PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope our students and families enjoyed the school holidays despite the wintry weather. Students have now settled into the new term which promises to be a very busy one.

As some of you may be aware on return to school our principal, Paula Barnett found that unfortunately a further few weeks will be necessary to aid her recovery. We all wish her well and look forward to her return to school shortly. In Paula’s absence I will be acting as principal with Rob Sands, Seth Willingham and Venessa Sigmoney sharing the assistant principal duties.

Mid Year Reports:

Students mid year reports will be sent home this week. A letter will be enclosed from your class teacher with a response slip for you to indicate that you have received the report. Parents are entitled to a mid year interview with the class teacher, however this is a matter of parental choice. If you could please let your teacher know if you wish to have an interview, so that a day and time can be arranged. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATS):

Parents would have received information on the application process and timeline for our next SBATS intake in the 18th June Berendale Bulletin. For further information and an application form please contact Rob Sands as soon as possible as the process has commenced.

Beyond the School Gates:

This week our second group of students will commence the Café Skills Program through the Beyond the School Gates project. The program provides on-the-job training at Berendale and the coffee shop at Elanora Aged Care in Brighton outside of school hours. There are no costs involved, so please contact Rob Sands or Janet Smith for further information about this unique opportunity.

Curriculum Day:

A reminder to parents that our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 13th August. No students will be required at school on that day.

Student Wellbeing:

We all share concerns for our students’ wellbeing and ask that to avoid infections spreading to other students and staff that students please remain at home when unwell to minimise any risk of contagion. Schoolwork can be provided for lengthy periods at home.

Schools First AFL Football Tickets:

National Australia Bank have generously offered free tickets to the remaining AFL home and away rounds this season. If you would like to attend any upcoming matches please indicate on the request form that will be sent home tomorrow.

Have an enjoyable week

Regards, Dr Maree McCutcheon (Acting Principal)
Camping Program 2012

The next Camp Diversity will be held at Lord Somers Camp (17th – 19th August). This weekend camp is for young people with a disability from age 14+ and very popular with a number of our Berendale students. Bookings fill very quickly so if you are interested please contact the camp coordinator, Jessie Lugg on 0407 823 881 without delay. A reminder to parents that where there is some financial hardship, funding support is available for school camps and respite. Please contact me for a confidential discussion if you are interested in obtaining such assistance.

JCAAA Term 3 Programs

The Joint Councils Access for All Abilities (JCAAA) have published their program booklet for Term 3, 2012. The booklet includes a range of exciting recreational and sporting activities which are held during term time, at weekends and during the holidays. We have copies available at school or contact JCAAA direct on 9209 6159 for more information.

Independent Travellers

Currently we have approximately thirty Berendale students who travel to and from school daily on public transport using their student travel pass. Travel passes are being issued now for the second half of the year to students who are ready for independent travel. Please contact the office if you consider your student ready for independent travel, as there requirements that need to be met before a travel pass can be issued.

Circus Quirkus

We have had a good response to ‘Circus Quirkus’ on Sunday 26th August at Festival Hall, West Melbourne. Tickets will be sent home as soon as they become available, usually two weeks prior to the performance.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program & Coles Sports for Schools

Many thanks to our families and friends who are supporting Berendale by sending in their vouchers and tokens. Keep them coming! As both these programs will finish in August we welcome your help to get as many points as possible towards classroom resources and sporting gear once the programs finish.

Parent Education

A number of our Year 12 parents have expressed an interest in learning more about legal and financial considerations and the support available for their son or daughter as they become young adults. We have arranged an information evening to be held at Berendale on Wednesday 29th August from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. A consultant (experienced in the disability field) from a local legal firm, Lakeside, will conduct this evening which is free and without any obligation. While this evening may be of most interest to our parents of senior students, all parents are very welcome to come along. Please give me a call if you wish to attend and to assist us with catering for the evening.

Life Education 2012

The Life Education Program will be held at Berendale in the last week of Term 3. All students participate in this excellent program which is based on healthy living and making good choices. This year we will again also offer a parent session in the Life Education Van because it was such a great success in 2011. More information later.

Maree McCutcheon
**Fillip for young folk with special needs**

A NEW training and employment program for young people with a disability is proving just the ticket.

Nine students at Hampton East’s Berendale School are gaining employment working as School Based Apprentices with local businesses through the “Ticket to Work” program. Launched this year, the program matches students to roles with businesses that align with their interests and goals.

Established by Berendale School and a network of non-profit organisations, the program aims to give the students workplace exposure and industry-specific training. Principal Paula Barnett said it was also meant to break down barriers that could prevent them from gaining employment.

For program details phone the Bayside Glen Ela Kingston Local Learning and Employment Network on 9584 8845.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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All the year 7s went to Sovereign Hill for camp and we had a great time.
All year 7s went on camp. We went to Ballarat. First we went to the Wild Life Park then we went and stayed at Sovereign Hill. We went to the old school they have wooden tables and benches. We went down the gold mine and to the Sound and Light Show and did gold panning.
Volunteers needed to help students make
Short Documentary Films (Digital Stories)
The films will be created for the digital stories section
of the
Bayside film festival. Full training will be given.
The positions will suit people who are used to working
with computers and/or young people.
Once trained, volunteers will work with secondary stu-
dents on
Tuesday mornings 9 to 11 in term time.

Berendale School is for
students with a mild to moderate intellectual disability.
Berendale School, 2 Berend Street, Hampton East.
For more information call Seth Willingham on
9555 6141

Parent Survey Opinion
Next week a number of parents will receive a Parent Opinion Sur-
vey. Parents are randomly selected by computer so the school has
no input into this phase of the survey process. We request that sur-
veys be completed and returned to the school by Monday 6th Au-
gust. Please contact the school should there be any difficulties.
Thank you for your co-operation.
Year 11 started work experience last Wednesday
Two groups went as a group with teachers to Business Services. The independent travellers worked with a variety of employers including:

- Elanora
- Restore Café
- McDonalds
- Coles Bakery
- Petstock
- Ilona Staller Café
- City of Kingston
- Lions Club Oakleigh

The students will be visited during the term to see how they are going. Teachers accompanying the groups at Oakleigh Industries and Waverly Industries commented on how much the students enjoyed their first day, and how well they fitted in to the workplace. At Oakleigh, the students went with Ange and Annie.

We were given a whole “pallet” of Body Shop body lotion to unpack, put each jar in a shrink wrap sleeve and then repack into boxes. They thought it would take all day. We finished with an hour to spare! They were so impressed and they had to find us another job to do.

This involved replacing bar codes strips on lighters. It was a finicky job as the bar code strip had to be exactly placed so as not to be crooked. We did an excellent job here too. We were very proud of our work. Some of the kids worked so well that within one minute of getting on the bus they had dozed off!

The students at Waverley went with Nicole and Andrew. They packed products for L’Oreal into small boxes. Teachers commented on the excellent teamwork as the kids worked together. They had lunch in the canteen and interacted well with the other workers.

The kids are looking forward to next week and so are the teachers!
Gymnastics Victoria are pleased to present the 2012 Gym Gala. This week long event will encompass a range of GFA (Gym For All) activities aimed at current and potential participants highlighted by Cirque de Gymnastique on Saturday 15th September and culminating in a brand new GFA activity day on Sunday 16th September. The exciting week long event will include:

- **Inter School Gymnastics**  
  **BTYC Gymnastics**  
  - Opportunity for School participation – this year we will be featuring the sport of Acrobatic Gymnastics and an information booth to inform participants of all gym sport opportunities available.

- **Cirque de Gymnastique**  
  **Carey RG**  
  - The perfect place to get involved in display gymnastics or hone your performance skills.
  - All Clubs are invited to enter a display group into Cirque de Gymnastique.
  - All gymnastics members will be able to purchase tickets to Cirque de Gymnastique to come along and enjoy the show.

- **Gym Gala Fun Day**  
  **Prahran HP Centres**  
  - Gym Challenge  
    - 10 exciting stations where gymnasts can challenge themselves to skills.
  - Come n Try – all gym sports  
    - Experience what each of the gym sports has to offer and get some exciting tips from the top athletes in the field.
  - Information Booths  
    - Get information on everything from sports to education and find out about Gymnastics Australia’s new initiative Launchpad.
  - Meet n Greet  
    - A chance to meet the stars of our sport.

If your club would like to get involved in Cirque de Gymnastique and/or the Gym Gala Day, email sport@gymnasticsvictoria.org.au or keep an eye out for further emails and information on the GV website www.gymnasticsvictoria.org.au
Yoga Moves
Term 3, 2012
Sat 21 July to Sat 15 Sept

JCAAA partners with Yoga Station for this program. Brett is the Yoga teacher. He leads you in moves that stretch and relax your body. The activity is for men and women aged 18 years and over.

When: Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon during school terms. **note: It's a new time and day**

Where: Yoga Station
Studio 3, 52 Bay Road, Sandringham
(5 minute walk from Sandringham Train Station)
The studio is upstairs.

Cost: $90 for 9 sessions in Term 3

Bring: A bottle of water.
Wear comfortable clothing suitable for exercise.
Giving everyone a chance to be their best.

McKinnon Basketball Association

McKinnon Super Star Cougars
Basketball for all abilities
Seeking People of All Abilities wanting to develop their Basketball skills and become a member of a winning team...!!!
The McKinnon Basketball Association, Basketball Victoria and Access Unlimited are working in partnership to provide inclusive basketball opportunities across the Glen Eira and Stonnington communities.
The McKinnon program is packed with activities that gives everyone the opportunity to excel.
Our coaching staff are dedicated to giving all participants a fulfilling experience.
Give it a try! (Wheelchair friendly venue)

Access for All Abilities

Friendly atmosphere
Basketball Victoria All Abilities Special Award for 2011
Our program has been running now for 4 years and continues to grow.

Inclusive sport & recreation

When: Saturday mornings @ 9.30am
Dates: JULY 28th. AUGUST 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
SEPTEMBER 1st & 8th.
Where: Bentleigh Secondary College Stadium
enter via Clarence Street Bentleigh East (melways: 77 J3)
Cost: $45 for the seven week program. $7 Casual Entry
Age: 12 up
Contact: MBA Office, 11 Clarence Street Bentleigh East
Phone: 9579 1200
Email: programs@mckinnonbasketball.org

Please note: Carers not provided, only coaching tuition

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