Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to term 4. Our school review will be a focus of this busy term. Last week we had the VRQA compliance audit and got through it successfully. Thank you to Seth Willingham and Kylie Scott for completing the extensive list of policies and to the school council who reviewed and approved them as they were developed.

Our Year 12 and 13’s are on their holiday to Queensland this week. The students plan the trip themselves as part of their VCAL studies.

Term 4 School Events:

This year we have planned for school reports, class lists, teacher allocations and the school magazine to be distributed to parents in the 2nd last week of school. Our Awards afternoon will be held on Thursday 18th December at 1pm in the hall. We hope you can attend this event which will feature awards from each of the sub schools as well as the Rotary Club Resilience Award.

Berendales’ Got Talent will be held this term and Auditions will start soon. We will finalise the date by the next Newsletter.

Beyond the School Gates News

Dance Party:
The proposed Dance Party scheduled for this Friday has been postponed and we will hold it later on in the term. We will let you know the date but it’s also useful to check into The Beyond the School Gates website www.beyondtheschoolgates.org

Holiday Program:
The recent school holiday program was fantastic and well attended by students. They experienced a varied and interesting program and had the opportunity to try new activities. Thank you to Brooke for organising it and the volunteers who worked in the program.

Barista Course:
This course started last Wednesday however there are a few vacancies. It is held at Berendale School on Wednesday 4pm – 6pm and later at Elanora Aged Care Facility on Saturdays. If you are interested please contact Emma via the website.

Parents Pampering Day:
This will be held tomorrow Tuesday 14th October at Berendale School. There is a very special program planned so it would be great to see you relaxing at Berendale.

Have a great week

Regards

Paula Barnett

Spring has arrived ducks and ducklings visiting the school from the park across the road.
World Festival of Magic

Berendale students and their families have once again been invited to the ‘World Festival of Magic’ 21st Anniversary Show on Saturday 22nd November, 2014. Information about this spectacular family show will be sent home this week. Please return your ticket orders by the nominated date to ensure that you get the show time of your choice. Thanks again to the Melbourne Markets Lions Club who so generously host this world class show each year.

Bayside Youth Services Program

Bayside Youth Services are running a summer fitness program for students 12+ years on Wednesdays after school at the Peterson Centre, Highett. The program ‘Work It Out’ will include boxing, circuit, beach sessions and a lot more. To register visit www.bayside.vic.gov.au/youth or contact Youth Services on 9599 4622. There is no cost for this program and all Berendale students are eligible as they attend a Bayside school. Please give me a call if you would like to know more about the program or their youth services generally.

Proof of Identity

For a young person still in school proving your identity can sometimes be difficult. However 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 of independent living skills.

Camps

Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to request funding support for your student to attend a school camp. The process can often take several weeks so it would be appreciated if you make our request well in advance.

Recreational Activities

AMF Moorabbin run a program the ‘Sunshine League’ for ten pin bowlers with a disability. They play every Saturday from 10:00 until noon during school term. Please contact Bree at AMF Moorabbin 9555 3555 if you would like to know more. The first session is always for free, and a chance to try out and decide if your son or daughter would like to join the program.

Dr Maree McCutcheon (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students and staff on their magnificent performances at the end of year concert. The talent that was on offer for all to see was not only well rehearsed, but also an indication of capability and made for a very entertaining evening, especially for some of those old AC/DC fans, so let’s take this time to remember Bon Scott, who is still sung and spoken about today and was a founding member.

Congratulations to all of those sporting children that have achieved so much this year, especially Harvey in year 10 who has been selected for the special National Australian Special Olympics, we wish you all the very best and hope that you just enjoy being there more than anything. Remember guys, it’s not about winning or losing but just playing nicely!

We’re nearly at the end of the year and you’re probably making arrangements for parties and holidays, unfortunately for me I have to go to Europe and I will miss everyone. But I’ll be back in early December to catch up with all of the wonderful things that have taken place in this warm land. It will be very cold in Germany where I’m headed but I hear that the beer is good for all ailments. I will keep you all posted and allow you all to travel vicariously through me if you wish.

Welcome home to Paula, who has brought back so much knowledge to our school and community. It shows the benefit of travel and benchmarking against others, well done and thank you for what you have achieved on this recent mission.

Yours Sincerely,

School Council President

Kon Peltekis

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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Harvey has only been swimming with Special Olympics Victoria (SOV) for about 3 years. He is a member of the Southern Region, and trains once a fortnight at the Don Tatnell pool in Mentone. Athletes with numerous disabilities take part, and it is a great avenue to learn a new sport and compete on a level playing field.

Harvey has made some great friends and also competes in Regional games in Ballarat, Echuca and Bendigo. He has also competed in Newcastle and is eligible to be selected for the next International SO Olympics.

Harvey was selected for the National Games, which involve 1000 competitors from across Australia. He will be competing with 155 swimmers at MSAC over Tuesday 21/10/2014 to Thursday 23/10/2014. Harvey will be swimming in the 50 m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke Relay events.

Harvey attended a reception at Government House as the Governor of Victoria wanted to acknowledge the achievement of the athletes in being selected for the National Games.

SOV has been a great experience and any students at Berendale wanting to get active, make friends and take up a sport should give SOV a go. From Nada