Dear Parents/ Carers

Many of our school activities are coming to a close and some of the senior students have finished up for the year however we still have a major event on Thursday 18th December with the Awards afternoon. This event will be held at Brighton Secondary College in Marriage Road Brighton at 12.30. The afternoon will feature awards from each of the sub schools and the resilience award. Our SBAT students will also be graduating. We hope you can attend the afternoon as a fitting end to the achievements of our students. Please respond via the reply slip attached to the newsletter.

Early Finish:
The last official day at school is Friday 19th December at 12.00 pm. However as supervision is often difficult for half a day students may finish after our Awards Ceremony on Thursday 18th December. Please let your class teacher know if you choose this option. If you choose to send your child to school for the half day on Friday full supervision will be available. Could you please make arrangements for the early finish.

Reports and Classes:
This Friday student reports and classes will be posted out to your address. Please let the office know if you have any change of address or if you wish reports to be sent to an alternative address. Students will be spending time in their new classrooms for 2015 on the last Wednesday of term. Sub School Managers completed timetables and school organisation last week so we are ready to begin work form the first day of Term one.

Seth Willingham:
Most of you will know by now that Seth is leaving Berendale next year to take up an Assistant Principal position at Ashwood. On behalf of our school community can I thank him very much for his work at our school and wish him the best of luck in his new position. I’m sure that there may well be ways that we can still work together through areas such as Beyond the School Gates.

School Dates 2015:
Term 1 :Students begin on 29th January—27th March
Term 2 : 13th April—26th June
Term 3 : 13th July—18th September
Term 4 : 5th October—18th December

Best wishes for a happy holiday. Enjoy the rest.
Regards
Paula Barnett
School Holiday Programs & Camps

A reminder for any interested parents, that bookings for the Bayside Youth Services Holiday Program ‘Xtreme Teens’ close on Thursday 11th December. This year some of the exciting activities offered include surfing, mountain biking, jewellery making and a three day camp at Anglesea. Please visit www.bayside.vic.gov.au for further information and remember ALL bookings are now online.

Access for All Abilities

Access for All Abilities has for ten years helped grow inclusive sports and recreation for people with disabilities. There are now over twenty different sports involved including cricket, football, netball, tenpin bowling and soccer to mention a few. For more information visit www.aaavic.org.au or www.reclink.org (phone 9419 6672). The focus of Access for All Abilities (AAA) is for participants to be active, make friends, be healthy, improve skills and above all, have fun. The Glen Eira Rangers are currently looking for players for their soccer team who play on Saturday mornings. Please contact Kevin Milstein on 0416 250 754 for more information about the group.

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

Next year students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will again be offered horse riding as an activity in Friday morning sport. Please let me know if you would like your son or daughter to participate in the RDA Program which runs for the whole year. There are costs involved to cover registration, insurance and tuition and in exceptional cases we may be able to provide some financial assistance.

Free Gym Passes

I still have several obligation free gym passes left for 10 visits to the Bentleigh Fitness Centre in East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East. If you are interested please give me a call. You can visit their website www.bentleighfitnesscentre.com.au to have a look at the programs and facilities they offer from 5:30am to 10:00pm Monday to Friday, and 7:30am to 6:00pm at weekends.

Holiday Respite

If you would like to talk with someone about your respite needs please contact 1800 052 222 (24 hours per day) or visit www.respitesouth.org.au. You may also wish to sign up for their free newsletter which contains a range of information about the services and programs that are currently available. Please be aware that respite support can be provided both in the home and in the community, and is not just for times of crisis. ‘Time for a Break’ MOIRA’s comprehensive publication features respite options and is available from the school.

Speech Pathology

Carisse Matthews (speech pathologist) will continue with her fortnightly sessions at Berendale in 2015. Please call Carisse on 0439 968 785 if you would like to know more about her program.

Very best wishes for a wonderful festive season, and happy and safe holidays.

Dr Maree McCutcheon (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
CANTEEN NEWS

THE BERENDALE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSING ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH 2014.

WE WILL REOPEN MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

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Last Friday the club was truly humbled by a presentation from Berendale Secondary Special School by the kids that are part of their learn to sail program here at BRYC. The kids worked hard at fundraising with sausage sizzles and the like to generously gift the club with a cheque of $100.

Berendale continues to surprise

BRYC’s Commodore and Vice Commodore graciously receiving a cheque of $100 on behalf of the club.

(from left to right) BRYC volunteers Bruce Ashton, Geoff Dresser, Richard Furneaux, with Berendale representative Andrew Lamb.

Berendale group with BRYC volunteer team.

BRYC really enjoy having the Berendale kids sail from the club, and with them bring much enjoyment and fulfilment to the volunteers and members who have been part of the program. We hope that kids from Berendale are able to continue to sail here at the club long into the future.
On Tuesday December the 2nd Year 12 graduation was held at Milanos.

It was a wonderful evening with eighteen graduates and fifteen graduates giving personal individual speeches about their time at Berendale and their hopes and plans for the future.

Paula Barnett welcomed everybody to the evening and Janet Smith gave a very moving speech about the changes and development she has observed from a teachers perspective.

Di Whelan also gave a lovely speech representing the School Council.

There were over one hundred and twenty family, friends and Berendale staff who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Thank you to all those who helped make the evening such a memorable one for all of us.
CONGRATULATIONS
MADDY UTANO

After two successful terms at Coles, Maddy expressed interest in the possibility of getting casual or part time work there. In discussions with the manager, Maddy was reported to be punctual, enthusiastic, reliable and helpful to customers, and that he would more than welcome an application from Maddy.

Maddy is now a team member at Coles and has already worked a few shifts.

Well done Maddy. Enjoy having some extra cash to spend in the holidays.

Students this year have completed a number of placements. The students who have done well have displayed the same commitment as Maddy. When they apply for a job, a good work record will help them in finding a position. A good work record involves:

- seeing your placement through to the end—even if you find it a little boring at times.
- ringing to let the employer know if you will not be coming or if you will be late.
- asking questions if you do not understand what is being asked of you.
- discussing any problems with the manager or with someone at school or home who can offer advice.
You are Invited to:

**Berendale Awards Ceremony**

featuring the SBAT Graduation

18\(^{th}\) December 2014

12.15pm for a 12.30pm start

Brighton Secondary College

120 Marriage Road

Brighton East

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**RSVP - 12\(^{th}\) December 2014**

**Student Name:** ____________________

**Number of family/friends Attending:** ______

At the conclusion of the Ceremony please indicate if you intend to collect your son or daughter from Brighton Secondary College, otherwise students will be brought back to school and go home in the usual manner.

☐ Collect my son/daughter from Brighton Secondary College

☐ Son/daughter to return to school and go home as usual