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Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

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

SCHOOL BBQ

On Friday May 29 Benalla Flexible Learning held our first BBQ. Thanks to RETTKE'S CARRIER STREET BUTCHERS for donating the sausages and hamburgers for this event. Chris Thorne had supplied us with a wonderful recipe for pumpkin damper that was created and cooked in the coals of the fire. Bryce did a great job turning the foil wrapped damper with the sticks that were specially chosen for the task. The result.. delicious!

Right: Bryce carefully passes the cooked damper to Chris.



BUS RUN FOR BENALLA FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE

Don't forget to make use of the Benalla Taxi Mini Bus which is run free of charge for students attending the BFLC

10:20 am Benalla Flexible Learning Centre ———> Gaskin Street Park

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FREE OF CHARGE FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

This is a trial service and may extend to each day if it is well used by students.

Remember vaccination day MONDAY 22 JUNE, 2PM

Please make sure that you are at school to have your required vaccinations.

CIRCUS OZ & SHIFTING GEARS

Thursday June 25

The school excursion to Melbourne will be a great celebration for the end of term. The bus will pick up at 7:30 in the car park at BFLC and will do a second stop at the roundabout at the corner of Faithful and Bridge Street. We have to be seated at Circus Oz in the centre of Melbourne for an 11 am show so will need to leave bright and early. The bus will not be able to wait for you so make sure you are ready for this early start next Thursday. There will be no formal classes at BFLC on this day.



Philip Messenger presents Michele with a cheque to support student learning at Benalla Flexible Learning.

THANK YOU

We had an unexpected visitor on Friday 12 June. Philip Messenger had heard about the Flexible Learning Centre at the Rotary presentation the night before and wanting to support the school, called in and presented Michele with a sizable cheque. This money will be used to support the transport of students to school on days of inclement weather. On behalf of our school and students we would like to thank you for your support.



Nathan cooks up some 'Yummy' ANZAC biscuits



Colby and Jarrod working hard on designs for their stencils.



Cassie bottles the marinated olives picked from the trees outside our classroom.

LAST DAY TERM 2 FRIDAY JUNE 26, 2:30PM FINISH
 REPORTS WILL BE POSTED HOME FIRST WEEK OF
 TERM 3.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND

Financial Assistance Information for Parents

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply— please make sure you have seen Anna, Michele or Sean to complete the application form. It takes no time at all to fill out the form.

Alternatively you can ring the school to notify them of your health care card or pension number and we will fill out the form for you.

It is important that this is done by the end of term so that the claim can be processed.

For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MONDAY JUNE 22 VACCINATIONS 2PM

THURSDAY JUNE 25 CIRCUS OZ / SHIFTING GEARS EXCURSION

FRIDAY JUNE 26 CSEF FORMS DUE & LAST DAY OF TERM 2:30 FINISH

OUR SCHOOL IS GROWING

As the number of enrolments continue to grow we must ensure that we maintain the welcoming environment in our classroom. At Benalla Flexible Learning Centre we are committed to offering students individual programs with support from a supportive teacher. For us to continue to support students in this manner we are asking that students book their minimum of three sessions with their teacher into a permanent slot on the weekly timetable.

This is needed for a number of reasons:

1. To ensure that the classroom does not become overcrowded at any one time.
2. To ensure that Anna, Sean or Michele are available to help you when you arrive at school.
3. Enable us to group students into small groups that work well together.
4. Ensure that resources, such as computers will be available for your use if required.
5. Enable staff to plan and be organised for your lesson.
6. To ensure that Anna and Sean can have a break during the day. At the moment they are working from 8am till often 5pm without a break.

Please talk to your teacher next week to 'lock in' your preferred time and day of attendance. This arrangement does not mean that these are the only times you are able to attend school, but they will be the time you are expected to be at school for an intensive session with your teacher. Attendance is recorded for these sessions.

