Dear Parents/ Carers

Students and Staff continue to have a great start to the term, with everyone working very hard. It was a short week last week with many students and families joining in ANZAC Day Services.

School uniform is still in a transitional stage, however please be aware of the changes in weather and assist in making sure students are dressed appropriately to suit the weather. Year 7–10 are required to wear full school uniform.

Victorian Education and Excellence Awards:
Berendale have been shortlisted as a finalist! Well done to all those involved. The awards ceremony will take place on May 18th 2012. We all have our fingers crossed!!

ANZAC Appeal:
Thank you for the support in this appeal. This has been our most successful year to date. The RSL appreciated our efforts.

Work Experience:
The year 12’s will be starting work experience this term. This is a terrific experience for our students and we would like to wish them well as they experience working life.

School Photos:
School photos took place last week. If any families missed out on ordering photos there are still a few days to do so, other wise the photographer will need to be contacted directly. An additional fee will be charged:

Contact details:
Advancelife Photography
21 Bridge Street
Bulleen
Phone: 9852 1133  Fax: 9852 1433  email: info@advancelifevic.com.au

Reminder:
If students are absent from school could parents please phone the office so staff are aware of the absence.

Have a great week,
Paula Barnett
WELFARE MATTERS

School Photographs

A reminder to parents that if you have missed ordering school photographs that you are still able to do so for the next few days, without incurring the additional fee. So please send in any late orders immediately.

Parent Education & Information

All parents have access to the parent educator, Kerrie Rolfe at MOIRA, 928 Nepean Highway, Hampton East. Please contact Kerrie on 8552 2222 to find out about the many support groups that are available. Their annual publication ‘Time for a Break’ is a great parent resource and available from the school, or on their website www.moira.org.au

Future Options Careers & Disability Expo

A further reminder of the ‘Future Options Careers & Disability Expo’ to be held on Wednesday 2nd May from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Kingston City Hall, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin. Services at the expo will include; Futures for Young Adults (FFYA), Centrelink, TAFEs, Disability Employment Services and many more. Some of our senior students will be attending the expo and parents and families are most welcome also. There is no need to book, just come along and enjoy the presentations, panels, workshops and information stalls. This is a free event and open to all.

Camping Programs

Please make contact if you are interested in a weekend or holiday camp for your student. There are a number available, but they are popular so we suggest that you enquire well in advance. Edmund Rice Camps conduct a mid year family camp at ‘Amberley’ in Lower Plenty which a number of our Berendale families have attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Please give me a call if you would like to know more.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012

The Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ program commences on Thursday 9th May. Please save your dockets from that date and send them along to school to be collated. The points earned from the dockets will be exchanged for classroom resources such as; reading & maths, science, arts & crafts and sports equipment. Your help and that of family and friends would really be appreciated.

Lost Property

There are still too many items of school uniform filling the lost property box. Please let you class teacher know if your son or daughter has lost any school clothing.

JCAA Term 2 Programs

‘Hype’ and ‘Groove Central’ are two great programs on offer this term. Information and contact details are attached to this bulletin. Please contact JCAA on 9209 6159 for their current program brochure.

RDA Vacancy

We have several vacancies for ‘Riding for the Disabled’ held on alternate Friday mornings. If any parents from Sub School 1 or 2 are interested in having their student participate, please contact either Margaret Rigg or myself to discuss further.

Maree McCutcheon
Coming to Berendale
Date: 5th June

The Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, vegetable and Flower Market will present an informative session including how fruit and vegetables are grown, harvested and transported. The program concludes with a generous tasting of a variety of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**
Work Experience

for Term 2 2012

Work experience will commence for year 12 students at Oakleigh Centre Industries on Wednesday 2 May. They will go to work experience every Wednesday of the term. Forms have been sent home and should be returned by Monday 30 April.

The value of work experience cannot be emphasised enough. It provides students with:

- a realistic insight into possible career paths
- experiences which assist them to make informed choices
- an indication of the level of skills and abilities which they require to complete given tasks in the workplace
- a knowledge of a workplace - including employer expectations, working with others and getting to and from work independently where appropriate

Your support for your student is vital in ensuring that they get the most out of their placement. You can help by:

- encouraging your student by talking about the placement and emphasising the importance of doing their best
- encouraging them to ‘stick at it’ even if they are a bit overwhelmed at first - it has been the case in the past that students who are not able to commit to work experience have difficulty in finding and keeping a job on leaving school
- supporting them in getting to work on time and encouraging them to always look clean and tidy
- talking over the day’s work with them when they get home.
Students in Sub School 3 have been very busy doing activities related to their theme work.

**NOW AND THEN**

Term One we have done activities about the 1970’s.
Term Two we are doing activities about the 1980’s.

Some aspects of the past decades students have discussed and researched are important events, lifestyles, fashion, food, music and movies.
12A went to Hampton Street to have a look at some charity shops (or op shops). There was heaps of stuff you can get for a fraction of the price that you would normally pay in retail shops. There were heaps of women's and men's clothes, toys, books, crockery, shoes, handbags, jewellery, magazines, DVDs, videos, CDs, computer games, furniture, pictures, paintings, curtains/bed linen, sports equipment and musical instruments. We had a look around to see what we could find. I tried on a skirt, and it fitted me perfectly. It was only $3.00. It is amazing what you can find so people can put together an outfit that doesn't break the bank. There were so many formal dresses and suits that can suit any special occasion. We love looking around the op shops and we cannot wait to see what else we can find next. Emily D.
We have been very lucky to be invited to participate in ‘Learn to Sail’ sessions with the Black Rock Yacht Club subsidised by the Bayside Council.

Last Thursday our students attended the first session and learnt about how to rig a sail boat and a few techniques on how to sail! The weather was very kind.

Our instructor, Gary, and the volunteers were very helpful and kind to donate their time to share their expertise and love of sailing with us.

Many thanks to Richard Furneaux, the manager of the Yacht Club for organising this wonderful experience for us.

It is hoped that some of students are inspired to take up sailing as a weekend activity.

So far the students are really keen and enthusiastic to return next week for more adventures on the sea!

Thanks also to Andrew Lamb! Yvonne Riordan and Sub 3 students.

“It was awesome” was the general consensus of opinion!
In term 1 & 2 the year 12’s and some of the Year 11’s went to Black Rock Yacht club every Thursday. We learnt the different names of things about the boat. We also learned what to do when the boat capsized and how to turn the boat up again. We had to wear old shoes, a life jacket or a wetsuit (if you didn’t have a wetsuit you could wear your bathers). When we had to do the capsizing (in other words we got we) it was great fun! We played a racing game as well as a tag game with the other boats.
Groove Central
Term 2, 2012
18 April to 20 June

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18 April to 20 June

**Where:** Betty Day Community Centre
67 Argyle Street, St Kilda

**Cost:** $100 for 10 sessions

**Bring:** A bottle of water
Wear comfortable clothing suitable for exercise

**Contact:** Stella at JCAAA 9209 6159 or email rstella@portphillip.vic.gov.au
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