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Newsletter — Issue 05 — Term 3— 26th August 2020

Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

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

WHAT'S ON



Waminda's Food

Contact details 5762 4528

School families looking for supports during this time, are encouraged to phone Waminda to organise food being put aside.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 16th September

PTI will be conducted via phone

"In education, technology can be a life-changer, a game changer, for kids who are both in school and out of school."

QUEEN RANIA OF JORDAN



Dear Families of Benalla Flexible Learning Centre,

We continue to strive for excellence as we work to provide every student, every opportunity to succeed with their educational goals. Undoubtedly, this has been a difficult time for our school community, as we had hoped to provide face to face teaching, for Term 3; but, at BFLC we have a growth mindset that takes hold of the challenges that we face, and use them to drive creativity, innovation and progress.

With the transition back to Remote Learning, I am proud to say that the majority of our students are now learning via Microsoft Teams, an online platform. Our staff are continually upskilling to deliver curriculum in an everchanging digital world, and taking their students on that journey of growth as life-long learners. A new trial this term, was to facilitate incursions through video conferencing. Leading Senior Constable, Paula Allen, was our first presenter and aptly conveyed the message of being cyber-smart in a world that is heavily reliant on social media and the hidden traps of exploitation. This presentation was well attended and was an indication of how committed our students are to staying connected during the Remote Learning phase.

This term, the data indicates that our young people continue to show great resilience in maintaining attendance and engagement in their classes. Our staff are working hard to assist and encourage students to meet their educational goals for the year, particularly, with the added benefit of VCAL completion dates postponed to later in the year. I would encourage you as their parents/carers, to set a time with home group teachers on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, to celebrate your child's achievements, as well as, to receive feedback on how to support your child in reaching their goals for this year.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to the day – hopefully in Term 4 – when we can get together to celebrate the triumphs of this year.

Kind Regards,

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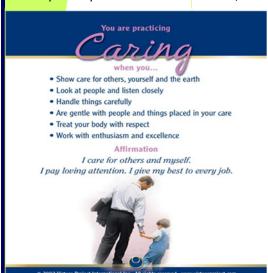
Caring for that special person.

There is a day coming up that we can show our appreciation of that special person – known to most as Father's Day.

The pictures below, provide an explanation of Caring, and ways we know we are practicing Caring.

To me "Caring" is something that we do often, but rarely stop to think about it, as we become too busy with life, and day to day activities.

I am asking you to think about how you care for yourself - how you show a special person you care – how a special person has shown you they care. I believe we all do it, but how often do we tell the other person?



Challenge:

Think about a special person in your life, (Father, Mother, Uncle etc) and tell them how you have observed them showing they care. Do this by making a card, telling them in person, emailing them etc.



VETDSS courses offered in 2021

GOTAFE offers nineteen VETDSS courses for secondary students and can form part of the VCAL certificate requirements. These courses are delivered over two years at the Wangaratta, Benalla and Shepparton campuses on a Wednesday. If you are interested in studying at TAFE one day a week contact Pip Rowe at school (0437 882 6630) and she can talk through the various courses offered and process of applying.

Help us

transform our courtyard

student voice

Life is all about applied Learning. In Term 4 we are going to use our skills in Numeracy, Literacy and Creative Thinking to transform our little courtyard into a beautiful social setting. Students will be able to "tick off" outcomes in Personal Development Skills (PDS) and Work Related Skills (WRS) to meet VCAL assessment criteria.

We welcome your ideas, students! Please pass on your ideas to your home group teacher



Ways to stay connected and look after ourselves and each other.

Talk to me - Yes I have a direct number now!

While I may not always be visible at school, I am still here to help you with any questions you have during these challenging times. If I don't have the answer, I will help you find it.



I am also here for a chat! During the last round of Remote Learning I really missed talking to you all.



Phone or text me on 0428 734 311 or email lynne.sidhu@wssc.vic.edu.au

Cara School Adolescent Health Nurse

Cara is still available to help with any Health Promotion information you require. If you would like to speak to Cara, please discuss with your teacher or Lynne. They can then organise Cara to phone you.





Wellbeing Space on MS TEAMS

This Space has been created as a resource for everyone. The information on this page is to help all students gain access to relevant supports and information. This space will regularly have new information and topics added.

Access the Wellbeing Space on MS TEAMS then look under Files and you will see a range of documents and folders.

Incursions on MS TEAMS

We can't go on excursions at the moment, so we will bring them to you. We will be running sessions on MS TEAMS on a range of topics. We will let you know *When and How.* Please talk to your teacher if you think of a topic you would like included.







Waminda's Roadside Relief

Available from Monday to Friday for the next 6 weeks during Stage 3 restrictions. Due to weather it will be held in the back activity room at the end of the driveway.

- Free fresh food available
- Mask must be worn to attend!
- From 11.00am 12.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays...
- And from 11.00 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (or until all gone)
- Please TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED.
- · Limits apply, this is a pantry top up service ONLY.
- Byo 1 bag per family
- Physical distancing and hygiene rules to be followed please.
- ·Available to all of community





Wear a Mask

DDDWe MUST wear a mask when leaving the home



Remote Learning for Term 3, 2020.

Wow, what a year! Pandemic certainly wasn't a word in my vocabulary in Term 1 of this year, but now....it gets used too much!

Just when we were getting used to being back at school, here we are doing Remote Learning again. Is it easier this time or not? I'm not sure! I think in our own ways we are all struggling to come to terms with some part of us being in Stage 3 restrictions. But history shows us we will get through this. The more we work together and stay connected as a school community the easier it will be.

The pandemic needs us to follow Stage 3 Restrictions:

The more we follow the restrictions, the safer and healthier our community will be. Hopefully, the quicker we will get to socialise again. So please follow the guidelines











