Dear Parents/Carers

It's nice to be home and back at work after a busy three weeks travelling across America. Thank you so much to Seth Willingham, Kylie Scott and Rob Sands who took on the responsibility of smoothly running the school in my absence.

The trip was well worthwhile and really validated the direction the school is heading in. I saw so many students productively engaged in employment and visited places that have an employability rate as high as 75%. There are many differences to our system but most importantly the policy of Employment First which aims to make the first option of post school transition employment for all students. I was also impressed with the mandating of transition policies which requires all schools to engage in pre-employment activities with students with disabilities from the age of 14 until they leave school at 21. I have developed many contacts who we can work with us in the future.

School Performance Night

Don't forget the school concert on Tuesday 16th September. If you have not booked your tickets yet please ring the office as soon as possible to ensure you have a seat. Students and staff have been working very hard to make the event a successful. Our Awards night will be held during term 4.

Curriculum Day

This is the final reminder that no students will be required at school on Wednesday 17th September as this will be our Curriculum Day for Term 3. Staff will finish off the self-evaluation process for the School Review. They have spent all of this term in after school meetings evaluating the progress we made over the last four years and investigating areas we need to strengthen in the future.

School Council have had the opportunity to contribute to this process however feedback from the general parent body is still welcome. If you have any suggestions could you please put them in writing and send them to me.

School Holiday Program

We still have a couple of vacancies for the holiday program run by Beyond the School Gates. This program has been very successful and it is full of very engaging activities. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Curriculum Fees

Please make payments for fees prior to the end of term. If you are facing financial difficulties please ring myself or Maree McCutcheon to make alternative arrangements.

Have a great week and I hope all students have a safe and enjoyable break.

Regards

Paula Barnett
Movie Tickets

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

Bayside Youth Services Xtreme Teen Holiday Program

Bookings for this outstanding program close this Thursday 18th September, however a number of the most popular sessions have already been booked out. For any additional information please contact the school or the Bayside Youth Services Team (9599 4622). Please remember that all bookings must now be made online.

Proof of Age and ID Cards

Proof of Age cards can be applied for when students reach 17 years and 10 months. The school can support students in lodging an application. Younger students can be issued with an ID card through the school. This card can be very useful in proving age e.g. for movie tickets etc. Please contact the school for further information or to request an ID card.

Extended Families Program

Just 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 (6 to 17) to access recreation and sporting events. They can also work in the home assisting young people with their development in independent living skills.

Companion Card Victoria

The Companion Card has been developed to allow a person with a disability to participate more fully in a wide variety of recreational activities with the assistance of a ‘companion’. For more information call 1800 650 611 or visit www.companioncard.org.au Please give me a call if you would like to discuss how the scheme operates and the guidelines for eligibility.

V8 Supercars

Many thanks to the eighteen parents who attended the V8 Supercars with us last Friday. Your support on the day was very much appreciated. Thanks also to the staff and students who attended. It was a great day which featured the V8 supercars, V8 utes, touring cars, motor bike stunt riders, hot wheels, visits to pit lane to see the stars of the sport up close and much more. We are still chasing up some payments which help cover the coach hire for the event. It would be appreciated if this could be finalised before the end of term.

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.

Have a happy & safe holiday…….

Dr Maree McCutcheon (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
Dear friends of Berendale,

I’m back home from Asia and pleased to hear of all the good things that have happened. How lucky were all of those students who experienced the V8 supercars at Sandown, I bet we’ve all had some thought of driving a car really fast or even just owning a car with a loud engine. But I know we have to be responsible and care for our environment so the chances of owning or driving a noisy and fast car will be minimal!

We are all looking forward to the school concert and seeing what creative dance and musical treats are installed for us all tomorrow night, perhaps the staff will give us another night of entertainment too.

Great to see the kids went to “Veg Out” in St Kilda, I love taking the kids there every time we go to Acland St for a big fat cake or just an ice-cream. It’s good to see how people who cannot have their own yard really appreciate the opportunity to grow vegetables and generally help each other out with techniques that have in some cases be passed down from generations. I’m now confronted with re-establishing my vegetable patch and I cannot wait to get my children into the yard and letting know how good hard work can be, especially when it bares fruit.

Grand final fever is about to hit and it is unfortunate (for some) that the 2014 season is drawing to close, may your team win this year if not, the next.

Look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night.

Sincerely,

Konstantine Peltekis

President - Berendale School Council.

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Uniform Orders

School uniforms will be ordered from PSW early 4th term. I will send off the orders on 23rd October.

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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.

TICKET ORDERS
Berendale Performance Concert night

Name: _____________________
Class: ________

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

I / We require children tickets [ ]

[ ]
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.

DATES, TIME AND LOCATION
- Dates: Mon 29 Sep, Wed 1 Oct, Fri 3 Oct
- Time: 10.00- 3.00 pm.
- Locations: Mon 29 Sep & Wed 1 Oct- Berendale School, 2 Berendale Street, Hampton East
  Fri 3 Oct – Genesis gym, 76-78 Balcombe Rd, Mentone

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
VOLUNTEERING

Students under the guidance of Sam Formica are doing ongoing garden maintenance at Katandra School.

LAWN MOWING