Dear Parents/ Carers

Some of you may have been aware that I have been absent from school for the last 3 weeks due to an infection from a spider bite. It is nice to be back however the school was in excellent hands with Maree McCutcheon as acting principal and Kylie Scott and Rob Sands assisting to help out with administration. I thank them for the wonderful job they did in my absence.

**Education and Excellence Awards:**

Unfortunately we did not win the Pathways and Transitions Award however we were thrilled to be selected as one of the three finalist in the state. It was a great experience to be part of the awards evening and we know that our School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship program( Ticket to Work) is of utmost value to our students.

Geri Charles (principal Montague) and I will be presenting a paper on the program at the Australian Special Educators conference in Hobart in July. Schools in the Mornington area are looking at adopting our program in the near future.

**School Uniform:**

All students should be wearing winter uniform by June 1st. We have a range of fleecy tops, vests and coats in stock. Girls have the option of navy pants or the winter skirt. A uniform list is included with this Bulletin. Please contact the office with orders and payment.

**Education Week:**

Although this week is designated as Education Week Berendale will have their Open Day for parents and the Community later in the term. We will have a confirmed date by the next Bulletin.

**Curriculum Day:**

Don’t forget the Curriculum Day is on Friday 8th June . No students will be required to be at school on this day.

Hope you have a great week ahead,

Regards

Paula Barnett
Youth Pathways and Transitions Award

Berendale School and Montague Continuing Education Centre

Ticket to Work is a school-based apprenticeship and traineeship program that aims to address the imbalance of employment prospects for intellectually disabled students in the Berendale School community by providing students with the tools and skills they need to successfully transition into employment. The student-centred pilot project operates at the school and Montague Continuing Education Centre and is supported by a youth disability network involving 17 partners from a range of disability and employment services.
WELFARE MATTERS

School Uniforms

A reminder to parents that all students in Years 7 to 10 are expected to wear school uniform. New stocks of our winter uniform have now arrived. Please let me know if you are experiencing difficulties in the purchase of a uniform. Also a request to our Year 11 and 12 students, that if you have any items of pre-loved uniform it would be much appreciated if these could be donated to the school to assist our families in need.

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

Futures Information Evening 2012

This week our annual ‘futures’ evening will be held at Berendale on Tuesday 22nd May from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. All Sub School 2 and 3 families are invited, however it is most important for our current Year 12 students and their parents. At this evening the transition process, funding and post school options will be explained. Parents will have the opportunity to meet a number of the key people, including our transition coach Yvonne Fernandes-Smith, who are involved in the transition and placement post school.

School Buses

A reminder to parents, that it is a parental responsibility to let the bus company know if you do not require the bus at any time. It is greatly appreciated if you are able to notify the bus company well in advance.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012

The Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ program commenced on Thursday 9th May and will end on Sunday 1st July. It would be appreciated if families could please save their dockets and send them along to school to be collated. Once the program finishes, points will be exchanged for a variety of classroom resources.

Tax File Number School Service

Berendale is able to make application to the ATO for a tax file number (TFN) for our students. However while it is not compulsory to have a TFN most of our senior students will need one soon. It is a very simple process so please contact the school if you would like your son or daughter to apply.

Disability Support Pension (DSP)

A further reminder to parents, that from age 16 our students are entitled to either the Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance. Please contact the Centrelink Disability Line on 13 27 17 to register an intention to claim at any time after your student has turned 16. However please be aware that any entitlements will only be paid from the date you register. Please let me know if you would like some assistance with this process.

Monash Research Project

Parents are invited to participate in an exciting new research project to be conducted by researchers from the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences. The study will look at the emotional health and wellbeing of young people with an intellectual disability. Parents who would like to participate please contact me at school on 9555 6141. This is a good opportunity to help identify issues early which is so important in the prevention, treatment and support of our young people. I look forward to discussing the project with interested parents.

Maree McCutcheon
### IMPORTANT DATES

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Year 10 VCAL

- In year 10 we are doing personal Development for VCAL.
- We have created the MGM Cub (Movies, Games, Madness).
- One of our projects was planning and organising a movie afternoon.
- It was fantastic and really successful because we worked as a team and made choices for ourselves.
- Our next project is planning and organising an Afternoon Tea for our parents.
- We are looking forwards to another wonderful activity.
COMMUNITY ACCESS

On Thursdays we go on Community Access with Hayley and Amanda. Each week we take turns going out 9A goes this Thursday and 9B goes the next week. We buy our tickets by ourselves and if we need help we ask the teachers. We went to Bentleigh, Brighton, Caulfield, Williamstown, Mentone, Mordialloc, Sandringham Beach. Community access is a fun way to do things by ourselves. I like Community Access because we go out more and you get to hang out with your friends. Doing things by yourself gives you confidence and I think it is an excellent way to socialise and visit new places.

By Becky

Sandringham Beach
Every Thursday the year 9s go out. So far we have been to Malvern, Moorabbin, Caulfield, Mordialloc, Williamstown pier, Bentleigh, Brighton and Sandringham.

9A go on the first week and 9B go the second week we get our tickets at Moorabbin station the tickets.

By Sheraton
Year 8 Afternoon Tea

Year 8 students welcomed their parents to the Berendale Kiosk for afternoon tea.
Sunday 30th June 2012
10.00am to 3.00pm
Bentleigh Secondary College,
Vivien Street, Bentleigh East

Winning team secures
the Lindsay Gaze Challenge Trophy

McKinnon Basketball Association in conjunction with Basketball Victoria presents

All Abilities Association
Basketball Tournament

A tournament targeted specifically at Associations running All Abilities programs,
each team will play a minimum of 3 games, the top four teams play off in finals.

$5 Registration per player. Entry for spectators is FREE.
(BBQ will be available)

Entries close on Wednesday 20th June. Contact Alison Cody on 9579 1200 for entry
forms and more details. (the venue is wheelchair friendly!)
COME AND TRY DAY

Ski City Indoor Ski Centre

4/148 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham
www.skicity.com.au

Sunday 20th May from 1-3pm

For the special rate of $33 per adult
and $22.50 per child

Come and try skiing or snowboarding on the endless ski
slopes with qualified ski instructors.
Beginners and experienced skiers are all welcome.
All equipment is supplied.
VIBE Ski Club members will be there to welcome and
assist you.

Some food will be available or can be purchased at the
onsite café

For bookings please contact Anita Deed at
president@vibeskiclub.org.au by May 10th

Transport is available – if interested please contact
Peggy Soo at info@vibeskiclub.org.au
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