Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the 2012 school year and a very special welcome to our new students and their families. All new students are featured in the Bulletin this week.

The Bulletin is published every second Monday and although we are sending out hard copies today the usual practice is for you to access it from our website. Go to the school web site at www.berendale.vic.edu.au and click on subscribe to Bulletin. You will then receive an email to prompt you when it is available. It is a closed site so when you subscribe we have an administrator who will approve your access.

There are many important messages in the Bulletin so please make sure you read it each fortnight.

Who Do I contact for what?

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Welcome BBQ/Information Evening  
Monday 20th February 5.00- 8.00pm

All students and their families are invited to our welcome BBQ. A reply slip is attached to this bulletin. Could you please fill it out and return it to school as soon as possible for catering purposes. It will be a chance to meet other parents in your child’s class and also get information about the sub school curriculum and activities. I encourage all new parents to attend.

We are happy for parents to organise class lists for parent contact and we would be interested in having a parent class representative for each class. Please let the class teacher know if you are interested.

Have a great week  
Best wishes  
Paula Barnett
Welcome

Welcome back to our students and parents for school year 2012. A special welcome also to all our new students and their parents. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year. Each fortnight the Berendale Bulletin will contain information on a wide range of issues around student welfare and parent support. So please look out for ‘WELFARE MATTERS’ in the bulletin and don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or requests for further information.

Student Wellbeing

The Bayside Immunisation Team will visit Berendale this term as part of the School Based Immunisation Program. This year only students in Years 7 and 10 will be involved in the program. Student cards will be sent home for completion several weeks prior to the visit. If you could please complete the card and return it to school, even if you don’t wish to have your student immunised.

A reminder to parents that students with epilepsy require an annual update from either their treating specialist or family doctor, giving permission to swim. Students with asthma also need to have their asthma management plans reviewed annually, and updated where necessary. Letters will be sent home this week with further information.

During the hot months we encourage all our students to be ‘summer safe’. If you could please assist us with this important message and provide your student with a hat or cap, water bottle and sunscreen to help reinforce good habits. The school does provide sunscreen issued by the Cancer Council when necessary, but we request that you please notify the school if your student has any sensitivity to sunscreen.

Program Vacancies

Several vacancies exist in the Riding for the Disabled Program held on alternate Fridays throughout the year. Students from Sub Schools 1 and 2 attend during Friday sport. There are registration and tuition fees payable at the commencement of the program, and medical forms that need to be completed prior to the first ride on Friday 24th February. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like your son or daughter to participate.

Vacancies also exist in the Monday drama program ‘Stitched Up’. This is an excellent program organised by JCAAA (Joint Councils Access for all Abilities) at the South Melbourne Community Centre from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. The cost for 6 classes in Term 1 is $60. JCAAA provide a bus from school to the venue with parents arranging transport home. Please contact Amanda at JCAAA (9209 6159) to find out more about the program, or to book a place.

Speech Pathology

If any parents are interested in the services of a speech pathologist at Berendale please contact Carisse Matthews (0439 968 785) for further information. This would be a fee for service arrangement or as part of a Health Care Plan through your family doctor.

Time for a Break

The 2012 booklet ‘Time for a Break is an excellent resource guide to respite care, recreational activities and family support. Published annually by MOIRA, the booklet is a wealth of up to date information for parents and carers. Copies are available from the school so please let us know if you would like a copy.

Maree McCutcheon
SLIP, SLOP , SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE

EMA for 2012

Parents and Carers who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for EMA only if their child is under 16 can contact the school office for a EMA form. You will need to provide a copy of your current Health Care Card or bring it to the office and we will photocopy it for you. The EMA form must be completed and then hand it back before 20th February 2012 to the school office so the payments can go through. You can also sign over the payment to the school to help pay your student’s school fees etc.

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) can be paid into your bank account or by cheque. When you fill out the application you need to tick the EFT payment option and include your bank account details or tick the cheque option, and then send it back to the school office to be processed.

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2012 New Students

Rosa Aboufahher
Sarah Boon
Sarah Dickinson
Joshua Esakoff
Mana Fujioka
Cory McQuilkin-Seehan
Chloe Osmond
George Peltikis
Rowan Snell
Scott Anderson
Mathew Christpoulos
Evander Hearne
Welcome BBQ Invite 2012

Who:
Parents and Students / Families

When:
20th February 2012

Where:
Berendale School

Time:
5.30 – 7.00 for the BBQ and
7.00 - 8.00 Information Sessions in Sub Schools

RSVP:
Wednesday 10th February 2010

Meat, Salad, bread, fruit and soft drinks will be provided by the school.

Uniforms will also been on Sale for any families that may require them.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 20th

Welcome BBQ 2012

RSVP

Student Name:..............................

Class:.................................

Number of Adults attending:.........
Number of children attending:.........