Dear Parents/ Carers

As Friday will be the last day of term 2, I wish all our students a safe and happy holiday break. Some of them will be attending the holiday program held at Berendale which I hear has even more exciting activities than last term.

Best wishes to Callum Gunn who will be leaving us at the end of the term to move with his family to the country.

To all other students come back refreshed so that you can put your all into term 3.

Cross Country:

Congratulations to all of our team who ran in the Victorian State Cross Country Championship last Friday. It was a great effort by all and a super effort by Sean Weiss who came first and Shajlie Huruni who was placed second. Well done.

Term 3:

The big event in term 3 is the School Concert which will be held on 16th September. The concert will form part of our 50th year celebration so our theme will be 'Music Through the 50 years of Berendale', so get ready for some show stoppers. Practise is already under way and we have SEDA Arts coming in to help with the production.

I will be absent for three weeks during the term to travel to the states to look at employability issues. This trip is funded by International Institute of Specialised Skills and the Higher Education Group of DEECD. I will be away mid-August to early September. It is expected that Seth will be Acting Principal during my absence.

During this term we will be conducting our School Review Self Evaluation so we will be working with staff and parents to determine the direction and emphasis of the Strategic Plan for 2015- 2018. The review will be held in November.

Term 3 Fees:

Please make sure you finalise fees prior to the end of term. Please contact me if you have any financial problems and wish to make other arrangements.

Have a great week

Regards
Paula Barnett
WELFARE MATTERS

Life Education

The Life Education Program will be held at Berendale from Monday to Wednesday this week. Our students will get a great deal of information about good choices and a healthy lifestyle. Cara Buchanan the visiting educator will deliver these sessions and class teachers will conduct follow up sessions to reinforce the good health message. Thanks to parents who have already paid the $9 contribution and ask that parents who still need to pay, that you please do so as soon as possible so that we can finalise payment before the end of term. Thank you for your co-operation.

Circus Quirkus

Early notice that once again through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Preston Berendale students and their families are being offered free tickets to the amazing ‘Circus Quirkus’, to be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Sunday 24th August (3 shows). Booking forms for tickets will be sent home in the first week of Term 3. The prompt return of those requests will ensure that you get tickets and the show of your choice.

Pensioner Education Supplement

All students receiving the DSP (Disability Support Pension) are entitled to an additional allowance to help cover education costs such as fees, camps, uniforms etc. It has come to my attention that not all students entitled to the Pensioner Education Supplement are accessing this allowance. Please let me know if you need an application form for Terms 3 and 4. You will also need a letter of support from the school to verify enrolment. Any questions? Please give me a call.

Speech Sessions

Carisse Matthew (speech pathologist) has a few vacancies for Terms 3 and 4. Carisse visits Berendale fortnightly on Thursdays. If you would like to know more please contact Carisse on 0439 968 785. This is a fee for service arrangement which can be accessed through a Health Care Plan from your family doctor.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

It has been announced that from 2015 the government will distribute the funds previously used for EMA, directly to schools the existing funding arrangement. Parents will be notified of further details as they become available.

RDA Vacancies

There are still several vacancies for the Rideability (Riding for the Disabled) Program for Terms 3 and 4. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. There are fees attached to the program to cover registration, insurance and tuition. There is a trial ride available to determine suitability at a cost of $10 per student.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday

Dr Maree McCutcheon
(Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
Dear all,

I would like to thank the councillors for their attendance last Wednesday as it was well populated with only a few apologies. The previous meeting regarding the seniors future work program was valuable and it decided that year 9 parents should be included in future such programs to give greater awareness to parents and students alike. I look forward to the successes resulting from early preparations.

Hope you are all actively continuing to read your Konnective notices, it gives me great awareness to receive the notifications that I have had to date.

The school has been financially audited by Delloitte and found to be squeaky clean with the way in which it handles your finances, so please do feel free to pay all of your school fees knowing full well that your money is being handled with care and value that reaches every family involved.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Sincerely,

Konstantine Peltekis
Berendale School Council President.

Reminding all parents and carers:
School finishes on Friday the 27th June at 2:00 pm

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With perfect conditions on the water, the students from Berendale finally got into a boat for an exciting sail.

For most it was their first time in a yacht and sailing, so the opportunity to share this experience provided by the volunteers from Blackrock Yacht Club was enjoyed by all!

The students have been learning how different weather conditions affect the environment and activities they participate in, especially sailing. They have not been able to get out on the boats because of bad weather, so today was perfect.

Thanks again must go to Black Rock Yacht Club and the volunteers who make this sailing experience possible.

The pictures featured tell the story.
The careers expo was an information night where young people and their parents came to learn about future career options.

This was in the Berendale Hall, with different service providers like Marriot Employment Services, Holmesglen Tafe, Oakleigh Industries and Max Employment.

We watched a video of the first boys from Berendale (Alex Parany and Matthew Saunders) to do an SBAT.

At the end of speeches, parents and students went to different desks of providers to gain information from the managers. Informational papers and a pen plus a chocolate was given to the parents.

There are photos of the night on the next two pages.

By Jack Anderson
Sub 3 Students visiting Fairways Aged Care and enjoying the visiting Farm Animals that were there on the day.
We planned and organised Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea as part of our Berendale Cooperative. Our work teams were fun. I was part of the media and HR teams. Other students were members of the catering team, the media team, the promotions team, the finance team, the OH&S team or the Administration team.

We made posters, flyers, invitations and we listed our roles and responsibilities on a large chart.

My mum came and we had morning tea together.

We raised just over $250 and would like to thank the Berendale community for their tremendous support.

From Sam Parsons SS3
COMBINED SCHOOL DANCE PARTY