Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 2:

I hope you had a pleasant break over Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. As you would now realise the Industrial Action is over with the completion of the new agreement. All meetings, camps etc can now go ahead as scheduled.

Our staff have been considerate during the bans and our school events, such as the barbecue, Annual General Meeting etc went ahead as planned. I thank them very much for making these concessions.

Drumming Workshops:

Parents may remember that we handed out flyers for the possibility of parent/student after school drumming sessions. Unfortunately we only has a few replies so I thought I would check in again with our school community to see if there is any further interest. Please send replies to the school rather than the council. I hope we have some interest. We would be happy to subsidize the sessions through ‘Beyond the School Gates’.

Student Support Groups:

Parents should receive a package in the mail containing reports and an invitation to a Student Support Group Meeting. I urge all parents to attend and reply as soon as possible. It would be good for parents who are not working to attend during the day.

School Uniform:

As the weather is getting colder students can now wear either Winter or Summer uniform. Please note that only the school hoodie is acceptable.

We are currently changing suppliers which means there will be a slight variation in uniform styles during the change-over period. Please contact Maree Beall to order any uniform items.

School Fees:

As parents would realise we do not have a voluntary donation but ask parents to pay fees for areas not subsidised by the Department. For example our three buses and ute used for excursions, camps, industry visits and work education are not subsidised and the school pays for all expenses including registration, insurance, maintenance and running costs. All maintenance and running costs of the pool are paid via local funds. Our VET trainers and facilities have all been financed through donations, trusts and local funds.

We would appreciate your contribution to be paid as soon as possible. Of course anyone suffering financial difficulty can contact me to discuss alternative arrangements.

Have a great week,

Regards

Paula Barnett
**WELFARE MATTERS**

**Razza Ma Tazz Tickets**

Berendale families have once again been invited to this fabulous free show of magic, clowning, juggling, puppetry, acrobatics and much more. There is only one show this year on Saturday 18th May at 2:00 pm at Festival Hall, West Melbourne. Information about the show and an order form for tickets was sent home last week. So if you want tickets please return your order by **Wednesday 24th April** to reserve your seats. If you have any questions please give me a call.

**Family Support: A Parent Pampering Program**

On Tuesday 30th April from 9:30 to 11:30 am MOIRA will be hosting a session for parents conducted by the Body Shop. This session is a free treat for parents with hand massages etc. using the Body Shop products. A morning tea will be provided giving parents the chance to chat. The session will be run at the MORIA Training Room, 920 Nepean Highway, Hampton East. To book your place please phone Kerri Rolfe at MOIRA on 8552 2222 or give me a call, but don't delay as places will fill quickly.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2013**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program 2013 has recently commenced. If you could please save the points from your purchases and send them along to school to be collated. These points are then exchanged for classroom resources such as reading, maths, science, art and craft and sporting materials. Your help and that of your family and friends would be really appreciated particularly as we are a small school. Last year this program provided us with a number of high quality resources e.g. weather station, table games and sporting equipment.

**Camping Programs**

There are a number of camps available to our students throughout the year. Edmund Rice Camps, Camp Diversity. Kids under Kanvas are just a few. Information about suitable camps is listed in ‘Time for a Break’ a MOIRA publication available from school or give a call. Our school camping program for 2013 has commenced for many students. Please let me know as soon as possible if you need assistance with funding the camp costs.

**Parent Education & Information (PACTS)**

This term Berendale will again be hosting the highly successful PACTS Program for parents. The program will run over two evenings, Thursday 13th and 20th June from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The program provides parents with the information and resources to help plan, prepare and support their son or daughter leading up to and in their transition from school to post school options. While the program is most beneficial for parents of Sub Schools 2 and 3 students, all parents are very welcome to attend. Invitations together with additional information will be sent home in a few weeks.

Maree McCutcheon
Each year the school assist to raise money for the Anzac Appeal by selling badges for the RSL.

Available for sale are:

- $2 Badges
- $3 Wrist Bands
- $4 Key Rings
- $5 Badges
- $5 Pens
- $2 Tattoos

School Captains will be in charge of selling badges and collecting the money. They will go around classrooms each morning so please send in the money with your son or daughter.

Hello to all the people in the Berendale community. You may have noted many happy faces lately, especially amongst all the boys & girls. All the exciting projects and activities that are currently underway are all due to the support of the teachers, parents & outside influences that realise the importance of how our children learn and grow into independent adults.

The school fees are such a great support for the facilities that allow our children to learn (especially the swimming pool! I always did want to go to a school that had it’s own pool myself) I hope everyone has considered the importance of the school fees and how they contribute to your child’s immediate & long term welfare.

To all those going on camp, I hope that you are considering the benefits of the time spent doing new things that take the “day to day” activities to a higher level, enjoy the time maybe quiet time for mum & dad even!

As far as music goes, if there are any people who want to ‘Beat Their Drum’ Well! Why don’t you join in on the African drumming session, I will look forward to it myself so I hope to see you there. It’s a pretty cool thing to do, even if you’re tone deaf like me, you still sound OK!

Drop off & pick up is a really nice time to note the new faces, so if you see someone you recognise when you’re next at the school gates, smile broadly as you will always be welcomed, every time.

Best Regards,

Kon Peltekis
School Council President
WHEN PAYING SCHOOL FEES
When depositing school fees in to the school’s bank account it is very important to add in the student’s name so it can be easily identified.

School Photos
Monday 29th April
Please return envelopes by the day of the school photos

Entertainment Books are still available please contact the school office on 9555 6141

### IMPORTANT DATES

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The Kingston Council ran a Cyber Bullying Program in Subschool 2

Stand up and speak out! If you see or know that one of your friends is being cyber bullied, support them and report the bullying.

By Maddy
SS3 - Friday Sport and Recreation News...

The students who are not participating in interschool Basketball this term have been focusing on improving our GOLF SKILLS. We have been playing a ‘chipping’ game on the oval and a putting game inside. We have chosen these games incase some students are interested in playing golf when they leave Berendale.
For the last 2 weeks of this term we went to the Sandringham Golf Driving Range for some practice. We have enjoyed learning some new skills.

Written by Arnold Bamroong, Andrew Fisher and Perrin Richardson.

[Image of students at the driving range]
Are you interested in Drumming!

Sessions for you and your son or daughter
If so please fill out and forward to school ASAP

Name:___________________________________________________

I am interested in attending Drumming Workshops:___________