PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents/ Carers

This will be the last Bulletin for term 1 so we will send home hard copies. Don’t forget you can subscribe to the Bulletin at www.berendale.vic.edu.au

It’s pleasing to see how well our students have settled into the new school year. We look forward to a busy term 2.

Important Dates:

Program Support Group meetings will be held this Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March. Parents should have received appointments already. It is important that you attend the meeting to discuss Individual Learning Plans for your son or daughter.

The Annual General Meeting of school council will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 7.00pm. Many of our students will be performing and you will get to hear plans for this year as well as meeting new councillors and voting for office bearers. School Captain and House Captain badges will be presented on the night. Don’t miss this one!

Victorian Education and Excellence Awards:

Last Friday we were shortlisted for interview for these awards. It is a very competitive process and we were pleased to get this far. We will hear later this week if we have been shortlisted as a finalist.

School Captains and House Captains:

Last week we had election speeches and voting for school captains. Each candidate spoke well and had an excellent grasp of the responsibility and honour of the role. At the conclusion of the speeches students and staff voted for Captains. House Captains were voted on in House meetings two week ago.

We congratulate the following students:

School Captains: Phillip Momtaze
Emily Dominko

P.T.O.
House Captains have been adjusted as students can only be either a School Captain or a House Captain.

**House Captains:**

Caitlyn Tyler            Oliver Curtis            Alex Parany
Shira Chapman           Nin Siriwan                Casey Robinson
Nomaan Ahmed            Claudia Nanovich

**Vice Captains:**

Skye Young-Callow       Matthew Saunders          Chris Gaud
Kiera Davis             Thomas Hart               Rosie Lunam
Jack Anderson           Sheraton Browne

These awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

**Elanora is open on the weekend!**

Elanora Aged Care Facility is where we run a small coffee shop on a Wednesday and Thursday. Last year we were successful in gaining a NAB First Schools Award of $50,000 to increase training opportunities for students. We consequently decided to open the coffee shop on the weekends to give students realistic training and experience in coffee making and last Saturday was our first weekend day of operation. It went really well and we thank Janet Smith for volunteering her time to ensure that the day was successful. Thank you also to Daniel Vega who will be training the students. Elanora will be open from 11.00am – 3.00pm next Saturday if any parents are interested in seeing what we do at the café.

**Reminder:**

All fees are now overdue. Could you please finalise these prior to the end of term. Please contact me if you have any financial problems.

**Early Finish:**

All students will be dismissed at 2.00pm on Friday 30th March. Students should arrive home approximately one our prior to the usual bus time.

Have a great week,

Best wishes for the holidays,
Paula Barnett
Lord Somers and Power House ‘Camp Diversity’

Just a reminder to parents that applications for Camp Diversity in May, close on Friday 20th April. With the approach of school holidays and a limit on numbers we suggest applications should be completed before the end of term. Please contact school for further information or an application form.

Parent Education & Information

Glen Eira Youth Services are hosting a parent information night on ‘Becoming Cyber Savvy’, a parents guide to promoting responsible and safe internet use. It will be held on Tuesday 17th April from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Glen Eira Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Please contact the Youth Services to book a place on 9524 3676.

In Term 2 Berendale will again be hosting the PACTS Program for parents. The program will run over two evenings, Thursday 19th and 26th April from 6:30 to 9:00. The programs provides parents with information on how to prepare and support their student in the development of skills and interests that will later enhance their transition to post school options. While the program is most beneficial for parents of Sub Schools 2 and 3, all parents are very welcome to attend. Please contact the school for further information.

Sibling Support.

Interchange Southern’s Sibling Support Program are hosting a day in St Kilda for secondary aged siblings who have a brother or sister with a disability. It is a great opportunity to have fun and get to know other siblings with similar experiences. Please contact Bronwyn Callaghan at MOIRA on 8552 2222 for more information about the day, and also about the Sibling Support Program which is conducted by MOIRA in Hampton East.

Student Insurance

Student accident insurance is available through Student Cover for cover 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and applies whether students are at school or not. Student Cover is only available online. To apply simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and follow the prompts.

Holiday Programs

Bookings have opened for the Bayside City Council Teenage Holiday Program ‘Xtreme Teen’. A great variety of activities are again offered including; karate, stand up paddle boarding, and visits to Werribee Zoo and Luna Park, plus many more. Applications are available from school so please don’t delay if you are interested as bookings fill quickly.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

The Federal Government launched its latest campaign against cyber bullying last Friday. A new website and smartphone app will now help students turn technology against cyber bullies. The Government’s Bullying No Way! website and Take A Stand mobile app will allow parents and students to access real-time information about how to stop online bullies. To find out more please visit www.bullynoway.gov.au which has links to information, resources and support for students, parents and teachers. Berendale supports action against bullies through our school policies and programs and have a number of resources that are available for parents to borrow at anytime.

Maree McCutcheon
Slip, Slop, Slap!
It sounds like a breeze when you say it like that
Slip, Slop, Slap!
In the sun we always say "Slip Slop Slap!"
Slip, Slop, Slap!
Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat,
Slip, Slop, Slap!
You can stop skin cancer - say: "Slip, Slop, Slap!"

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Elanora Cate opened for the first time at the weekend on Saturday 17th March. The NAB Schools First Award has made it possible to extend the Café hours. The visitors and residents appreciated the presence of the friendly Berendale students who served them coffee and cakes and enjoyed meeting there weekend guests.