Dear Parents/ Carers

I am pleased with how well all new students have settled into the school year and how responsibly our returning students have taken on the challenges of our their new classes. This week our School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship program begins with students from Berendale Montague and Ashwood Special Schools. These students will be on award apprenticeship wages whilst completing Certificate 2 in Horticulture. They will be responsible for the maintenance of the school grounds.

Welcome BBQ and Information Night:

I hope all families can attend our first event of the year. The BBQ starts at 5.00pm and will conclude at 6.15pm followed at 6.30 pm by the information sessions which will be held in Sub School Groups. Parents will be given directions to where your sub school will be holding their meetings.

All the meat is gluten free and does not contain pork. Salad, bread, cordial and fruit will be provided.

I look forward to catching up with you tomorrow.

Combined Special School Dance Party:

Please keep March 20th free for this event to be held at Beaumaris Community Centre. A flyer is included with this Newsletter. Could I ask all parents to book on the web site at www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

A parents room is available for parents who wish to stay. Could you also let me know if you are willing to help on the night with supervision and other roles.

Behaviour Incentives:

At our whole school assembly we discussed appropriate behaviour in the school yard and how we could reward the school for good behaviour. Students are coming up with suggestion of suitable treats for good behaviour. We have already rewarded students on a very hot Friday with icy poles and will look at student suggestions this week to determine the next reward.

School Council:

School Council nomination forms were handed out last week. It is a self- nomination form so please just fill them out and send them back to school if you are interested. If you would like to discuss school council please give me a ring on 95556141.

St Kilda Memberships:

We are very fortunate to receive Family Memberships from St Kilda football club through the Angels committee. This include 2 adults and 4 juniors for each home game. If you are interested please contact school to organise these free memberships. We will also be started up a social group through Beyond the School Gates that offers students the opportunity to attend the football with volunteers and 10 students. The group will meet at Berendale and we will use our school bus to transport students to each home match. Membership have once again been donated through the Angels of St Kilda.
Thanks very much to Mary Summers for organising the memberships and bringing us to the attention of the group. It is much appreciated. If you are interested in the social group please see the beyond the School Gates web site.

Travel Training:

Cathy has been very busy this year travel training the following students.

Congratulations to: Ethan Bodor
Nicholas Jezabek
Joel Martello

On becoming independent travellers.

We have established a priority list of students who require travel training and we have a waiting list of students requiring training. In exceptional circumstances we can add your child to the priority list. Please ring to discuss this request.

See you at the BBQ
Have a great week
Paula Barnett

St Kilda Football Club will be visiting the school this Friday 20th February and will be talking to students and conducting a football clinic with them.
WELFARE MATTERS

Bayside, Kingston and Glen Eira Youth Services

Although Berendale is a Bayside school, our students come from across a number of different local government areas. This enables us to access the services and programs of other youth services. Currently Bayside and Glen Eira are running a number of after school programs at their youth centres. Kingston will deliver school-based programs each term commencing with ‘Fruit Drops’, an information session and pop-up booth to show our senior students the many after school activities in the Kingston LGA. All provide some counselling opportunities for students, and Bayside and Kingston also work with families. Please let me know if you would like more information about these services, or go to Youth Services on the council website which will outline upcoming programs and provide contact details.

Student Wellbeing

Thank you to parents who have returned their student’s immunisation form/s. A reminder to other parents, to please complete and return the form even if your son or daughter is not participating in the program. The Bayside Immunisation Team’s first visit will be on Thursday 26th February and will involve Years 7 and 10 only. There will be further visits during the year on Thursdays 14th May and Thursday 10th September. Please contact either Kylie Scott or myself if you have any questions.

StKilda Memberships

Many thanks to the Angels of the StKilda Football Club who have very generously donated 5 family memberships and 4 youth memberships to our Berendale students and their families. Each family membership consists of 2 adults and 4 children and comes with a scarf for the adults and a junior membership pack for each of the children. (The children’s tickets can be used by relatives or family friends). The youth membership also comes with a scarf. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like either a family or youth membership as they will be allocated as requests come in.

A very big thank you to Mary Summers, who as secretary of the Angels (who fundraise and support families) for making these memberships available to the Berendale community.

Student Travel

Our thirty-two independent travellers will be issued with their new Travel Passes and Student Concession Card this week. Students will need to have a suitable wallet or purse to keep both cards safe, and MUST travel with both cards at all times. If your student is issued with an infringement notice at any time please let us know immediately. Also if cards are lost, damaged or defective please contact Cathy Euvrard (Travel Trainer) or myself as replacements can only be done through the school.

RDA Vacancies

Unfortunately there was not sufficient interest to continue with the Riding for the Disabled Program this year. We hope to be able to offer the program again in 2016.

Student Asthma Management Plans

Thank you to parents who have returned their student’s asthma management plan for 2015. Could I please ask that all plans are returned even if your student has not had asthma for some time. The school cannot alter a student’s medical record without written advice from your general practitioner or treating specialist. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dr Maree McCutcheon (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
**Uniform Orders**

School uniforms will be ordered from PSW once a term. I will send off the orders on March 6th.

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Welcome back to everyone, firstly I would like to apologise for not have submitted anything for the first newsletter of the year. I had only just returned from Germany in December when I had go straight back in Late January, I was wondering if I had been naughty but I checked with everyone and no! just a little too overworked. So not long back and I was floundering with life in general and totally forgot, silly exhausted me!

I hope all the students got to school on time with all of the new arrangements that take place every year and that all of the new students are settling well. Soon we will have the Welcome Barbeque to meet for the first time and in some case reacquaint ourselves, so I look forward to it, hope you are too.

I’ve noticed some improvements in the communication skills of some of the students that I met over the holidays, well done to you all for the way that we have all integrated into families and the wider community. I’m very proud of my own son who has become my barometer of the successes at Berendale, let’s all keep up the great ethic and successes that keep us viewed as a great school with lots of happy people.

I wish you all a very beautiful and successful year ahead.

Yours Sincerely.

Kon Peltekis – Berendale School Council President.
A huge welcome to our new students in Sub-school one. With two weeks already completed of Term 1 we are happy to report that they have transitioned well to life at Berendale. They are already participating in a variety of exciting programs and making new friendships.

As we move through the coming weeks we look forward to giving the students an opportunity to experience new things as well as building their confidence with familiar subjects and activities. From our class based curriculum, specialist subject areas, Employability Day and our Friday Recreation and Leisure Programs, our students are continually challenged.

Paper rockets challenge. The students made a paper rocket and took part in a blow off to see whose rocket would fly the furthest.

Please note that your child’s class teacher will use the daily communication books (diaries) to send messages and important information home. These are checked daily. If you wish to pass a message to the teacher, return an excursion note or other important information, the diary is an ideal way to do that.
A new crew of ship mates from Sub School One has boarded ship down at Half Moon Bay, setting sail to explore and plunder the beautiful bounty of Port Phillip Bay. What treasures will they and the trusty volunteer crew from the Black Rock Yacht Club stumble across this term? Could it be the missing cannons from Victoria’s first naval vessel the Cerberus or maybe a rare sighting of a Dolphin or a Whale?

The new crew mates Sarah, Robert, Zak, Nicholas, Jaylen, Anthony, Jack and Eliyah ventured out onto Half Moon Bay in the clubs new rescue craft, skippered by the able Captain Bruce. They learnt about why and how the naval ship Cerberus came to be at ‘Black Rock’ and about the distinctive ‘Red Bluff Cliffs’ of the bay can be seen from many kilometres out from shore. They also learnt about different types of cloud and how to tell what direction the wind and weather is coming from the and how to navigate into and out of a harbour or a bay like Half Moon.

The other wonderful crew from Black Rock Yacht Club Graeme, Jill, Geoff and Noel, rigged up a Pacer Dinghy for our crew to learn about. Things like the sails that provide the power for the yacht, the mast and boom that hold the sails up and the ruder that steers the boat in the direction you want to go.

Thanks also goes to our new 1st mate Travis for all his help too! We look forward to fair and favourable breezes to continue with our future explorations this term. If you are interested in finding more about sailing at Black Rock Yacht Club, you can contact them on line or talk to me, Andrew Lamb via the usual school contact numbers.
Combined Schools Dance Party

It's back by popular demand! This is a Dance Party for students aged 12 – 18 years with disabilities who want to dress to impress and put on dancing shoes for a night of music, food, lights and dancing.

Parents, the event will be chaperoned by school staff and volunteer parents, so you are welcome to have some free time while your child attends the event. Alternatively, we have booked a room adjacent to the hall and you are welcome to stay and enjoy coffee, tea and biscuits. If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone, please contact the Dance Party Parent Committee on bindyj@froggy.com.au.

Please note that students must be escorted to the door and signed in by a parent or guardian.
Only students who have registered for the event will be admitted.
Students must be picked up at the door and signed out by a parent or guardian.
An entry fee of $10 per student is required to contribute towards the cost of running the event (pay on the night)

Date: Friday 20 March
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Location: Beaumaris Community Centre, Reserve Rd (enter via Beaumaris Library)

Places are limited and bookings are required. To register your place:
- Go to www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au
- Select Sport and Fun
- Select Dance Party 2015 Term 1
- Select Book Now (enter student’s name, age, school and parents’ contact details)
Welcome BBQ and Information

Date: Tuesday 17th February
Location: Berendale School
Time: 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm
BBQ: 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm
Information Night: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Food provided: Meat, Salad, Drink, Fruit

All of the family welcome

Reply slip – To be returned by Tuesday 10th February

Reply Slip BBQ and Information Night

I will / will not be attending the BBQ and Information night on 17th February

Students name: __________________________

Number of Adults: __________

Number of Children: __________

Any special dietary requirements:

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Berendale is a very busy school. We often have to act at the last moment when we are offered opportunities to support our students' learning programs and keeping our school community informed and up to date is a difficult task. This newsletter is one of the ways in which we try to do this, but the Konnective app is another way that we can help to keep information flowing.

Konnective are working closely with the department and the app in its current form is just the beginning— they are hoping that it will become a way for parents to give permission and consent for excursions and other new features in the future.

Many of you have already downloaded the app and have subscribed, we have also started to send messages and photos using the system.

We would like to encourage you to:

Download the app from either the App Store or the Google Play store on to your device.
Create an account on the Konnective app.
Search for Berendale feeds on the Konnective app.

You will automatically be able to receive the General Updates and you can also request to belong to feeds that are more specific to your student or connection with the school.

If anyone would like help, please feel free to give me a call or come to the office and I can help you to get you and running with Konnective.

Paula Barnett
Principal