

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*

15th July 2016

Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our students and families to a very busy term. The week commencing 1st August is the start of our **BJC Arts Week**. I am looking forward to seeing all the exciting activities that students will be involved in. The evening musical performances by our many talented students will be a highlight and the week will finish with a school disco for students.

I hope to see many of you at the different events throughout the week.

2017 Enrolments

Enrolment forms for 2017 Preps are available from the office now. If you know of any families looking at schools for next year please tell them to contact our office to organise a school tour.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students have just returned from their Sovereign Hill Camp this week. They had a wonderful but chilly time with snow falling. Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding behaviour and the positive feedback from all the adults who attended the camp.

Snow Camp

Our 2016 snow camp is just over a week away. With the weather we have been having I am sure they are bound to have a wonderful time skiing.

Parent Survey

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of the college community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future college planning and improvement.

The survey is designed to take **no more than 20 minutes to complete** and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our college the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the college.

If you are randomly selected I ask that you take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our college.

Kerry Griffin
Principal



CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE

**All unsold chocolates and money is due
back this Friday 15th July.**



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Reports

By now all parents would have had a chance to read through their child's report and discussed their progress with them. Before the report itself, there was a page that explained to parents/carers the reports and the ratings used. It is important for parents to read this information carefully so they fully understand the reports. I would like to stress the following to clarify any confusion -

'The *Primary Years Program* page focuses on how the students are demonstrating and applying particular skills in relation to their learning and to what level. The rating scale is **B, beginning** to demonstrate and apply, **C consolidating** skill application and **E established** in their application of skills.'

Performing Arts

Term 3 Music has begun in earnest at Benton Junior College. We are delighted that everyone is back after a well-deserved break freshened up and eager to go. We have a very exciting term ahead starting with the Mornington Community Music Camp from Wednesday 13th July to Friday 15th July at the Briars. This will conclude with a final concert at Osborne Primary School on the Friday evening.

Arts week is happening during Week 4 with many exciting artistic activities for the children of all Year levels. It was an amazing experience in 2014 and we anticipate that this year will be equally as good if not better. Finally, our many talented instrumentalists and singers get to showcase their skills with the Junior Soiree on Monday 1st August and the Senior Soiree on Tuesday 2nd August in the Lloyd Poole Performing Arts Hall. Performers are reminded to return their permission slips to their instrumental teacher before Friday 29th July.

*Paul Seaman & Ant Richards,
Music Teachers.*



2016 Important dates Term 3

15 July	Fair Meeting 2.00pm
18-22 July	Prep Swimming
26-29 July	Snow Camp
28 July	Maths Competition
1-5 August	Arts Week
1 August	Junior Soiree
2 August	Senior Soiree
5 August	Junior & Senior Disco
4 August	Year 4 Science Work
9 August	Year 1 Andrew Wegner Wildlife Incursion
15-16 August	Year 2 Victorian Telecommunication Museum
18-19 August	Year 6 Hands on Science
22-26 August	Book Week
26 August	Book Character Day Gold Coin Donation
7 September	Year 6 Exhibition
13-14 September	Student Led Conference
14 September	Footy Day

NB: These dates are accurate at the time of publishing but may change according to school needs. Changes to this list will be published in future newsletters.

2016 STAFF CURRICULUM DAYS

Monday 31 October

NOTE: Students do not attend on these dates.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember to log on to Compass for all student absences.

If you have misplaced your login details please email the school on:
hilli.sarah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Book Character Day

Friday 26th August



Book Week celebrates children's literature and recognises Australian authors and illustrators.

Your gold coin donation will go towards the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Funds raised will go towards providing reading programs and books for Indigenous children in remote communities in Australia.

Come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book!



BJC ARTS WEEK 2016

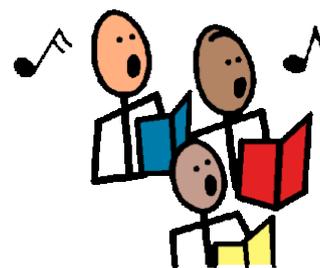
ARTS Week 2016 is almost upon us!

Starting Monday 1st August and running through the entire week till Friday 5th August, the entire BJC community will be involved in a diverse range of exciting, fun filled ARTS activities.

We have a wide variety of activities that will take place throughout the week including:

Junior Soiree (Prep to Year 3) Monday 1st August – 6pm.

Selected instrumental students will perform as well as the Junior Choir (children from Years 2 and 3) and the Ensemble Band. This will be held in the Performing Arts Hall.



Senior Soiree (Year 4 to Year 6) Tuesday 2nd August – 6pm.

Selected instrumental students will perform as well as the Senior Choir and the Ensemble Band. This will be held in the Performing Arts Hall.



School Disco Friday 5th August

<u>Junior:</u>	Prep to Year 2/3	Time:	5pm - 6pm
<u>Senior:</u>	Year 3 to 6	Time:	6.30pm - 7.30pm

These will be held in the Jeff O'Donnell hall. **(please note Year 3 students can attend either Disco)**

Whole School Electives – The teachers of BJC have worked hard to offer our students a diverse range of ARTS activities and each student has selected and will participate in one elective during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Whole School Assembly Friday 5th August – Students will perform/share with the whole school the fruits of their electives! This will take place after recess in the Jeff O'Donnell hall.

BJC's Got Talent Showcase Friday 5th August – prior to/during the Arts Week, students will have a Year Level BJC's Got Talent competition. The Year Level winners will then present to the whole school at a final assembly after lunch in the Jeff O'Donnell hall.



(Please note there will be NO assemblies on Monday, Wednesday & Friday of this week)

This promises to be a wonderful week offering many opportunities for our children. Any queries can be directed to Mr. Richards, Mrs. Malcomson or your classroom teacher.



Primary Years Program in Foundation!

Our last Unit of Inquiry for Term Two was 'How we Organise Ourselves' with the central idea being 'People and Places Within Our Community Meet Our Different Needs.'

This inquiry focused on the concept of interdependence, how a community functions effectively and what part each individual plays in it. Students developed an understanding about what is a community and who works in our community to help us. Students explored their own needs and the needs of others and reflected on what and who helps them to lead safe and comfortable lives. They came to understand that everyone can play a part in making a community function well.

Big Day Out Excursion, Mornington Main Street.

We visited the Library, Supermarket, Chemist, Police Station, Old Court Rooms, we enjoyed hot chocolates and a cookie in a Café, posted letters to our Mums and Dads and some of us were lucky enough to sit in a Fire Engine.

"Librarians work in the library and they help people get books so they can learn"
– Hayden, 004.



"Fire fighters protect us and keep us safe"
– Jensen, Matthew and Eva, 005.



Lawson, 003 visiting the Old Court Rooms.



Matilda, Jackson, Oliver and Zaya, 001 posting their letters home.

What I want to be when I grow up Dress up Day.



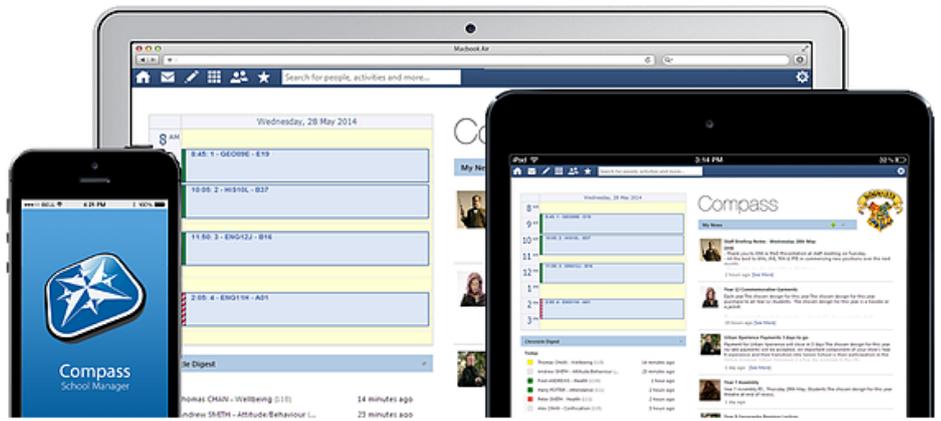
"When I grow up I want to be a teacher, like Miss Fotheringham!"
– Jemma, 006.

"When I grow up I want to be an electrician and put lights in people's houses." – Gus, 006.

Of course, we can't forget the veterinarians, nurses and bakers
– Kendra, Kayla and Lacey, 003.



Charlotte, 001 and Gabby, 002 dressed up as a baker and an artist.



COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER IS HERE

Get all of your school information in the one place!



Compass Functions:



Attendance and Roll Marking



Semester and Progress Reporting



Staff, Student and Parent Portal



News Feed and Calendaring



Parent Teacher Interviews

More functions will be added to Compass in the future, including:



Online Payments and consent



Event Planning, Approvals and Payments

We are pleased to introduce a new service for families called **Compass**. **Compass** will become the primary tool used for communication between the college and home. As parents, you will be able to **login to Compass via the school website: www.bentonjuniorcollege.com**

Each family has an individual login for **Compass** which was posted to families last week, you can login and start using **Compass** straight away. Please contact the office if you have not received your login letter yet.

There are a number of functions available for parents.

Attendance - view your child's attendance online, approve absences, and indicate future absence.

Reports - view your child's report as an electronic PDF file.

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews - make appointments with teachers.

News Feed – the school will post news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the college. Your news feed will be customised, showing only the information relevant to you and your children.

Email address and mobile phone number - update your details through the **Compass** link on our college website. The details listed will be used to send emails and SMS alerts.

Newsletter – the newsletter will be published on **Compass** and parents will be able to login to view it.

Teacher email – parents can email their child's teachers directly.

Once you login, **Compass** will prompt you to verify your phone number and email address. You will be asked to change your password (numbers only, at least 4 digits long). Please logon at least two times a week.

If you need your password reset, or need any assistance, please contact the office.

Training sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm in the Gym Foyer if you would like assistance with setting up and using **Compass.**