



Our Mission:

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

12/8/2009

Newsletter

Snow Camp

The first snow camp offered at Benton Junior College was a resounding success! The majority of children who attended had not been to the snow, let alone ever skied before. The camp was based at the Arlberg Mt Hotham where children slept in bunk rooms and were provided three sensational cooked meals each day! The days began with a ski lesson to develop and then hone their skills in turning, stopping and riding the lifts and pomas. As the week progressed, so too did the ability of the children who on the last day were confidently skiing the Summit together in snake file from top to bottom!

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National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009

31 August to 6 September

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is an Australian Government initiative that is run in collaboration with state and territory governments. The Week aims to:

- showcase the hard work school communities are undertaking to improve literacy and numeracy skills
- raise community awareness of the importance of all Australian students developing effective literacy and numeracy skills
- build on national initiatives to improve literacy and numeracy standards among young Australians.

The theme this year is 'Getting the Basics Right'. NLNW promotes the importance of literacy and numeracy as fundamental life skills and highlights effective literacy and numeracy practices. The week will provide opportunities for children, their families and the local community to celebrate and to be involved in real and engaging activities which involve problem-solving, creativity, co-operation and the joy of story-telling. Please look for the upcoming flyer for more information and times.

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Safety House Meet and Greet

Friday 20th August

Meet your Safety House Committee or find out about the program.

Join us for morning tea in the staffroom after the Prep/Year One Assembly.

Wear Our Uniform With Pride

The Benton Junior College parent community and College Council, voted to implement compulsory college uniform and selected the college uniform which is worn by our children. Whenever our children attend excursions and sports events, we receive many positive comments about their attire. A uniform reinforces in children a sense of pride in their own appearance and representation of their college. Issues of safety, quality and expense were also factors that contributed to the establishment of the College Dress Code. The dress code aims:

- To promote equality amongst all children
 - To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our college
 - To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our learning environment.
 - To maintain and enhance the positive image of the college in the community.
- With the onset of this bitterly cold weather, parents are asked to ensure that children come to school with adequate warm uniform. A College windcheater or polar fleece jacket are necessary at this time of the year. Parents are also reminded that children should wear black shoes to school at all times and change into sports shoes for PE or sport when necessary.

Curious Kids Games Night

Parents often ask teachers "What can I do at home to help my child learn?" One of our common responses is "Play games with them!"

But then we are asked "Which games?" Parents are invited to our games night on Thursday 3rd September from either 4.30 to 6.00 pm or 6.30 to 8.00 pm. You will find many to choose from. The games you will be able to play or have demonstrated to you are from the Curious Kids range.

The games are fun, so don't think you are coming along to do more school work - because you are not! You can play the games yourself or simply have them demonstrated to you.

A number of our children will learn how to play the games prior to the night so that they may teach them to you. So please make sure you come along to support the time and effort they will have put in.

You will be able to order the games that you play on the night and your purchases will be available for collection from the office two weeks later, on the 17th September before the holidays.

The school will benefit from the sales on the evening receiving free products to the value of 15% of the sales.

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.

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Diary Dates:

Thursday 20 August
Hot Dog Day

Tuesday 25 August
Year 4 Excursion to Immigration Museum and Sandridge Bridge

Wednesday 26 August
Prep Incursion
Starlab Planetarium in Hall

Safety House Meeting
7:00 - 8:30pm Staffroom

Monday 31 August
Literacy and Numeracy week commences

Tuesday 1 September
Year 1 Professor Bunsen Incursion

Wednesday 2 September
National Reading Day

Thursday 3 September
Curious Kids Games Night

Friday 4 September
"Maths Makeover" Dress up Day

Tuesday 8 September
Year 3 Pt Nepean Historical Tour

Wednesday 17 September
Footy Hot Dog Day
Footy Parade

Friday 18 September
End of Term
2.30 PM dismissal



The children appreciated the briefing provided by members of the Mt Hotham Ski Patrol in snow safety and skier etiquette, the evening they skied under lights at 'The Big D' and swimming in the Arlberg heated pool. Keep an eye out later this year for expressions of interest for the 2010 Benton Snow Camp.



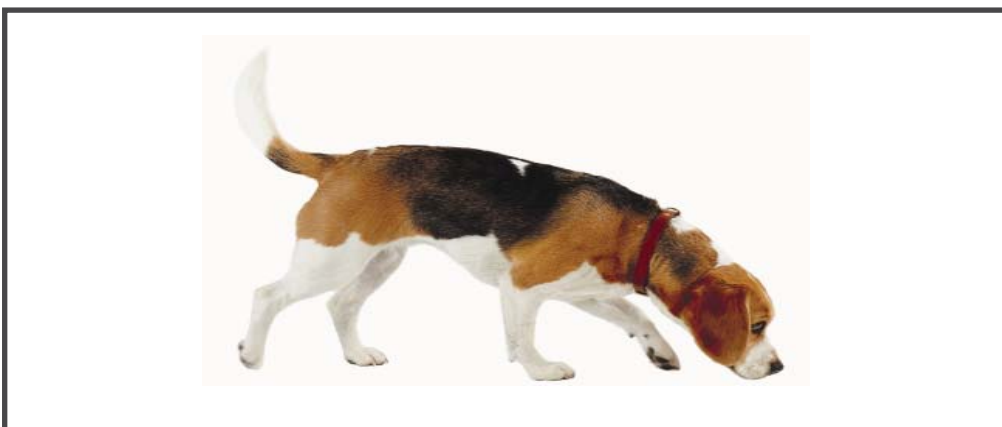


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1st Mornington Scout Group



LEGO Exhibition



1st Mornington Scout Hall
Mitchell Street Mornington.

Saturday 15th August 2009

9:00 am - 4pm
Gold coin donation entry please *sausage sizzle*

See completed and working LEGO models

Technical Castle Bionicals Space
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We are hoping that you and your family are interested in the idea of choosing an exchange student to come and live with you for a half, one or even two semesters, sharing your lifestyle with a 15-18 year old girl or boy from Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Brazil.... So if you can afford one extra at mealtimes, which is almost the only cost to you, have a spare bed and wish to make an overseas friend, possibly for life, I'd be very pleased to hear from you on (03) 97584279.

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