Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you very much to the parents who helped us out at the Working Bee. A lot was achieved, including cleaning out store rooms, gardening, painting and repairs to the shed door. It was lovely to see the commitment from parents and staff. A special thank you to Sam who organised the day, Anne Claydon for looking after the gardeners and Andrew for organising the painters. We finished the day with a barbeque cooked by Nada and Kylie. It was a great day.

**Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 25th March:**
This week you will receive invitations to the Annual General Meeting. This meeting is a celebration of the work we do at Berendale School and we will feature students in performance, reports and digital films.

School Captains and new councillors will receive their badges and the election of school council office bearers will be conducted.

It is an important meeting and I hope you can attend. Students involved in the performance will be required to arrive earlier and will receive a special note with instructions and requirements.

**School Strategic Plan:**
The strategic planned has been finalised and will be sent to school council and staff members for approval this week. Once it is signed off it will be sent to the Department for approval. The direction of the school and the areas we intend to work in during the next 4 years will be outlined at the Annual General meeting of School Council on 25th March.

**School Fees:**
All school fees should now be finalised. When you make your payment could you please identify who the payment is for as we have had some payments that have been unidentified. If you have received an account and have paid please contact the office and let them know the date of payment and we will match it to the no-n specified payment. Parents facing financial difficulty are invited to contact me to make other arrangements for payment.

**Dance Party:**
Don’t forget the Dance Party on Friday 20th March at Beaumaris Community centre. A flyer is attached to the Newsletter. It’s a great night and we have the use of two rooms, one for the disco and one for parents or any young people who have issues with noise. Parents are welcome to stay in the parents area. Pizza and soft drinks will be served for dinner and we will have our resident DJ in charge of the Dance area.

It’s not too late to book if you have not done so already.

See you there!

Have a great week

Regards

Paula Barnett
WARNING TO CYCLISTS

Recent Bike Thefts in the Area

- Lock your bikes using heavy duty quality locks and chains
- Secure chain through wheels and frame
- Secure bicycle to a firm/fixed base or steel pole
- Leave locked bicycle in a well-lit area, with CCTV if possible
- When at school use bicycle cages, if available
- DO NOT leave helmets with bicycles
- For identification engraving contact local Police on 9556 6312

To report suspicious behaviour call 000
WELFARE MATTERS

Parent Support: Extended Families Program

The Extended Families Program provides support for young people with disabilities to access a wide range of sporting and recreational activities. Their trained workers can either accompany your son or daughter to events or if you prefer they can work in the home assisting the young person with the development of their life skills. You can access this program by contacting the co-ordinator, Olivia Nam on 9289 4839. Several of our Berendale families are currently participating in program and find it excellent.

Tickets to Razz-Ma-Tazz

Berendale has been donated a number of free tickets to ‘Razz-Ma-Tazz’ a wonderful live theatre show featuring clowns, jugglers, acrobats, puppetry and much, much more. The tickets are for the 4:00 pm show on Saturday 9th May at the Melbourne Convention Centre. You can request as many tickets as you like for family and friends. If you would prefer tickets to the 1:00 pm show please let me know. All requests before the end of term please.

Paramedics at Berendale

Every Monday until the end of Term 2 we will have a group of Monash University student paramedics assisting staff and students with our daily activities. This program has been running for four years now, and benefits the school through the support given, while paramedics also learn a great deal from the experience. Please give me a call if you would like to know more about the program.

Bayside School Holiday Program X-Treme Teens

A reminder to any interested parents that bookings for the Bayside Youth Services Holiday Program “X-Treme Teen” have opened and close on Thursday 26th March. This term some new and exciting activities offered include; indoor climbing, a visit to the Shark and Ray Centre, Easter cooking, caving, stand up paddle boarding and a street art tour. Please visit www.bayside.vic.gov.au for further information or contact the youth team on 9599 4622. ALL bookings are now online. Please note that because Berendale is a Bayside school, all our students are entitled to participate in this program.

Access for All Abilities

Access for All Abilities has for over 10 years helped grow inclusive sports and recreation for people with disabilities. There are now over 20 different sports involved including cricket, football, netball, tenpin bowling and soccer. 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 the participants to be active, make friends, improve skills, and above all, have fun. The Glen Eira Rangers are always looking for new players for their soccer team who play on Saturday mornings. Please contact Kevin Milstein on 0416 250 754 for more information about the group.

Companion Card

The Companion Card provides carers with free or reduced price entry to events so they can support the young person with a disability. There are strict requirements attached to applications and ongoing reviews. Please let me know if you would like an application form, or download a copy at www.companioncard.org.au or if you prefer give me a call to discuss the process and benefits.

Dr Maree McCutcheon  (Student Wellbeing & Family Support)
### IMPORTANT DATES

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Sub School 1 students in fitness program
Dear Berendale community,

We recently had our parent teacher interviews and I’m already seeing the impact of the plans that were set out, not just with my son but also with those around him. We are hope that our parenting at home can continue to compliment the well thought our plan.

I'm quite pleased about the driver education program, it is a great opportunity, I hope everyone gets a chance to participate.

The approaching AGM and coinciding presentations will facilitate the appointment and establishment of key personnel for the year, both within and without the school, I hope you can all make it on the day.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Best Regards,

Kon Peltekis
School Council President
Beyond the School Gates, Bayside Council and Kingston Council are once again running the very popular Holiday Program during the April school holidays. The group will spend the first two days at Berendale School and the last day at Genesis gym, where they’ll get to do range of fun fitness activities and then relax with a movie. The cost is $25 per day and this includes all activities, lunch and morning tea.

Dates: Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 April
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Location: Berendale School (Wed and Thu) and Genesis Gym Mentone (Friday)
Cost: $25 per day
Places are strictly limited and bookings are essential. To book, please go to www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au, select Sport and Fun and select April Holiday Program.
Berendale Students Volunteering at Fairways Aged Care
Sub school 2 students determined two different ways to travel to South Melbourne and St Kilda using the PTV application.

- Train to Flinders St and the 96 Tram to South Melbourne
- 825 Bus to Sandringham hospital and the 922 Bus to St Kilda
Election

On Wednesday we had a school election to decide who we want as our school captain and vice captains. Approximately 15 people nominated to try and earn a spot. All 15 speeches were brilliant. A lot of the people who did their speech made lots of promises such as a lot more free time and Icy poles every Friday afternoon. Some other speeches were funny and had nothing to do with the election but were very entertaining. All the people who did their speeches did a brilliant job. Even though they were shy and very nervous they pushed on and did their speech which was hard work.

In the end we have 2 school captains and 2 vice captains

School Captains
James Campbell and Danyella Dzindzeski

Vice Captains
Yo’el, Ciddor Moore and Tatjana Basile

written by Joel Martello and the Leadership team were interviewed by Maddy Utano.
James Campbell
How do you feel being a school captain?
I feel great and I know I will be a very good role model.
Were you nervous giving the speech?
I was at first
What were the main points in your speech?
Sport at lunch
How old are you?
16
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Musician
Favourite thing to do?
Playing instruments
Favourite team?
Gold Cost Suns
Hobbies?
Sport and music.

Danyella Dzindzeski
How do you feel about being a school captain?
I feel good and really happy
What were the main points in your speech?
Doing more activities and getting along
Were you nervous giving the speech?
YES!!
How old are you?
17
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Nail Technician
Favourite Thing to do?
Painting, Reading books, Singing and Dancing
Favourite sport Team?
Basketball – Berendale
Hobbies?
Dancing

Tatjana Basile
How do you feel about being a Vice captain?
Very good
What were the main points in your speech?
I want everyone to behave and make sure they are doing the right thing.
Were you nervous giving the speech?
A little bit
How old are you?
18
What do you want to be when you grow up?
Hairdresser
Favourite thing to do?
Free time and watching T.V
Favourite sport team?
Essendon
Hobbies?
Lego, Music and Toy cars

Yo’el Ciddor Moore
How do you feel about being a Vice captain?
Happy J
What were the main points in your speech?
Helping and being responsible
Were you nervous giving the speech?
NO!!
How old are you?
18
What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be a Police man
Favourite thing to do
Dancing
Favourite sport Team?
Basketball
Scott Anderson, 15, has been learning chess from professional chess coach Bill Kerr.

Picture: JASON SAMMON

Chess gambit a learning tactic

SPECIAL needs students are immersing themselves in a chess class initiative.

For the past month, students from Berendale School in Hampton East have been playing and learning about the age-old game as a way to help them learn vital skills.

Through the classes, they pick up problem-solving skills, learn to take initiatives and to communicate with each other, teacher Annie Coleman said.

“A lot of these skills are transferable to the workplace and building employability skills is so important for our students,” Ms Coleman said.

She also hoped that with so many clubs around, the kids could engage with their communities.

Their chess teacher Bill Kerr, 68, a former national junior champion still ranked in Australia’s top 100, teaches free of charge.

“They’re really keen to learn every time I show up,” Mr Kerr said. “They’re definitely learning and improving every week.”
Saturday 14th March
Working Bee
at Berendale School
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
Dance Party

Date: Friday 20th March

Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Location: Beaumaris Community Centre
          Reserve Road
          (Enter Beaumaris Library)

Please fill in and return to school if you have not booked online.

I will be attending the dance Party

Name: ____________________________________________________________

School: __________________________________________________________

Parent Name: ______________________________________________________

Emergency Contact No: _____________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________________________________