PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am back at school after a long illness. I am very thankful to Maree Mc Cutcheon who did the acting Principal role in my absence. Maree did a great job and everything was in good order for my return. Thank you also to Rob Sands who acted as Assistant Principal and Seth Willingham and Venessa Sigamoney who shared the second A.P. role. It is very reassuring to have senior staff who are able to step up at short notice. In fact all staff chipped in and helped out and I am very thankful that we have competent capable and willing staff who just get on with the job.

Berendale Got Talent:

What a day and indeed what talent we have at school. Congratulations to the winners Dean Bouzoukis and Shira Chapman. Thank you to Jenny Tupper who organised the day and a huge thank you to Mark Mitchell who volunteered to be a judge.

This week some of our students will be off to the Special School Music Festival in Northcote. They have a great act and should do very well. Before long it will be concert time again and another chance for our students to shine.

Beyond the School Gates Celebration

Tomorrow Tuesday 28th August will we have a celebration to mark the array of programs we have introduced for students with disabilities in our area. These include Barista training, work training, mindfulness, T.A.F.E, tasters. New programs involve a recreation program with Moira and a Disco and Dinner night planned for early term 4. We hope to have regular social events each term so the disco will be a trial for future events. More information will be available about the event when the venue is organised.

Beyond the School Gates now has a web site so please check this out on www.beyondtheschoolgate.com.au

I am interested in a few parents who may like to help organise social events in the future. Please let me know if you could help out.

If you would like to attend the celebration at Berendale School between 4.00- 5.30pm please reply to the office.

Reminder: School Fees

As the term is well over half way we would appreciate payment of school fees. A reminder invoice will be sent out shortly. Please let me know if you have any financial problems and other arrangements can be made.

Have a great week,

Regards

Paula Barnett
Parent Education

There has been an excellent response to the upcoming information session for parents and carers on the legal and financial issues for young people with a disability. This session will be held at Berendale on Wednesday 29th August from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. There is still time to register your interest if you have not already done so. Please call 9555 6141 by Wednesday, so that we can prepare materials etc. for the evening.

Holiday Programs

Holiday program bookings will open in the next week or so. Please call school if you would like to know what is available. In some cases the school may be able to provide funding, either the full amount or in part, depending on your circumstances. Please give me a call to discuss what is available and if you would like to apply for support funding.

V8 Supercars – Sandown 500

Each year we are invited to the V8 Supercars at the Sandown. This year the schools day is Friday 14th September. All students are invited to attend and there are some limited tickets available to parents who would like to attend and assist on the day. Information will be sent home within the next few days. Please respond promptly so that we can finalise tickets and transport for the day.

Life Education

A reminder to parents that the Life Education Program will be conducted at Berendale once again, this year from 17th to 20th September (last week of term). All students participate in this program based on healthy living and making good choices to keep them healthy and safe. We will also hold a parent session in the Life Education van to give parents the opportunity to see how the highly visual and interactive programs enhance student learning. After this year the visits will be every second year due to the high demand from schools. So we will next see the van in 2014.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program & Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to all who have sent in tokens and vouchers to support Berendale in these programs. Both programs have now finished and we are busy counting the coupons before mailing off our final tally. Again thanks for all your help and we will let you know about the sports gear and teaching resources we have earned through the program.

Oral Health Services

Young people aged 13 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or are dependants of concession card holders are eligible for this service. Contact details are; Central Bayside Community Health Services, Oral Health Service, 335-337 Nepean Highway, Parkdale phone 8587 0350. Please contact me if you would like more information on this service or visit www.cbchs.org.au

Social Networking Sites

Included in the last Berendale Bulletin was some important and up to date information for parents on social networking sites, including Facebook. We urge you to read this information in the interest of your son or daughter’s safety. Please contact your class teacher, sub school manager or myself if you need further assistance or advice. Please contact the school if you would like further copies of this information.

Community Tree Planting

Highett Community House are tree planting on Saturday 1st September. If you are able lend a hand please phone Maree at HCH on 9555 3797 for more details.

Maree McCutcheon
The Berendale School Hub (Beyond the School Gate) is the newest hub and aims to address barriers to social inclusion experienced by students with intellectual disabilities and learning differences in special and mainstream secondary schools in the Bayside, Kingston, Glen Eira and Port Phillip areas.

The Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston Local Learning Employment Network (BGKLEN) have been engaged as project managers for the hub. “The BGKLEN plays an important role, as they have the expertise, skills and connections to move the initiative beyond the school setting and into the wider community,” says principal Paula Barnett.

Work is currently focused on developing a calendar of programs ranging from mindfulness and social meals to lunchtime sport and barista training. “In the short term, we want the students to learn in new ways, to have fun and acquire new skills. In the long term, we want them to achieve a quality of life beyond school that includes engagement in employment or training, an active social life and positive participation in their local community,” Ms Barnett says.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Contact Shannon in P.I.P or inquire at Berendale School phone 95556141
Eight students were finalists for Berendale Got Talent. We held our finals at Sandringham College Theatre last Tuesday and the whole school went.

Amber was the first person and she sang “Mean”, she looked terrific and sang well. Sam was second and he played brilliantly on his Keyboard. Then Brett gave a great performance when he sang “Feel so Close”, followed by Emily, Ryan, Tamara and Dean. All giving us their best. Last was Shira who sang another moving song. The judges were stunned by the high quality of all the performances and had a very hard time choosing a winner. They decided on two winners who were Dean and Shira.

Congratulations to these winners and to all the finalists.

Everyone enjoyed the show.
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)

When: Saturday mornings @ 9.30am
Dates: OCTOBER 20th & 27th. NOVEMBER 10th, 17th & 24th DECEMBER 1st & 8th. (No program Melb Cup w/end)
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

Access for 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

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All Abilities Lawn Bowls is back for 2012-13

The All Abilities Lawn Bowls program at Black Rock Lawn Bowls Club has been running successfully for over 10 years due to the commitment of club members and volunteers. The summer program is due to start in September and they are looking for participants for the 2012-13 program. Lawn Bowls is a great way of being physically active, giving participants the challenge of competition, while also enjoying spending time outdoors and interacting with others in a low impact sport.

**When:** Commencing Sunday 2nd September 10am to 12pm
(Following dates: September 16th, October 11th, November 13th and 25th, December 9th, January 27th, February 10th, March 4th and 17th, April 7th and 21st)

**Where:** Black Rock Lawn Bowls Club, 8 Fern Street, Black Rock

**Age:** All ages and abilities

**Cost:** $5 Includes training and morning tea

You can register or just turn up on any of the dates listed above. If you would like to register, or would like more information, please contact Bill Richardson at the club on (03) 9533 5338 or email at billrichardson@live.com.au.
Come and Try
Balloon Football / Modified Cricket

Scope invites you to a Come and Try Day for Balloon Football and Modified Cricket.

When: Monday 27th August 2012
Where: Dandenong Basketball Stadium
        270 Stud Rd, Dandenong, VIC
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

• Balloon Football and Modified Cricket are two sports that have been modified to suit the needs of people with physical and multiple disabilities.
• We play using wheelchairs on a basketball court. Balloon Football uses a large balloon. Modified Cricket uses batting and bowling equipment each are operated by a switch.
• This is a great opportunity for people with a disability to get involved in a social, competitive and inclusive form of Aussie Rules and Cricket.
• Come and Try them out and if you would like to join the 2013 Balloon Football and Cricket Leagues you can register your interest on the day for a league in your local area.

Please RSVP to Max Sassella at Scope on 0400 504 174 or m sassella@scopevic.org.au