Dear Parents/Carers

We are heading for another busy week rehearsing for the School Performance and Awards Night. Don't forget to order your tickets! We are also opening the Centennial Garden—Celebrating 100 years of Special Education. The garden is located at the rear of Sub School 2 and has been developed by Sub School students, Horticulture students, Building and Construction students and our School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship students. Parents are very welcome to attend on Tuesday 12th November at 1.30 pm. The event is being catered for by our hospitality area and produce from our Horticulture Garden will be on display. Please ring the office to confirm your attendance.

Performance and Awards Night:

We urgently require parents to book their tickets for the Performance and Awards Night. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for non Berendale students. Notes will be sent out this week in regards to students costumes and requirements on the night.

End of Year Arrangements:

Students 16 years and over may finish school on Friday 29th November however full provision will be made for students who wish to remain at school until Friday 20th December. There will be an early finish on the last day at 12.00 noon.

Reports, the School Magazine and class allocations will be sent out to parents in the last week of school. Bus transport will be allocated during the holidays and parents will be notified by mail of pick up and drop off times.

Presentation Ball DVD:

Thank you to Seth Willingham who has completed the Presentation Ball DVD. Students involved in the event will receive a complimentary copy with their end of year package. Seth's hard worked saved the school hundreds of dollars and the result is very professional and captures the essence of the night.

Combined Special Schools Dance Party:

The Dance Party held in late October was again a great success. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on the night. Thank you also to Emma and Brooke from Beyond the School Gates who organised the night. We will hold another one in 2014. On pages 4 and 5 are photos of the event.

School Fees:

School Fees are now due, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact myself or Maree McCutcheon to make other arrangements.

Have a great week,
Regards
Paula Barnett
WELFARE MATTERS

World Festival of Magic

Thanks to those families who have booked tickets for the World Festival of Magic. We have 85 seats booked for Saturday 21st December, the first day of the holidays. Your tickets will be sent home in the first week of December, so please let me know immediately if you haven’t received them by December 5th at the latest.

Bayside Youth Services- After School & Holiday Programs

A reminder that the Bayside Youth Services after school programs, held on Mondays and Thursdays at the Peterson Youth Centre, are coming to an end for this year. The program will return in 2014 so please watch for information about what will be offered in the coming year. Information on the very popular Bayside Youth Services Holiday Program will be available soon. Their webpage www.bayside.vic.gov.au/youth has a lot of information.

MSAC Family Passes

We have been given a number of free family passes to MSAC Sports and Aquatic Centre in Albert Park. Please let me know if you would like a pass for the family.

Marriott Support Services Information Evening

You are invited to attend an information evening at Marriott House, 100 Wheatley Road, McKinnon on Thursday 21st November. Drinks and nibbles from 6:00pm with the presentation by the Statewide Autistic Services on ‘Young People with ASD and Aspergers’ from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. You will hear about recreational programs, respite options and transition from school to post school options.
You can book now at events@marriott.org.au or contact Naomi on 9555 0777 for more information about the evening.

Student ID Cards

Please let us know if you would like a free ID card for your student. A card is available through the office and contains photo ID and student details, including date of birth. Such a card can be very useful for students who are quizzed about their age when attending events or going to the movies etc. particularly during the holiday period. Students from age 16 can apply for a KeyPass, or at 18 a Proof of Age Card. Please give me a call if you would like further information or an application form.

Preloved Uniforms

A reminder that any donations of preloved school uniforms are most welcome. Many thanks to the parents who have already generously helped to replenish our second-hand stock.

Dr Maree McCutcheon
(Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
Dear all,

With this glimpse of beautiful weather that we are having, you would all have to agree that summer is about to hit and that there is no better place to be in summer than in the temperate climate of Melbourne where you can enjoy every activity available on the sea as well as the beautiful flora that this time of year brings. As such, I am delighted to tell you and all of my friends outside of Berendale about the beautiful centennial garden that is being officially recognised on the 12th of November at Berendale school to mark 100 years of special education in Victoria, our thanks go out to Anne Claydon, Craig Voltz and students who participated in the construction of something that will be so very beautiful at this time of year. Please try and make it if you can and help to identify with the wonderful work that has taken place for past and immediate pupils.

You may have noted an endearing photo of our school principal Paula Barnett in the last newsletter, yes we did all partake in that cake she was captured with at the school council meeting. Our congratulations go out to Paula for winning the Emerson award, proving that she is the best that we can have, an excellent value to you! The students, parents, staff and all of those that wish to share her knowledge, please ask her about it next time you see her and especially about her looming trip to the USA as part of her fellowship award she was successful in receiving.

Let’s not stop there, we have awards coming out of every pocket & corner like the Champion School, and best VET, VCAL provider at the Applied Learning & Leading teacher awards. So now we can say to everyone who hasn’t paid their school fees that they have every reason to do so and show their support for our school as these awards will continue to roll in with the help of you, the parents and sponsors.

Please be reminded of the Concert and Awards night on the 19th November where I look forward to meeting up with you all & if there are any sailors amongst you all, Black Rock Sailing Club is offering memberships to Berendale people, so why not have a crack at sailing around the Cerberus (which affectionately call the HMVS Asparagus) I reiterate the joy of being in Melbourne at this time of year.

Sincerely,

Kon

School Council

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Beyond the School Gates - Combined Schools Dance Party 2013

On 25th of October, Beyond the School Gates hosted a Dance Party at Beaumaris Community Centre for the students of Yarrabah, Berendale and Southern Autistic Schools. It was a fantastic night which saw many new friendships develop (and many pizzas get eaten).

Students danced the night away to the latest songs and classic hits, and many students took the opportunity to show off their vocals via karaoke. The happiness and excitement in the room was infectious, with teachers and parents even joining the students on the dance floor for a boogie throughout the night. One parent commented:

*My son loved everything about it…. hanging out with friends, mingling with kids his age and dancing to cool music. I really appreciate the time, effort and thought put into organising this event. We can't wait until it returns again next year.*

Glow sticks and temporary tattoos were definitely highlights, and it’s safe to say that ‘What Does the Fox Say?’ was the winner of the most popular song of the night!

Beyond the School Gates would like to thank all of the parents, carers and school staff that volunteered their time to help out on the night. Your generous assistance doubtlessly contributed to the incredible success of the event.

If you would like to learn more about Beyond the School Gates and the other programs we offer, please visit our website [www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au](http://www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au). We look forward to seeing you all at the next Combined Schools Dance Party in 2014!
Berendale is a very busy school. We often have to act at the last moment when we are offered opportunities to support our students’ learning programs and keeping our school community informed and up to date is a difficult task. This newsletter is one of the ways in which we try to do this, but the Konnective app is another way that we can help to keep information flowing.

Konnective are working closely with the department and the app in its current form is just the beginning – they are hoping that it will become a way for parents to give permission and consent for excursions and other new features in the future.

Many of you have already downloaded the app and have subscribed, we have also started to send messages and photos using the system.

We would like to encourage you to:

- Download the app from either the App Store or the Google Play store on to your device.
- Create an account on the Konnective app.
- Search for Berendale feeds on the Konnective app.
- You will automatically be able to receive the General Updates and you can also request to belong to feeds that are more specific to your student or connection with the school.

If anyone would like help, please feel free to give me a call or come to the office and I can help you to get up and running with Konnective.

Seth Willingham, Assistant Principal
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 19th November 2013 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)
No cost for Berendale Students.

TICKET ORDERS

AWARDS AND PERFORMANCE NIGHT

Name: _____________________
Class: ________

I/We require adult tickets. □ Total enclosed:

I / We require children tickets □ $__________

□
Free activities day at GESAC!

GESAC is hosting a community event to celebrate *International Day of People with Disability*. Everyone is welcome to come along and have some fun!

**Tuesday 3 December, 10am–2pm**
Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre
200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East

Barbecue lunch provided.

**Activities include:**
- Basketball
- Balloon football
- Zumba
- Circus skills
- Cricket
- T-ball
- Swish
- Bowls
- Tennis
- Soccer

To register for this event or for further information, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au