

Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

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

WHAT'S ON

TUESDAY—L2P Program

Begins February 28

THURSDAY Yoga 11:15

FRIDAY 24 FEB

FILM BPAC—LION

WEDNESDAY 22 FEB —

NETWORK PLANNING DAY

No scheduled classes at
Benalla FLC

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

Classes begin for SBA Agriculture students. CAL farms

BUSY START TO THE YEAR

Welcome to all students that have either returned to Benalla Flexible Learning Centre or that are new to our school.

It is great to see students engaged in their learning, both in school and in the workplace. We have students studying VCE Food Studies, VCE Psychology as well as the more traditional VCAL subjects. We also have a number of students now involved in learning courses



Students engaged in Food Studies during their practical session last week.

through school based apprenticeships and VETiS studies through GoTAFE.

These courses are either on line or delivered on campus at the Wangaratta campus. In addition to this we have 3 students studying a Cert 2 in Agriculture delivered through Wodonga TAFE with the practical sessions occurring on farm as school based apprenticeships. As well as this we have one student studying a Certificate III in Individual Support delivered through Riverina TAFE.

We have seen a number of changes to staffing over the Christmas break-

Anna Pinnuck has been appointed as the Assistant Principal at the Seymour Flexible Learning Centre and we wish her well in this role. It will be fantastic to work with Anna in her role as fellow leader of the North East Flexible Learning Centre.

Josie has completed her teaching degree and has moved to NSW where she will continue with her role in education.

Rod is currently on long service leave and this will roll into retirement. We wish him well in enjoying his well-earned break and thank him for his dedication to teaching at the FLC.

Felicia has taken up full time work and this could not be accommodated at our school. We also wish her well in her new position. Our new school nurse Cara began at the school on Friday and was able to meet many of our students. Her days at the school may vary—please see the term planner for when Cara will be at school.

With staff moving on from the flexible learning centre it is a chance for us to employ new staff. Bridget and Rebecca will now be working full time and so you will be able to contact them any weekday and have more flexibility with timetabling classes.

NEW STAFF

Over the holidays we appointed Brad Hearn to the position of Teacher / Welfare at our school and he will be a valuable asset to the team.

Ian, who is currently employed at the Wodonga Flexible Learning Centre will be at our school on Fridays—he brings technology skills to our team. It was great to see him working with students last Friday and already there are some great projects planned.

We are currently in the process of appointing an art teacher to our team. Stay tuned for more information.



MOSAIC PROJECT WITH CHRIS THORNE AND DEB DODD:

This exciting project is happening!!!! It will be great to see students mosaics adorning a large concrete seat at the Benalla Hospital. We are in the design phase at the moment and if you would like to submit some ideas for this please pick up a design plan from the sign in area. Deb has purchased some mesh that will enable us to do the majority of the work in the art room and then transport it for attachment to the seat.

If you have not yet tried your skills at Mosaics there will be some boards in the art room for you to develop these prior to the creation of this mural—see your teacher or Deb if interested.

CONGRATULATIONS – Our last week of school was one of celebrations. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch prepared by Bec and some great student helpers. We had goodbye speeches for Rod and Josie, and were delighted to present certificates to those students who had received their Intermediate VCAL.

Congratulations – Sophie O'Shannesy, Annie Clark, Nikole Mason, Jessica Pryor, Brooke Williams-Upward and Taylah Pyke for receiving your Intermediate VCAL Certificates.



Students Taylah, Sophie, Nikole and Annie are presented with their VCAL certificates at our Christmas lunch last year.

Congratulations – Over the Christmas holidays Sophie and Jess welcomed a beautiful baby girl in to the world, Elodie. Both Mum and baby are doing well. Sophie is continuing her studies with us this year. She has already begun back at TAFE last week where she will continue with studying her Certificate III in Beauty. Sophie had a 100% attendance at this course last year and she is on track to keep up this record. Well done Sophie.

Excursions –

FEB 24 – Movie at BPAC - LION – this film will be used to support work in literacy.

Please collect a permission form for this session.

YOGA – Began last Thursday – 11:15 – 12pm and will continue for the term. Please remember to wear comfortable clothing for these sessions. The Tuesday gym sessions will begin in early March.



CSEF –FORMS If you have a health care / pension card then it is important that you complete the Camps, Sports and Excursion Form that are available at the school. These forms will enable you to receive a grant of \$225 that will be used to support your involvement in camps, excursions and sports while at school. Please make sure that your teacher has a copy of a current health care card so that the grant will be approved without delay

L2P Program - This learner driver program is offered by the Benalla Rural City to assist young people to obtain the necessary practical experience for them to be able to obtain their driver's licence. Young people are matched with a mentor that accompanies them in the L2P car.

The L2P program will again be running from Benalla Flexible Learning Centre on Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday February 28. Students need to apply to be accepted into this program through the Benalla Council. See Michele or Brad if interested.

Drivers registered for this program can also attend a great free workshop at Benalla Toyota on Feb 28. See next page for details.

BENALLA RURAL CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP



KNOW YOUR RIDE

Date: Tuesday 28 February

Time: 6pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Benalla Toyota,
28 Sydney Road, Benalla



FREE for young drivers and L2P mentors

You are invited to a free workshop, where qualified mechanics will introduce:

- basic vehicle familiarisation
- maintenance demonstrations
- talk about buying a car
- answer any questions about owning and looking after your vehicle

Dinner is provided, please advise of any dietary requirements when booking.

Numbers are limited. Call for bookings or for further information by 24 February 2017:

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