrolment of your child clearly states:

"Parents of children in Years Prep/1/2 may supervise their child whilst riding to college, but the bicycle will not be housed in the college grounds as it is impossible, for the staff to determine, for all children in their care, if parental supervision is in place, or not"

Sharing a bicycle/scooter or 'dink' on the way home is extremely dangerous and should be discouraged at every opportunity.

Approved helmets must be worn at all times and comply with the Australian Standards Mark AS/ANZ 2063.

The Compassion to Care

The old saying has it that 'actions speak louder than words'. And indeed the action component of our IB curriculum is an important way that children can demonstrate their knowledge of the key Concepts covered in a Unit of Inquiry. Year 2 children have certainly demonstrated this recently outside of class time in their response to issues that have been highlighted in the media.



Tahlia, Rebecca and Caitlyn raised \$28.60 which they donated to the North Melbourne Lost Dogs Home to assist with the care of Buckley the pup who needed surgery after being cruelly treated by a member of the public. Luke felt compelled to raise money for the bushfire victims by painting a picture that he has offered the Oak Hill Gallery for a silent auction. The children can be proud of their efforts as indeed we all are. It is great to see them taking action about issues they feel passionate about.



Artists impression of the exterior of the new Gymnasium

PREP ENROLMENT 2010

We are already starting to plan for 2010, so if you have a kinder child who will be attending Benton next year can you please make an appointment to enrol them as soon as possible. You will need their birth certificate and immunisation papers. If you know of any neighbour's or relative's children who will be of school age, please inform them of the enrolment process. The child must turn five by the 30 April 2010.

Ring the College Office on 59739100 to make an appointment with Carole.

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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.

Benton Junior College is internationally accredited in association with:



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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 28 July

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

Wednesday 29 July

Prep 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

Friday 7 August

Year 2 Excursion Coal Creek

Thursday 20 August

Hot Dog Day

Tuesday 25 August

Year 4 Excursion to Immigration Museum and Sandridge Bridge

Wednesday 26 August

Prep Excursion to Starlab Planetarium

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

EMA 2009

Applications for the second round of EMA 2009 close on

Friday 7th August.

If you have not already claimed for your EMA 2009 would you please bring current healthcare / pension card to the college office.



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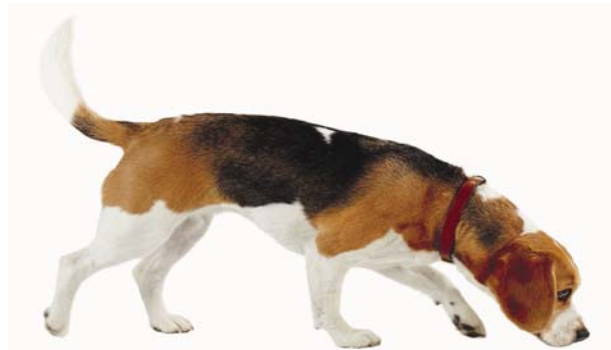
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MORNINGTON DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)

Aussie Hoops basketball skills program for children 5-10 years. Term 3 2009 Thursday afternoon 4.10 pm - 5.55 pm at Mornington Basketball Stadium, Mornington Secondary College, Nepean Highway, Mornington.

For further information please contact the Mornington District Basketball Association on 5975 0067.

Mornington Cricket Club

Mornington Cricket Club is holding a junior information evening for all current and prospective juniors. All juniors and their parents are welcome to attend this evening to hear our plans for the coming season as well as answer any questions they may have. It will be on Tuesday 4th August from 6.30 pm and will take place at our clubrooms at Alexandra Park.

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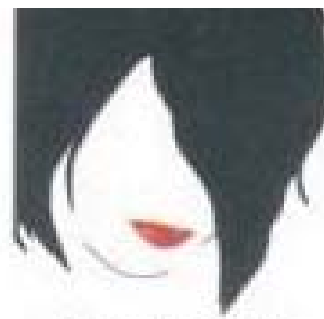
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ACT 111 (9-12 years)

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