Dear Parents / Carers

Last week I wrote about the Applied Learning Awards but unfortunately didn’t have any photographs to show as they were taken by the local paper. They arrived just a little bit late so we have featured them this week. Once again congratulations to all.

**Dance Party: Friday December 7th:**

The combined Special Schools Dance Party is on Friday 7th December at Beaumaris Community Centre. Please note that this is the confirmed date as the last Newsletter proposed the 14th which was a tentative date. This time our parents will organise the night as several of you indicated your willingness to assist. Please contact Maree McCutcheon or myself if you are still willing to volunteer.

**Orientation:**

Last week we had Orientation Day for new students in 2013. Parents attended an information session whilst students went into Year 7 classes. The students will have a further day next week. We look forward to meeting with all of our new families in 2013. We will be looking for parents to buddy with new parents so if you are a year 7 or 8 parent we would be interested in you helping to welcome our new families into the school. Please let us know if you could help out.

**New Program for 2013:**

We are really excited about a new Bike Program starting in 2013. We are partnering up with Highett Neighbourhood Community House and local Rotary Clubs to build a bike shed on site. From the shed we will run a Bike maintenance program which will assist local residents to fix up their bike or purchase second hand bikes that we have repaired. Our students will be involved in maintenance of the bikes working with qualified staff and volunteers. We will be adding Bike Maintenance to our VET areas so it will give our students a wider range of programs. We are also applying to put Certificate 1 & 2 in Volunteering on our scope of registration which will further enhance our VET area.

**Performance and Awards Night:**

It is essential that you order your tickets for the Performance and Awards Night to be held on Tuesday 20th November. The concert items are shaping up well and there will be some special surprises for students with our awards program. Once again the staff are going to delight us with a performance of their theatrical skills and abilities. We do expect all families to attend. Please see the booking form attached to the Bulletin. A night to remember!

**Thank You:**

Once again can we thank Anne Williams for running the Barbecue at Bunning's. This year she and her family raised almost $1800. It's a great effort and we really appreciate her efforts. The money will be used to purchase much needed furniture for the students in Sub School 2. Well done Anne! Any parents with ideas and the time to organise fundraising events would be very welcome.

Have a great week,
See you at the concert
Paula Barnett
WELFARE MATTERS

Parent Information

MORIA (Youth and Disability Services) publish several excellent booklets for use by parents and carers of young people with a disability. ‘Time for a break’ is a comprehensive guide to respite and recreation services, and ‘Compass’ was developed as a guide to a range of services and support options. Copies of both booklets are available from school, or call MOIRA on 8552 2222 or visit the MORIA website www.moira.org.au

School Dental Program

Just a reminder to parents that our students who are dependents of concession card holders are eligible for this service. This is a free service. Contact details are: Central Bayside Community Health Services, Oral Health Services. 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

Beyond the School Gates—Family Support

Our Berendale Health & Happiness Sessions commence on Monday 12th November at MOIRA, 920 Nepean Highway, Hampton East. You should have received a flyer outlining the program. Please let me know if you would like another copy. There are four sessions in all and you are welcome to attend any of the sessions. The sessions offer parents an opportunity to relax and spend some time with other Berendale parents. While these sessions cater for our mothers we are planning some activities which our fathers will enjoy. Please let us know if you have any ideas about activities you would like included. Remember to check the website for the latest information about the Beyond the School Gates program and the range of activities available at www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

Respite Options

Parents and carers needing information about disability respite options in southern region can visit www.respitesouth.org.au where you can sign up to receive the free newsletter, search the Respite Finder, or simply browse for information. If you would like to talk to someone about your respite needs, call 1800 052 222 during business hours.

Centrelink Payments

A suggestion to parents that you become aware of any Centrelink entitlements you are eligible for as a carer of a son or daughter with a disability. You can obtain information from websites www.centrelink.gov.au and www.humanservices.gov.au or please give me a call at school on 9555 6141.

Kids Under Kanvas (KUK)

Kids Under Kanvas provides young people (8-18 years) with a disability, the chance to participate in recreational and camping activities. You can self refer by calling 9794 3000 or visit their website www.wesley.org.au for more information.

Maree McCutcheon
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are taking part in the Poppy Appeal again this year. The following items are on sale now to 11th November 2012

Wrist Bands-Black bands - $3.00
Poppy Pins - $2, $5
Tattoos - $1.00
Poppy Badge $4.00
Pens $5.00

Thank you for your support it is greatly appreciated,

Berendale Staff

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

The Centre for Developmental Disability Health Victoria at Monash University in collaboration with Balance Therapeutics, Pty Ltd., is researching whether a medication can improve the cognitive abilities of people with Down syndrome. They have asked the permission of Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV) to contact people with Down syndrome and their carers about the project:

Researchers are looking for persons with Down syndrome between the age of 13 through the age of 35 to take part in this clinical trial.

Participants in the clinical trial will receive reimbursement for their travel expenses.

Families and carers are invited to attend an information session presented by A/Prof. Robert Davis and his clinical staff at the Monash Conference Centre in the City Level 7, 30 Collins Street Melbourne 3000 on Wednesday 21st November at 6.30 PM for a 7.30 PM start (Food and refreshments will be provided) to learn about this clinical research program.

For more information contact:

A/Prof. Robert Davis
Phone: 03 9902 4467
robert.davis@monash.edu

OR

Ms. Andrea Barber
Phone: 03 9902 4454
andrea.barber@monash.edu

Website containing further project information
www.anzctr.org.au

The Board of Management of DSV have approved distribution of this information to relevant members in accordance with our research philosophy and guidelines. It is important that families and carers seek all the information they require to assist in their decision making about participation in any research project from appropriately qualified health professionals.

Down Syndrome Victoria remains committed to unconditional acceptance and support of all individuals with a disability. If you do not wish to receive information about future research projects please contact us at (info@dsav.asn.au) or (1300 656 873) and your contact details will be removed from our research mailing list.

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AWARDS AND PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Students have been working extremely hard throughout the year and are looking forward to showcasing their performance Arts and receiving School Awards.

When: Tuesday 20th November 2012 at 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start

Where: Kingston Arts Centre
985 Nepean Highway
Moorabbin VIC 3189

Tickets: $10.00 Adults $ 5.00 Children (non Berendale Students)
Family Pass $30.00 (more than 2 adults & 2 children)

Students who are performing will not be required to purchase a ticket.

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TICKET ORDERS

AWARDS AND PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Name: _____________________
Class:  ________

I / We require adult tickets.
I / We require children tickets.  Total enclosed: $__________
I / We require a Family Pass
(more than 2 adults & 2 children)