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# FIRST CALL FUNDING

Our exciting news at the end of last term was that Benalla Flexible Learning Centre was successful in their funding application for 'First Call Funding'.

This funding is provided by the Arts Centre Melbourne to assist country students to attend live performances in Melbourne.

Our first trip to Melbourne was to see the ANZAC day performance.

'BLACK DIGGERS' at Melbourne Art Centre on April 23. This performance looked at the Indigenous people that were involved in the war. It looked at the difficulty faced by young indigenous Australians being accepted into the ar-



my, the equality they experienced while fighting at Gallipoli and the injustice experienced when they returned to Australia.



Bryce and Brett enjoy a chat with Chris Thorne who is a regular visitor to Benalla Flexible Learning Centre.

#### **VISIT FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

It was great to have a visit from WSSC Principal Vern Hilditch. Vern dropped into the school last week and spent some time discussing the programs offered with Anna and Michele.

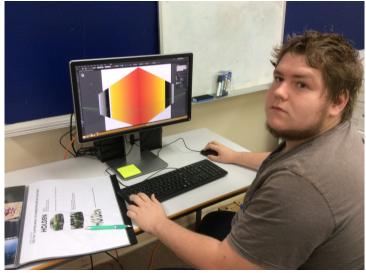


### Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

- Individual Learning Plans
- Flexible timetables
- Mentor Support
- Involvement in the community
- Catering for students needs

#### **NEW COMPUTER INSTALLED**

Once again we have to thank Tim from WSSC, in charge of IT as he continues to travel the many kilometres along the Hume to support us here at Benalla.



Last week he visited while on annual leave to install the new computer in the classroom. This computer is loaded with many programs that are not available on the smaller note books at the school.

Geoffrey (left) is studying unit 1 Visual Communication and Design and is making good use of the new computer to assist with his design work.

## PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)

Recently Benalla Bowls Club announced the funding of their community grants. U3A operates from the classroom next to our room and were fortunate to receive a \$3600 grant to purchase IPads for their use. This purchase will enable the members of U3A to learn how to use this digital technology under the instruction or our students. It will have the added benefit that our students will be able to use the IPads when they are not required for U3A.

## Our Multicultural School...Where do We come From?" Quiz

Many of our students completed the task required to enter this competition run by the WSSC library. Congratulations to Daniel Johnson 3rd and Mark Clover 4th, who will receive a prize for their involvement in this competition.

Over the last week students have been working on the ANZAC day quiz. We have researched the ingredients required for ANZAC biscuits and even made a batch that were consumed by students and visitors before they were cold.

**Thanks for the pumpkins** —— Thanks James for supplying the school with lots of pumpkins that we have been able to turn into some *yummy* soup. Students have enjoyed having a hot lunch while at school.

#### Careers News.....



Did you know that you need a pass in Year 10 maths and science to get into the army, navy or airforce?

Max is the oldest student enrolled here at BFLC, he already has a VCE pass but needed to return to school to pass year 10 Maths and Science. Max is being assisted with his study by community volunteer Heather Sloan. Thanks Heather for your assistance. It is greatly appreciated.

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