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Dear FCJ College Community,

We've hit that part of the year where we commence planning and arrangements for the coming year. One of the initial steps is the enrolment interviews for our incoming Year 7s in 2024. We have been overwhelmed by the number of young people and families who are looking for a FCJ education. We are delighted to welcome these families into our community next year, and we look forward to a productive and powerful relationship with them.

One of the blessings in this role is hearing young people and their families talk about why they want to come to our school. Often, it's because they wish to continue their Catholic Education journey that may have started in St Joseph's, Benalla, St John's, Euroa or St Mary's, Mansfield, or elsewhere in Australia. However, some are new to Catholic education and when we speak about what is special and different about Catholic education, often they struggle to put into words what they are thinking or feeling. Yet, they all come to a similar point about values...it's something to do with the values that we hold dear here that they like the sound of, the feel of, and the experience of.

This response is a very common one, and it doesn't come from nowhere. However, it's certainly not something that as the Principal I have sole responsibility for. The values they speak about are the intangibles at our school – the calmness in the yard, the quiet classrooms, the positive relationships between and amongst staff and students. These are 'things' that we often take for granted, but we need to remember them and hold them dear. They are the very heart of our special school. These characteristics are what make us FCJ College – and as we head towards our Founder's Day on Tuesday 15 August, it is important that we remember we are continuing a story that has a long history – one that all our students, staff and families are all an important part.

Canteen

As our numbers continue to increase, we are working with our canteen to ensure our students are served promptly and efficiently. One such way is to pre-order your lunch. Lunch bags are available before school until the end of recess to order your lunches so you can enjoy your lunchbreak and minimise your time in a queue.

We're also moving to tighten our use of mobile phones at FCJ College, especially in the yard. Over the next few weeks, we will be phasing out the use of mobiles to pay for items at the canteen, instead cash or a bank card will be required to pay for items from the canteen. We appreciate your support in this matter as we move away from this use of mobiles in the yard.

VRQA audit

Over the past week, the College has been involved in a Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) audit. Once every five years, we are asked to demonstrate how we meet all the compliance components required of a Victorian school. My thanks to all our staff and students for their support in this matter, and especially to Mrs Nicole Murphy, our Compliance Officer who has worked tirelessly for this successful audit.

Professional Learning

A reminder that next Monday 7 August, our staff will be participating in some professional learning at the College which will require a pupil free day. We appreciate your support in this instance as we continue to develop our skills and capacities to better support your young people on their educational journey through FCJ College. We look forward to sharing our learning with you and your children in the near future.

With thanks,

Shaun Mason

Uniform Shop

NEW OPERATING TIMES

FRIDAYS

12.30pm - 3.30pm

STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 7 AUGUST

FCJ COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All students enrolled, and any child visiting FCJ College, have a right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance to child abuse. We aim to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse. If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



What's On

August

7	Student Free Day – Teacher PL Day
8	Year 7 in 2024 Enrolment Interviews
11	Round Robin 3 (Yr 7–10 students only)
15	Founder's Day
17	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Hike
24	Year 10 Holocaust Excursion
30	FCJ College Athletics Carnival
31	Unit 4 OES – Mt Buller Ski Trip

September

1	Unit 4 OES – Mt Buller Ski Trip
4–6	Year 9 Camp
8	Year 11 Formal
11–15	Year 10 Work Experience Week
13	Last Day Term 3 for Students
14	Parent/Teacher Interviews
15	Staff Professional Learning Day



There are various items in Lost Property waiting for their owners, including jumpers and blazers. Please look to see if any items are yours. Please ensure uniforms and belongings are clearly labeled with students' names.

NE Health Forum

FCJ College students attended the NE Health Forum this week in Wangaratta. This career event provided our students with an opportunity to network with industry experts and ask questions about employment and further education opportunities.

Students witnessed a simulation of a first aid emergency, used medical equipment during some of their workshops and took part in a Q&A session at the end of the event.



Developing Leadership Skills *with Kate Wilde*

This week our Student Representative Council were lucky enough to participate in a full day workshop facilitated by Kate Wilde from @theworkshopmelbourne

The day was focused on developing leadership skills, specifically: What is a leader? What are the different types of leadership? What is teamwork? It was also a great opportunity to discuss SRC projects for our school.



Japanese Speech Competition



Congratulations to Year 9 and Year 10 Language students who competed in the Japanese speech contest! It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of others and speak a foreign language, and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

Haruna Ashby (Japanese Teacher)



FOOD TECH

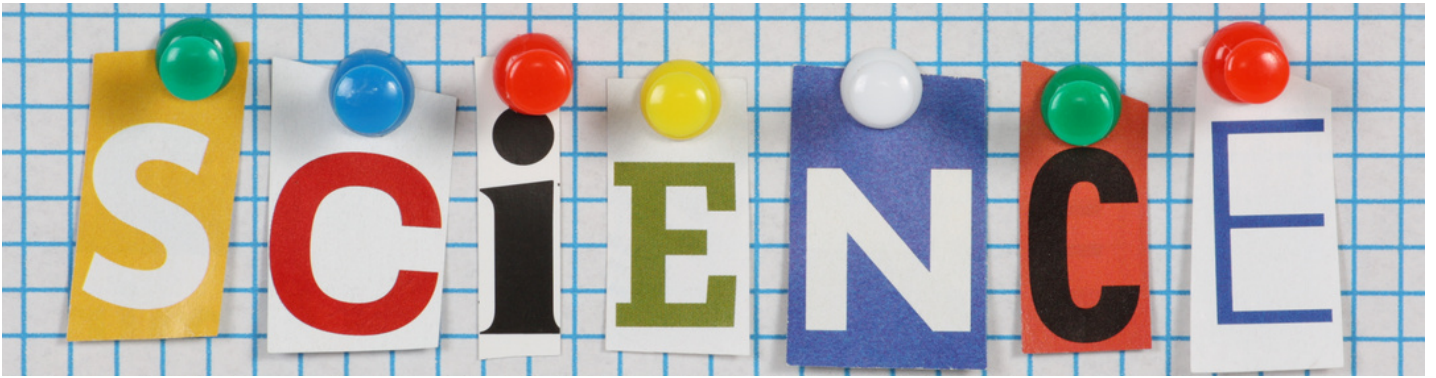


Year 12s cooked a sweet bread plait filled with custard, stewed apples & sultanas. All the students produced an excellent product, considering the difficulty of the task, which can often take professional bakers some time to master.



Year 9 Food Tech students made kangaroo burgers with macadamia coriander pesto.





Year 7s

Year 7s investigate different types of forces including friction and weight. They also carry out an engineering challenge on Parachutes



Year 8s

Year 8s look for similar properties in a range of metals, non-metals and metalloids in the periodic table including a test for electrical conductivity of elements using a power pack



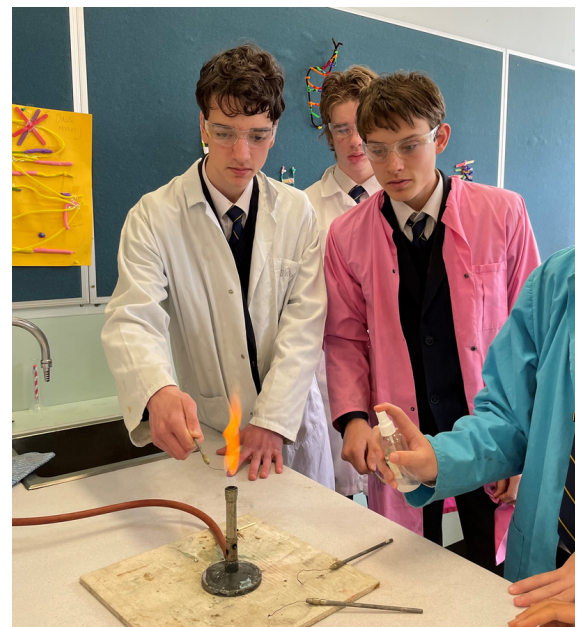
Year 9s

Year 9s carry out Yeast experiment to determine if yeast is a producer or a consumer.



Year 10s

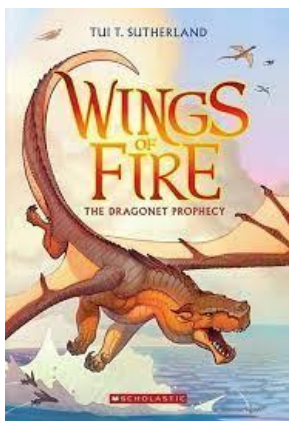
Year 10s conduct combustion reactions and flame tests to determine the flame colors produced by different metal salts.



Book banter!

4/8/2023

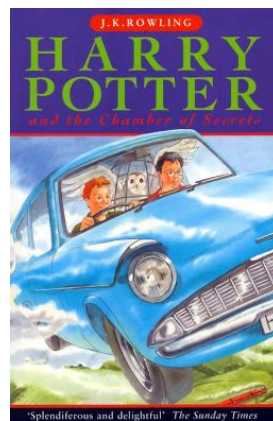
New Audio books in the library (Found on SIMON)



Wings of fire- Book 1



The Fall by Tristan Banks



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets



Risk by Fleur Ferris
Year 8 English Novel



Spaceboy by David



Time out by Eddie Woo & Jess Black



Team trouble by Eddie Woo & Dave Hartley

Has your child missed their HPV vaccine?

Benalla Health are providing immunisation sessions as a 'catch up' for the HPV vaccine

Immunisation Sessions:

Community Care - Ray Sweeney Centre
45 Coster Street, Benalla
7th & 14th of September 2023. 10am - 12pm

Do you know how to check whether your child is overdue for any immunisations?

Scan the QR code or call Benalla Community Care Reception 5761 4500 or email BenallaCommunityCare@benallahealth.org.au and we will be able to assist you.



www.benallahealth.org.au |



GET READY - NETBALL IS BACK!

Have you missed netball? Or have you always wanted to have a go at playing netball? Come and join our pre-season training sessions in August to join in the fun!

When: Tuesday 8th and 15th August 2023
Time: 5pm to 5.45pm
Where: Churchill Reserve Netball Courts
Who: Anyone born in the years 2009-2014



2023 SPRING COMPETITION

Juniors and Ladies Netball starting

Tuesday 22nd August

Registrations close Thursday 17th August



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If you've ever thought about becoming a Foster Carer, now is the time!

We are seeking singles and couples to provide stable, nurturing homes for children in your local community.

To find out more scan the QR code or call Louise on **0437 262 194**.



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Volunteer with Red Cross - Benalla



Scan to apply!

Perks of being a Red Cross retail volunteer!

- 20% discount in our shops
- Learning skills in retail
- Add new experience to your resume
- Connect with the community
- Make new friends
- Improve your English



Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting



This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.

If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Online (link will be provided)	Thursdays 3rd August - 7th September 7 - 9pm	This is a free program

Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call 0457 279 796 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au.

Bookings are essential

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Please note this information applies to Term 3 2023.



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