Dear Parents / Carers

This will be the last Bulletin for Term 3 so it contains information for the end of term. Amazingly the year is drawing to a close and we are beginning to plan and organise for 2013. Staffing is always dependent on enrolments and as it appears that we will have our usual intake, I don’t expect major changes. We are welcoming back Mandy Thomas next term, she is returning earlier than expected from Western Australia. Just in time to help Jenny Tupper with the concert.

Janice Eardley will have leave for part of term 4 so Mandy will be filling in for her and then for other staff leave.

On 28th August we held a great celebration for ‘Beyond the School Gates ‘ which brought together staff from many of our Lead Agencies as well as interested community members. We now have more agencies wanting to come on board and help to provide programs Remember you can always check out available programs by going to the web site www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

The barista course is running again as from the first week of term 4. It will be held on a Wednesday evening this time. Please let us know if you are interested in booking your son or daughter into the course.

The Bulletin also includes information on school holiday programs which you should consider booking in for as soon as possible.

Early Dismissal Term 3:
Students will be dismissed from school at 2.00 pm on Friday 21st September. Could you please make suitable arrangements for your son or daughter to be home approximately 30 minutes earlier than usual.

School Uniform:
All students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 should wear full school uniform. Only students in Years 11 and 12 are allowed to wear casual clothes.

Music Festival:
Our students performed very well at the Special Schools Music Festival and Art Show. We also displayed a range of student Art. Thank you to Brian and Jenny who worked so hard to make the Festival a success and congratulations to our talented students.

Year 12 Holiday:
This week our Year 12’s are on their holiday to Queensland. It is a celebration of their time at Berendale and they have planned, costed and booked the holiday as a school project. We wish them a pleasant and fun week. Thank you to the staff who have rearranged their family commitments to supervise the students. It sounds like fun, but being on duty for 24 hours a day is tiring so I would appreciate it if parents could acknowledge the contribution staff make to camps and holidays.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Regards

Paula Barnett
Beyond the School Gates Meeting
### Dance Party

Beyond the School Gates are organising a Dance Party on Friday 19th October at Beaumaris Community Centre. Students from 12—18 years old are invited. Tea will be provided and a D.J. is organised. Please keep this night free.

Are there any parents who would be willing to help out with supervision please let Paula Barnett know on 95556141

An invitation will be sent out on Wednesday.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Parent Education

Thank you to the parents who attended the recent information session conducted by Lakeside consultants on the legal and financial issues for young people with a disability. This session provided parents with the most current information and gave them the opportunity to discuss options and ask questions to clarify the sometimes difficult issues for families. Due to the success of the evening we will plan another next year to keep parents up to date with this important information.

Holiday Programs

Bayside City Council: Bookings have opened for the Bayside Teenage Holiday Program ‘Extreme Teen’. Please contact the youth team on 9599 4622 to make enquiries or to make a booking. Places fill quickly so don’t delay if you are interested in your son or daughter participating in this program.

MOIRA School Holiday Activities: MOIRA are currently taking bookings for their holiday programs. Please visit their website www.moira.org.au to see what is available and to make an online booking.

V8 Supercars – Sandown 500

Students from Year 7 to 11 are looking forward to attending the V8 Supercars at the Sandown this Friday. Our Year 12 students will be returning from their Queensland Camp that day so for this year they will miss the ‘Students on Track’ day at Sandown. We will make sure to get extra posters, flags etc. to share with them next week. This year we have a number of parents joining us at Sandown, so it should be a great day. Details, permission forms and information will be sent home today.

Life Education

The Life Education van is coming to Berendale next week from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th September (last week of term). All students participate in this program based on healthy living and making good choices to keep safe and healthy. The Life Education Program is part funded by the Lions Clubs and this year the school will meet the remaining costs. More information will be sent home this week along with an invitation for parents to visit the van for a session.

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 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.

Social Networking Sites

Included in the Berendale Bulletin dated 6th August, 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.

Enjoy the Holidays

Maree McCutcheon
BERENDALE AUTOMOTIVE WELCOMES ALL THE NEW STUDENTS AS WELL AS NARANGA STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEARS 2012 VET PROGRAM.

The Berendale Automotive Program is designed to give students hands on experience of learning. Its aim is for students to achieve the Certificate II Automotive Technology Studies and to give students a comprehensive way of learning how the automotive industry works. Outcomes are based on skills and behaviours that are found in the work place. This is an integrated program in a simulated working environment where students are invited to participate as trainees carrying out duties on customer vehicles.

If parents/caregivers wish to use the following services, please contact the school for further details

The services we offer are:

- Basic car service/repairs
- Car wash and Detailing: Using the new water recycling system installed at Berendale School.
- Small engine repairs e.g.: (lawn mowers, and other gardening equipment)
- Bike repairs/service.
Every Tuesday students from sub school one head out into the community to empty Seda Collection Dogs. The task of counting the money gives the students an opportunity to improve their financial literacy. The money is then taken to the NAB at Southland where it is put through the coin counter and banked into an account for SEDA.
Expressions of interest- social skills therapy.

Safe & Sounds Speech Pathology is looking for expressions of interest for students who may benefit from social skills support throughout term four 2012. Groups from two-four members will run on a weekly basis on Thursdays at Berendale School. Some areas of focus may be:

- Recognizing and expressing emotions/feelings.
- Improving conversation skills (e.g. Staying on topic, asking appropriate questions and making appropriate comments during conversation).
- Learning how and when to interrupt.
- Accepting and providing constructive criticism.
- Coping with winning, losing and making errors.
- Being assertive (but not aggressive).
- Compromising and understanding other people’s perspective.
- Problem solving and social inferencing.

For more information, please contact Speech Pathologist Carisse Matthews on 0439968785 by Monday 17th September.
Time to Shine

On Thursday 30th August our year 8 students and our Berendale Superstars performed in a joint specialist schools concert / celebration of the Arts. Our year 8's performed Rattamahatta which is a heavy metal number and Tamara, Sarah Rae and Amber sang We Run the Night and Bridge of Light. We also had some of our best Art work on display. We certainly impressed everyone in the audience.
FOR SALE
HARO BMX BIKE
IN VERY GOOD CONDITION

Price $150:00 or O.N.O.

Contact Shannon in P.I.P or inquire at Berendale School phone 95556141
Playing for Life - sport for all workshop

Playing for Life is an approach to coaching that uses games rather than drills to introduce the skills and tactics of the particular sport or structured physical activity being delivered. The sport for all workshop will focus on the practical component of this philosophy, in particular, running games for children with disabilities.

The workshop will include:
* Playing for Life games for working with children with disabilities
* Tips and advice on how to best deliver activities to children with disabilities
* Question time and networking
* Information for those interested in becoming coaches with the Australian Government’s Active After-school Communities (AASC) program

Who: Sport and recreation providers, sports coaches, PE teachers, prospective coaches of the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program

When: Friday 28 September 9am-12:30pm

Where: Lakeview 2 meeting room, Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), 375 Albert Road, Albert Park
(report to main reception at MSAC)

Cost: FREE
(All participants will receive a certificate of participation)

Contact: SSCT employees contact Michelle Jacobs to register.
All other registration and enquiries contact David Connolly on 9209 6552
or dconnoll@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Working to include people with disabilities in community sport, recreation and the arts
Siblings in Sync
Special Needs Access Program

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children and young people with disabilities and their siblings.

It aims to foster relationships between siblings, provide positive shared experiences, and give children the opportunity to express themselves and communicate with their sibling through creative music-making.

The sessions are run by two Registered Music Therapists and are tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within small group settings.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit™)
- Record their own music and voices
- Create their own CD

A Music Therapist will be in contact with you prior to sessions commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the sessions.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!

Thank you to the generous donors who support the Special Needs Access Program:
Anonymous
Miss Betty Amsden OAM
Mrs Barbara Haynes

For more information or to book, phone (03) 9281 8194, or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au

Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship. Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

STOP PRESS!

Siblings in Sync was recently awarded the Arts Portfolio Leadership Award for Leadership in Disability Access.

The Arts Portfolio Awards recognise outstanding achievement amongst Victoria’s arts institutions and agencies including Arts Centre Melbourne, NGV, the State Library of Victoria, ACMI, Museum Victoria and more.

Suitability: Ages 5 – 15
Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne’s Digital Learning Hub
Times: 11am (teens group) or 1pm
Dates: Tuesday 25th September and Thursday 27th September
Duration: 60 mins each day
Cost: $25 per family

Please note: This is a two day program. It is expected that families will attend at their chosen time on both days.

artscentremelbourne.com.au/snap