



**Our Mission:**

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

26/8/2009

## Newsletter

### National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009

**'Reach for the Stars' – National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2009**

31 August to 6 September

This week, is a chance for the College community to celebrate the wonderful things that are happening at Benton in literacy and numeracy. It will highlight the students work in the classroom and enable parents to share their favourite stories and join in with numeracy games. There will be many opportunities for parents/care givers to participate over this week. Parents and friends can participate in the activities in *italic*\*

Monday 31st August

*\*Year 4-6 assembly*

*\*9.00–10.00 – Parents, grandparents, caregivers are invited into the classroom to share and read their favourite stories.*

1.30 – 1.50 Maths games/story telling

Tuesday 1st September

Year 1 incursion – Professor Bunsen

P-6 – 'What's in a name?' – collecting data with buddy class

1.30 – 1.50 Maths games/story telling

Wednesday 2nd September

'National Reading Day'

Theme 'Safari – an expedition, a journey, an adventure'

*\*Year 2/3 assembly*

9.40-10.40 Whole school buddy reading activity

1.30 – 1.50 Maths games/story telling

Thursday 3rd September

Year 6 visit to the Domain

1.30 – 1.50 Maths games/story telling

*\*'Curious Kids Games' Night'*

*Two sessions in Year 6 Inquiry Learning Centre*

*4.30-6.00 and 6.30-8.00*

Friday 4th September

**'Maths Make Over' day**

**Children can come dressed as a maths concept or idea**

*\*Prep/1 assembly*

*\*10.00 - 11:30 P-6 Parents are invited to play maths games and stay for a picnic morning tea.*



#### Visiting Teachers

Benton has developed a desirable reputation for Inquiry pedagogy and facilitates many requests from schools wishing to learn about inquiry learning or the IB – PYP. We have conducted numerous school tours and have spoken with many Principals and their leadership teams about the benefits of our Inquiry curriculum and our experiences as an IB school.

Most recently, Benton has been invited by the Southern Metropolitan Region to act as a Consultant school for an Immersion Program that is designed to support the Regeneration of the Springvale/Dandenong schools.

Benton was identified as one of a number of high performing schools where contemporary pedagogical initiatives and innovation are embedded.

The Immersion Program has provided teachers from Heatherhill PS, Springvale South PS and Southvale PS to shadow Benton teachers for a full week to develop their knowledge of Inquiry pedagogy, team teaching, collaborative planning and utilising flexible learning spaces.

We welcome Ms Merryn Gray, Ms Lisa Sinclair, Ms Chanel Hicks, Ms Rina Atamain, Ms Jenny Giles and Ms Katie Casa to our school and hope that their time with us proves beneficial.

#### Curious Kids Games Night

As part of Literacy and Numeracy Week, 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.

#### Greening Benton!

On behalf of the college community we would like to thank and acknowledge the assistance provided by Peter Crank (Callum, Year 225) in his development of our college gardens. Peter has supplied established gum trees and other natives to further improve our college grounds. We now have a stand of gum trees planted along the staff car park facing Racecourse Road, together with sheoaks and other gums planted within our other garden beds.



#### 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:



Achieving the highest standards in International Education.



Developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people.

#### Diary Dates:

##### Wednesday 26 August

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

##### Mornington District Athletics

Ballam Park

##### Wednesday 17 September

Footy Hot Dog Day  
Footy Parade

##### Friday 18 September

End of Term  
2.30 PM dismissal



## BENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS T.A.D.P.O.L.E

Join Libby and her friends, Cindy and Toby as they board her latest invention the T.A.D.P.O.L.E and journey back in time!

See them brave the prehistoric times where they encounter cave people, avoid being roughed up in the 1920's by the sinister gangsters, dodge gun fire in the Wild West and then rock and rolls their way through the 1950's. It's going to be a wild ride, full of new friendships, daring escapes and amazing exploration!

Come along and see the fun unfold.....



## BENTON JUNIOR COLLEGE FUNDRAISING NEWS

### BILLY G'S COOKIE DOUGH

Thank you to all the families who purchased cookie dough. We have sold over 550 tubs, making a profit of \$1982. A special mention to the Harvey, Kane and Sullivan families who sold the most tubs. The cookie dough is being delivered on Thursday 27th August.

### HOT DOG DAY

We have had yet another successful hot dog day. Thank you to our parents who counted money and helped on the day - Alison Roberts, Mandy Brackett, Gail Hogan, Dani Barth, Louise Williams, Leanne Falvo, Jodie Fowler, Michelle Murr, Amanda White and Dani Collins. If anybody is interested in helping on Footy Day September 17th, please leave your details at the office.

### SHOPPING TOUR

Our first shopping tour is booked for Saturday October 10th. Tickets are \$47. Seats are limited. Book your seat at the office.

## CATHY'S MASSAGE THERAPIES

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Good home wanted for 1 year old male guinea pig. Pumpkin is ginger and white and very friendly and needs a loving friend to look after him.

He comes with an indoor cage on wheels and all accessories.

Price \$95.00 (Price is for cage only - Pumpkin free)

If you are interested please phone Carole on 0420 801831 or pop in and see me in the office.

Sue and John Productions presents

THE **Cubanel** CAFE

Sunday October 11, 2009  
2pm and 6.30pm

Peninsula Community Theatre  
Wilson's Road, Mornington

An independent production as part of World Palliative Care Day "Voices for Hospices". All proceeds support Peninsula Hospice Service.

**Tickets \$35 each**

(includes tea/coffee at interval)

Don't delay.  
To choose the best available seat phone

**9775 3189**



## Learn to Play... the SUPER SOCCER WAY

### SUPER SOCCER SESSIONS

Benton Junior College

Term 4—join now!!

New, innovative & fun way to learn how to play soccer. This small sided game teaches all the necessary skills & techniques of soccer & is adapted to indoor & outdoor settings. The Shire's new Soccer Development Officer Mick Forde created the 'Super Soccer Way' and has years of top level experience playing & coaching.

Super Soccer will improve your soccer game out of sight!

When: Thursday 3.30—4.30

Where: Benton Junior College (prep—grade 6)

Cost: \$60.00 for the term - includes a skills ball!

The term fee of \$60.00 allows some room for cancellations due to poor weather (charge \$6.00 per week instead of \$7.00 usual fee).

Bookings essential

To enroll over the phone, call us on 5975 0133

David Collings Leisure Centre, Civic Reserve Dunns Rd Mornington

Commences Thursday 8th October 2009





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