Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be the last Bulletin for the year so I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support throughout 2012. For those who are leaving us, our door is always open and we are just a phone call away, to the parents and students who are returning in 2013 I look forward to another productive year.

New Vehicle:

We hope to pick up our new 8 seater vehicle this week. The new Hyundai will replace our current 8 seater which is over 20 years old. We thank Bendigo Bank who are paying the leasing costs for the next 4 years. At the end of this period there will be no residual and the vehicle will be fully owned by Berendale. Pictures of the delivery will be in the first Bulletin in 2013.

Graduation:

Last week was our Graduation Dinner. It was a great night and we celebrated in style at Milano’s overlooking the bay. Each student gave a comprehensive speech and showed a power point of their time at Berendale. Max Verbene (School Council President) congratulated the students on their contribution to the school and the local community. Mark Fisher (School Council Treasurer) spoke about the commitment of the staff and the many leading edge programs and facilities that we have at Berendale. I was humbled by his comments on my leadership of the school and very appreciative of effort he put into his speech. Thank you also to Rob Sands and the team in Sub School 3 for the organisation of the night. The final accolades go to our students who looks and acted in a very mature way.

Congratulations all!

MSAC:

Last Monday the whole school attended a special day organised through Beyond the School Gates at MSAC. It was also attended by other Specialist settings in the region and all students had a great day participating in a range of recreational and sporting activities. Students also received a free show bag.

Thank you to Emma Mestitz and Joint Council Access for All Abilities for the overall organisation of the day.

Don’t forget that Beyond the School Gates programs will continue in 2013 and you can book on line at beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

P.T.O
Concert DVD’s:
Just reminder that DVD’s need to be ordered by using the attached form. They will be ready in the last week of school.

Brighton Grammar Camp:
Best wishes to our students and staff who will be attending the Brighton Grammar Camp from Thursday 13th December to Sunday 16th December.

End of Year Organisation:
Reports, class lists, teacher allocation and the year book will be mailed to parents in the last week of school. This year we will endeavour to finalise bus transport prior to the end of the holidays and inform parents of the pick-up and drop off times for 2013.

School Canteen:
There will be no canteen for students in the last week of school. Please make sure your son or daughter brings their own lunch as students are not permitted to visit the shop.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season
Regards
Paula Barnett
Family Support

MOIRA Disability and Youth Services are hosting a series of six parent workshops in February and March next year. Nicole Plotkin from the Emotional Health Centre will be conducting these workshops titled ‘Keeping It Real’ which will address a number of issues such as resilience, stress, self care, siblings, grief and loss. There are limited places so please RSVP to communitysupport@moira.org.au as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. If you would like further information please contact Nicole Plotkin, psychologist, at EHC on 9584 5150.

Holiday Programs

Second Round Bookings for the Xtreme Teen Holiday Program open today, Monday 10th December. If you are interested please don’t delay as this is a very popular program and places fill quickly. If you would like a brochure and registration form or wish to know more please contact either the school or Bayside Youth Services direct on 9599 4622. A reminder too that all Berendale students are eligible to attend this program as a Bayside school.

Wesley Mission Victoria provide a respite service for families of young people with disabilities. The program ‘Kids Under Kanvas’ provides day activities and camps on weekends and throughout the year. For more information about the opportunities available these upcoming holidays or next year, please give me a call on 9555 6141 as you will require a referral to their service.

Pre-Loved School Uniforms

If your son or daughter will no longer be in school uniform from next year, we would appreciate any donation of pre-loved uniform that you might like to make to the school. We can then use your donation to assist families who are experiencing hardship. Many, many thanks to the our Year 12 parents who have already sent in pre-loved uniforms.

Speech Pathology

A further reminder that our speech pathologist, Carisse Matthews, will be continuing her weekly program again next year. If you would like to discuss your student’s participation in 2013 please contact Carisse on 0439 968 785. Carisse is also intending to start a small social skills therapy group. So if you feel such a program would benefit your son or daughter please Carisse a call.

Respite and Carelink Centre

Visit www.respitesouth.org.au for information about respite options in the southern region. If you would like to talk with someone about your respite needs, please call 1800 052 222 (24 hours a day). You may wish to sign up to receive their free newsletter which contains a range of information about the services and programs currently available. Brochures on this service are also available from school.

Very best wishes for a wonderful festive season, and happy and safe holidays.

Maree McCutcheon
### IMPORTANT DATES

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The whole Berendale School community would like to thank Anne Williams. She raised nearly $2000 through a 'sausage sizzle' and passed this amount on to school. Students and staff decided to buy 8 high quality beanbags and a set of class calculators to be used around subschools. In our shared teaching and learning spaces, these new additions are really helping our students to focus on their work and have a huge effect on helping us to create calm and purposeful classrooms. Once again, we are incredibly grateful to Anne for her efforts and support.
INFORMATION NIGHTS

EVENT CALENDAR 2012-13

About three years ago Marriott Support Services started to offer a number of information sessions to
staff, participants, families and the broader community about developments which might be of interest
such as Individual Support Programs.

Following the success of those sessions and based on feedback from people who have attended them,
we have now established a program of Information Nights through to the end of 2013. Each event will
focus on a particular area of interest and will provide information about recent developments and
directions.

The schedule for the year is

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                             | Presenter: Medicare Australia                               |
| Thursday 21st March 2013     | Funding Today and In the Future: What can it buy? How can it benefit you?  
                             | What is Financial Intermediary?  
                             | Presenter: Moira F. I.                                     |
| Wednesday 17th June 2013     | Employment for People with a Disability: What is a Social Enterprise? What are the options? What can you do to seek employment?  
                             | Presenters: Garry Washfold, General Manager Marriott Support Services |
| Wednesday 25th September 2013| Communicating with your Service: How to get the information you want. Social media, Facebook, websites... Have your say in your preferred communication means!  
                             | Presenters: Taimi Clinch, Manager PSC, Marriott Support Services |
| Thursday 21st November 2013  | Autism and Asperger Syndrome: Getting the assistance you need. Where to go, what to ask and what's available.  
                             | Presenters: TBC                                            |

Want more information on our events?

Join our mailing list – by emailing info@marriott.org.au, subject line: “Join mail list”

Register to attend

To register email events@marriott.org.au or phone Reception on 9555 0777
Concert and Awards Night 2012

DVDs for sale.

The DVD for this will be available the last week of term, the 17th December the cost will be $10 each.

Please include the money in an envelope with this slip and return to the office.

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Student name:_____________________________________

How many copies:____________________________________

Parent signature:____________________________________