

## Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

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

### WHAT'S ON

**MONDAYS** Drumming  
1:15pm

**TUESDAYS** L2P Program  
SWIMMING 2pm

**THURSDAYS** Yoga 10:15

**FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**  
Seymour Farming Expo

## Welcome to 2018

Thank you to staff and students for the smooth start to the year at Benalla Flexible Learning Centre. It has been a busy two weeks, with staff attending professional development, many new enrolments and finalising individual learning plans and pathways.

Our school has grown in numbers and due to this it is of utmost importance that students are aware of their timetabled classes. It is the first year that we are offering VETiS studies at our campus and we are delivering Certificate II in Business and Certificate II in Community Services.

We welcome Brianna Slattery to BFLC. Bri was involved in the drumming program last year, but has now joined our team of teachers and will be at the FLC three days per week. Ian has also increased his time with us and will be at school each Thursday and Friday.

Some exciting times are ahead for our students with opportunities in and out of school. Late last year we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$10,000 towards purchasing of digital technology. This funding will enable us to purchase some robotics, iPads and other digital resources to support student learning. We have also been asked to participate in facepainting and running of the coffee stall at the Molyullah Easter Sports. We will be drumming at the opening of the Live 4 Life and taking the coffee van to the Hands on Careers Expo at Winton. We hope that all students will take the time to participate in some of these additional community activities.

We look forward to another successful year at Benalla FLC where all students are supported to achieve their best.

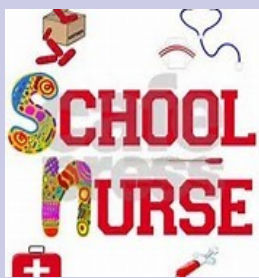
## End of year excursions

### Ten Pin Bowling



### Swimming at Bright





**This year we are really pleased to have Cara at our school every Monday.**

## YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

The date for the **MENINGOCOCCAL W** vaccination program is Monday, March 5th, 2018. The consent forms will be handed out shortly.

### NORTH EAST TRACKS LOCAL LEARNING EMPLOYMENT NETWORK AWARDS.

Last year NETracks LLEN provided two scholarships to our students.

Misty Turczyn was the successful recipient of the inaugural VCAL award. Misty received this award due to her dedication to her studies in VCAL. She is also completing her VETiS Building and Construction, volunteering in the community and working part time at Mitre 10. Congratulations Misty.

Lachlan Spencer was the successful recipient of the Advancement Award. Lachlan received this award for the improvement in commitment to his studies. Congratulations Lachlan.



**Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed certificates in 2017:**

#### VCAL Foundation:

Oliver Hair

#### VCAL Intermediate:

Paul Mountford-Matcott

Jarrad Schultz

#### VCAL Senior:

Sophie O'Shannessy

Taylah Pyke

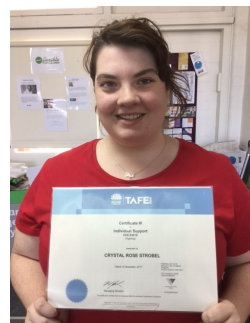
#### Certificate II in Animal Studies &

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Marly Turczyn

#### Certificate III in Individual Support:

Crystal Strobel



### Worksafe Victoria Construction Induction Training.



The Construction Induction White Card course enables participants to work safely in the construction industry.

*This training will be offered in Term 1, please speak to Brad for more information.*

### Past student is continuing to excel.

It was lovely to have past student, Brooke Williams-Upward visit us last week. Brooke is one of the first BFLC students to complete VCAL Intermediate Certificate.

She was very excited to advise us of her enrolment into LaTrobe University's Bachelor of Food & Nutrition through Open College.

Congratulations Brooke.



## EXCURSIONS

FEBRUARY 16 - Seymour Farming Expo

*Please collect a permission form for this session*

SWIMMING at Aquatic Centre — Tuesdays 2pm - 3pm

YOGA – Thursdays – 10:15 am – 11pm

*Please remember to wear comfortable clothing for these sessions. Including a towel and clothes/bathers for swimming.*

## INVISIBLE HURDLES PROJECT



Andrea Georgiou is available if you need some legal advice or just want to chat about the law.

**To contact Andrea:**

- Ask your teacher for an appointment
- Phone 0438 249 051
- Email [ageorgiou@umfc.com.au](mailto:ageorgiou@umfc.com.au).

## Movie Excursion: Tuesday 13th February.

### REVIEW:

The film 'Wonder' was a movie about a boy with a facial deformity. He was home schooled up until year 5, when his mum decided it was time for him to face the real world.



While at school he was teased and bullied and despite all his efforts to make friend, August found it difficult. "If only I looked normal and was born looking like everyone else", he'd often say. He was generally the butt of people's jokes and it wasn't until he came to know himself, that he came to know some kind kids that would become close friends.

The main thing I got out of this touching movie was that no matter where you come from or what you look like, we are all equal. It's not until you look past peoples differences and what they look like on the outside that you then realise what a friend you can have.

by Riley

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*Saver Plus Participant*



**L2P**  
**LEARNER**  
**DRIVER**  
**MENTOR**  
**PROGRAM**

**Every Tuesday**



The perfect opportunity  
for students to gain driving experi-  
ence and build up their 120 hours.

Contact Michele or Lynne for information.

*There are brochures on the sign-in desk, if you  
would like more information.*



# Staff for 2018

## **Michele Ramage**

### *Campus Principal*

Michele has been the campus principal since the development of the school in Benalla. Michele is passionate about public education and strives to ensure that the school is successful in catering for the needs of all the students that attend.



## **Brad Hearn**

### *Leading Teacher*

Brad leads curriculum and welfare at the Flexible Learning Centre. He is a qualified counsellor and is currently studying his Masters degree in literacy. He is a dedicated, enthusiastic teacher that has the best interests of the students at heart.



## **Sean Buckley**

Trained in Primary, Special Education and teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Sean has a great deal of experience in special needs, student welfare and transition education.



## **Bridget James**

Bridget is our Maths/Science teacher with experience working both at primary and secondary levels. She is particularly passionate about numeracy and brings a range of teaching strategies to scaffold learning in this domain.



## **Rebecca Higginson**

Rebecca is trained to teach Prep to Year 12 and majored in Psychology and Humanities. She whole-heartedly shares her love of cooking and learning.



## **Sharee Fisher**

Our Art Teacher with a personal interest in Airbrushing, is passionate about bringing out the creative skills in her students.



## **Ian Franzke**

Ian, is shared between Benalla & Wodonga Flexible Learning Centres. He brings technology skills to our team on Thursdays and Fridays.



## **Brianna Slattery**

Brianna is a generalist teacher, with a passion for music and particularly African Drumming. Brianna is currently completing a Masters Thesis on drumming and student engagement.



## **Deb Dodd**

Deb is a talented Mosaic Artist, who passionately shares her abilities with the students of BFLC.



## **Lynne Sidhu**

Lynne supports both staff and students. She brings to us a broad knowledge of software and administration skills, along with an enthusiasm to share her extensive life skills.



## **Cara Myers**

Cara is our school nurse. She is in attendance every Monday, available to talk to students about any concerns.

