Dear Parents and Carers

School continues to be busy and active since the last time I wrote. It is always great to see our students engaging so positively with the opportunities that staff at Berendale create and support for them.

On a prospective parent tour this week, I was asked “Where are all the students?” – and it made me think about how much student learning takes place away from the school campus. Some of our off site programs are listed below (and I am sure that I will have missed some of them, so apologies in advance!)

Wednesdays and Thursdays sees the majority of students in Years 10, 11, 12 (and 13) participating in authentic workplace learning. Some of our partners include McDonalds, Bunnings, Coatesville Primary School, Mordialloc Beach Primary School, Workplace Training Strategies – Brighton East, Oakleigh Industries, Passion for Pets, Bayside City Council, Riding Way, Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club, St Peter’s Primary, Coles – Bluff Road, Cabrini Hospital, Brotherhood of St Lawrence, Black Rock Activity Centre, Melbourne Mower Centre, Four Paws Kennels and Cattery – Pearcedale, Elanora and Fairway Aged Care facilities. This list is not exhaustive and there are others still. I’m sure you can appreciate that coordinating and supporting students in all of these locations is a time consuming and complicated role – so it is opportune to also acknowledge the efforts of staff in their support of your sons and daughters.

On Fridays students are at bowling, basketball, horse-riding and interschool sports. In Subschool 1 the weekly program allows students to visit the Petersen Youth Centre and also undertake elements drawn from the Travel Education Framework that connects them purposefully with the wider community. The list continues with more off-site opportunities in volunteering (meals on wheels – Bayside Council, Elwood Community Garden and Family Life, Cheltenham). Senior students spend a full day on Wednesday in the city attending digital media workshops and training.

This is why we always try to have school tours on Thursday when we can also show the wealth of on-site opportunities that are also offered through our VET programs.

In closing, can I take this chance to remind you of a further opportunity that is offered at school, and prompt you to get your ticket orders in for the school performance on 16th September. Students are always so keen to perform in their items knowing that their families are in the audience. It’s a chance for everyone to feel proud of themselves!

Thank you

Seth
WELFARE MATTERS

Bayside Youth Services Xtreme Teen Holiday Program

Bookings open at 10:00 am this Thursday 4th September. All bookings must now be made online. Also there is support available through JCAAA (9209 6159) to assist young people with special needs to attend this holiday program. Further information can be sought from school or the Bayside Youth Services (9599 4622),

Movie Tickets

I still have a few free Hoyts movie passes to give away. These passes may also be used at Palace Cinemas and are valid until February 2015. Please let me know if you are interested.

Extended Families Program

A further reminder to parents that you can access this excellent program by contacting Olivia Nam, the new program coordinator on 9289 4839, or email her at Olivia@extendedfamilies.org.au

The Extended Families Program provides support for young people with disabilities to access recreation and sporting events. They can also work in the home assisting young people with their development in independent living skills.

Year 7 Afternoon Tea

A big thank you to the parents who attended the afternoon tea last week and also to Kerri Rolfe for her attendance and support. Thanks also to Di and Tino and their catering team (Harvey, Luis, Amanda, Maddy, Amber and Suki) who looked after our guests so wonderfully well.

V8 Supercars Friday 12th September at Sandown

Please return the permission note to your class teacher no later than this Wednesday 3rd September. We need to finalise transport arrangements for the day to ensure that everyone who wants to attend has been provided for. There are plenty of adult tickets available too, so please let me know if you are interested in going along.

Parent Support Respite Options

If you would like more information about disability respite option in the southern region please contact 1800 052 222 during business hours or have a look on their website www.respitesouth.org.au which is a resource for parents and carers. You can also obtain a copy of ‘Time for a Break’ a MOIRA publication from the school.

Dr Maree McCutcheon (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)

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FATHERS’ DAY GIFT

We have a number of gift packs (razor, shampoo & conditioner) suitable for Fathers’ Day. If you would like one for a father or grandfather please fill in the slip below and return it to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thanks.

Name (student): _________________________________ Year: ______________

Number of packs: ______________ Signed: _____________________________

Fathers' Day Gift Pack Request
Hello all,

While sitting at breakfast in Vietnam my Konnective alerts me to the happenings at Berendale, so I politely ask for another coffee and look in amazement at the offerings in the Beyond the School Gates Program. I also take time out to call my daughter after having sent her photos of what poverty looks like in this beautiful country that I am visiting and consider the beautiful country that we live in. You see, there is no beyond the school gates here, for some there is no school. It is where begging can be common place and where I come to baring gifts of meat and fruit as that is what matters. I hope I come home to the same smiles and zest for life that I see in the people here, I also hope that those smiles can be seen when paying the school fees as I’m sure that we all have reason to celebrate our school, community and country.

As our respected Principal delivers her news from her travels in the United States, I hope you all join us in learning of the contrasts that we share globally.

Regards,

Konstantine Peltekis – School Council President

**Uniform Orders**

School uniforms will be ordered from PSW in the early 4th term. I will send off the orders on 23rd October.
We work very hard at basketball training on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes with Lesley our basketball coach.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Here are some more great photos of our students working with our SEDA friends. It was sad to see the end of this program and say goodbye to them on last Tuesday.
A Park with a Difference

Students from sub school 1 and 2 who are part of the recreation and leisure, camping and bushwalking program, recently enjoyed discovering the creative, thoughtful and artistic works of Art at the McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery in Langwarrin.

As you can see from the photos below, there were many favourite sculptures to choose from. The crowd favourite seemed to be a draw between the ‘Giant Red Laughing Boy’ and the ‘Giant White Marbles’. Which one is your favourite?

Since the last newsletter, the students have cooked up a storm on the ‘Trangia” camp cookers and found out about the life of the “Little Penguins” at the St Kilda break water. One very interesting Penguin fact is that the father Penguins look after the family while the mother Penguins go out fishing. A very modern family indeed!

Next we are off to set up some tents and put a snag on the BBQ at Braeside Park Braeside. Camping certainly is the life for us!
Over the last week, Mt Buller hosted the Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships, with athletes competing from all around the state in skiing and snowboarding events. This year, Berendale was represented in the Multi Class event which is a special event organised for kids with special needs or disabilities, by Perrin Richardson and Hayden Bognar. The participants do two days of training run by Disabled Wintersport Australia and the race happens on the third day. Both boys did extremely well and should both be proud of their efforts. Hayden achieved third place in division 3 (years 7 and 8) skiing while Perrin achieved a third place in division 1 (years 11 and 12) snowboarding. As part of the event, the boys got to march in the opening ceremony and were proudly waving the Berendale sign. They also heard from two-time winter paralympic medalist Jessica Gallagher at the presentation dinner who also awarded their racing bibs for the next day. All in all, it was a successful event and the boys skied and snowboarded extremely well and most importantly, had a go and had fun!
HEALTH
September
Holiday Activities
Program

> Lots of different activities.
> Hang out with friends and meet new people.
> Nutritious lunches provided.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
In conjunction with Kingston City Council and Bayside Council, Beyond the School Gates is once again running holiday activities for students aged 13+. The program runs over three days, and you can choose how many days you attend.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
- Secondary school students aged 14 – 18 years
- A recognised Learning Difference (e.g. Autism, Severe Language Learning Disorder, intellectual disability)
- Live or go to school in the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston or Port Phillip region.
- Supervision is provided but not one-on-one care, so students must be able to participate independently.

DRESS CODE/COST
- Comfortable clothing that enables movement is essential. Runners/trainers are highly recommended.
- The cost of this program is $20 per day, payable in cash on arrival on each day of the program. Lunch on each day is included as well as fruit for morning tea.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Day 1 & Day 2 (Berendale School)
Dance, drama, sport, cooking, art, boxing

Day 3 (Genesis gym)
Spin class, circuit training, yoga, dance, movie

BOOKINGS
Please book a place in the program, please go to www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au
- Select “Sport and Fun.”
- Select “September Holidays Activities Program”.
Click on the email link and send:
- Name
- Age
- School
- Days you would like to book
Places are strictly limited and please be aware not all days may have availability.

www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au
Berendale Performance Concert Night

Students have been working extremely hard throughout the year and are looking forward to showcasing their items.

**When:** Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 5.30 pm for a 6.00 pm start (Students to arrive by 5.30 pm)

**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.

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**TICKET ORDERS**

Berendale Performance Concert night

Name: _____________________
Class: _______

I/We require adult tickets. [ ] Total enclosed: $__________
I / We require children tickets [ ]