Dear Parents/Carers

Already we are half way through Term 3 and really looking forward to some exciting events. Sub School 2 will be going on Camp later in August and Sub School 3 have their big trip to Queensland coming up in September. Once again we will show case The Arts with **Berendale's Got Talent**. We are arranging the time and date, more information will be given out closer to the event.

**Visitors to the school:**

Last week we had two teachers from Black Mountain Special School in Canberra visit our school. They were delighted to see our VET courses in action and to visit both Fairways and Elanora Aged Care Facilities where our students complete Hospitality Training and Volunteer Work. We also had discussions around Career Action Planning and they finished their day by visiting the Pool Kiosk where Southern Autistic students were having their regular café session.

**Curriculum Day:**

Just a reminder Tuesday 20th August will be a Curriculum Day. No students will be required at school on this day.

**Beyond the School Gates:**

Some of the current programs Berendale students are involved in include:

- Step by Step (Vocational Education Program)
- Mindfulness (Health)
- TAFE Tasters (Vocational Educational)
- Combined Schools Dance Party (Oct 25th Recreation)
- SEDA clinics (Recreation)
- Drumming For Families (Recreation)
- Sex Education Years 7&8 (Health)
- Father Child Lawn Bowls (Parent Support)
- Wheels in Motion (Health)
- Bayside Film Festival:

The Bayside Film Festival is on again and this year we have two students nominated for prizes. Tamara Moss was nominated for 'The Adventures of Tim Tam' and Alex Skaftouros was nominated for his film 'The Holden Story'. Films will be shown on 29th and 30th August. Thank you to Bayside Council for funding a film maker to work with our students and to our wonderful volunteers. Congratulations to all students on their films.

**Travel Training:**

Today we had discussions with the Transport section of the Department regarding a Pilot program to trial a new Travel Training program at Berendale. The school will receive funds to travel train a selected number of students. Expression of Interest will be sent out shortly.

Have a great week

Regards

Paula Barnett
Disability Respite & Recreation Expo 2013

A further reminder that the annual Southern Disability Respite & Recreation Expo will be held on Thursday 29th August at the Dandenong Market, corner of Clow & Cleeland Streets, Dandenong, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. All parents and carers are most welcome. There will be information on respite options, recreation and arts opportunities and a large variety of stalls for you to visit. Please contact the MOIRA Expo Coordinator on 8552 2222 if you would like further information.

Drama Group 2014

Due to a change in funding the highly successful drama program ‘Stitched Up’ will not continue to operate in its present form and will finish up at the end of this term. However there is some good news. The program organisers are very keen to continue with a new weekly drama group at the start of 2014. If you are interested in your son or daughter participating in a new drama program could you please give me a call at school on 9555 6141. It would be good to know the level of support as soon as possible.

Companion Card Victoria

The Companion Card has been developed to allow a person with a disability to participate in a wide range of recreational activities with the assistance of a ‘companion’. Some of our students may qualify for the card, so please let us know if you would like to know more about how the scheme operates. You can also telephone for information on 1800 650 611 or visit www.companioncard.org.au You will need a report from a treating doctor to validate the level of disability of the young person.

Parent Information Evening

This information evening is about the legal and financial considerations parents of young people with a disability face now and into the future. Doug Patrick from Lakeside Financial Brighton is very experienced in this field, and will conduct this session free of charge and without any obligation. The evening will be held at Berendale on Thursday 5th September from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. An invitation will be sent home this week to all Berendale parents and carers.

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Families Program

This program consists of six workshops aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of mothers caring for a young person with a disability. The program will look at stress, physical activity, healthy lifestyle choices, self care, empowerment and resilience. Please contact Dr Helen-Bourke-Taylor at Monash University on 9904 4171 if you would like more information. The program is due to begin on Tuesday 27th August and will be held every three weeks at no cost to participants.

Maree McCutcheon
(Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, Staff, Support Groups, All & Sundry,

Firstly, it is with great pleasure to report on the wonderful experience that I had when I attended the debutants ball. The food was really good, the girls all looked very beautiful in their ball gowns and the boys were very handsome in their formal suits. The debutants all danced very well and some of them were able to show off some moves afterwards when everybody was allowed onto the dance floor. Everybody did show each other just how groovy they could be as they did bust a move. Rob Sands also did a brilliant job as the master of ceremonies.

The mums and dads were all very proud and I could also see the joy in the faces of all of the relatives that could make it along. Congratulations to everybody involved in what was once again proven to be, the premier night on the Berendale calendar.

It has now past have year mark and for those who are astronomically aware, we have now past the Winter solstice, or more commonly referred to as the shortest day of the year. Not only have the days been short, but so have the budgets and looming cuts to various support groups such as “Stitched Up” who have been conducting various out of school activities for our children, in our case it is drama classes which will now with no replacement. I therefore ask you all to make a concerted effort pay all outstanding school fees as there will be a continued demand for support services from Berendale. Please advise the office staff if there a difficulties in the timing of these payments.

My thanks to the staff & school council members who are trying to obtain the best results for the parents and children with the transport options, thank you also to the parents who attended the meeting regarding the future transport options as your input was and continues to be extremely valuable. We look forward to some great results.

Sincerely,

Kon Peltekis.

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Hi my name is Derrion Hayes. In VCAL the Year 10 students have been doing the Driver’s Ed course at Metec. On the last day we received our Certificates.
SS3 Fundraising

Currently 8 students are attending Work based courses at the Family Life Warehouse and Cheltenham shop. These students have decided to do some fundraising for Family Life PeopleWorx program.

Family Life's PeopleWorx program is run in Op Shops in Cheltenham, Chelsea and Frankston. Young people can come along and get the work experience, job skills and get personal support needed to get a job.

Young people in the PeopleWorx program get:

- Work experience
- Certificate II Retail Training
- Personal support and encouragement from trained adult volunteers
- Skills needed to look for a job

Over the next 2 weeks Berendale students can guess the number of worms in the jar for a 50 cents charge, students will go to the classrooms daily. The lucky winner will be notified Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September. The winner can decide whether to share their winnings with their Sub school or the Whole school.
It’s that special time in our school year where many of our students are particularly inspired to perform in front of an audience. It’s BERENDALE’S GOT TALENT time.

Over the past few months we have held sub-school auditions and on each occasion the audience has voted for their favourite acts. These acts will now perform in our semi-finals.

We congratulate the following students for winning a place in the semi-finals

Arts Coordinator - Jenny Tupper

**Subschool 1**
- James & Evander
- Alex & Tyneisha
- Chloe & Rowan
- Alice
- Asad
- Hayden
- Sarah & Angel

**Subschool 2**
- Lewis & James
- Tamara
- Amber
- Tom
- Jinibua
- Skye
- Dean

**Subschool 3**
- Claudia
- Daniel
- Jack & Siobhan
- Rosy
- Ruby & Siobhan
CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

YOUR CHILD’S DENTAL HEALTH

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending your school. Formally the School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the Community Oral Health Service.

My child has visited the Oral Health Services (formally School Dental Service) before:
If your child/children has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check-up. In this case, no action is required.

My child has never visited the School Dental Program:
Please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Service on 8587 0350 for an appointment.

Who is eligible?

- Children and young people:
  - All children aged 0 – 12 years (fees apply for non concession card holders)
  - Young people aged 13 – 17 years who are health care or pensioner concession card holders or dependants of concession card holders

Where is the service located?

Central Bayside Community Health Service
Oral Health Service
335-337 Nepean Highway
PARKDALE
Phone: 8587 0350

Entrance is off Carrier Avenue
Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers
FREE and low-cost dental services for eligible children
Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing.
Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

Who can access this service?
The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12 through your local community health service. Your child will have priority access which means there is no waiting list, they will be given the next available appointment.

What does the service include?
This service includes:
- emergency care
- general care (e.g. fillings, extractions and sealants)
- dental health advice.

How much does it cost?

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To make an appointment contact
Central Bayside Community Health Services
Oral Health Services
335 Nepean Hway Parkdale 3195
Ph: 8587 0350

For more information visit www.dhsy.org.au
or follow us on twitter: www.twitter.com/ dhsv