PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents/ Carers

This week there will be some teachers on stop work on Thursday 7th June. Students whose teachers are on stop work will be notified by Tuesday regarding school arrangements.

Parents would also be aware that there is a Curriculum Day on Friday 8th June and no students will be required to attend on this day. Staff will be investigating Career Planning for students with disabilities.

Of course Monday 11th June is the Queens’ Birthday holiday so school will resume on Tuesday 12th June.

School Uniform:

Could I please remind parents that students should now be in winter uniform as the weather is getting cooler. In particular girls’ summer dressers are not suitable for this weather and they should wear either the winter skirt or navy pants. An order form is included with this bulletin.

Mid Year Reports:

Berendale sends out Midyear Reports in the second week of term 2. All reports will be distributed by July 27th. Parents may request a meeting with class teachers by ringing the office and making appointments after receiving the report.

Berendale’s Got Talent:

The school has been buzzing with rehearsals for Berendale ‘s Got Talent which have been happening in house meetings. There is certainly a lot of varied talented acts and the staff and students have had a difficult time voting for their best acts. We will let you know when the final will be held as it is bound to be another fantastic performance.

School Fees:

Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. Could you please make sure that these are received at school as soon as possible. Parents who have financial difficulty can make alternate arrangements by talking to either myself or Maree McCutcheon. Thank you to the families who have paid their fees promptly.

Have a great week ahead

Regards

Paula Barnett
WELFARE MATTERS

Holiday Camps & Programs

A reminder to parents that with the July school holidays only a month away, that now is the time to enquire about camps and holiday programs if you are interested in your son or daughter participating. The Bayside Teenage Holiday Program brochure is available from school or at www.bayside.vic.gov.au/youth with bookings for their exciting range of activities opening on Thursday 14th June.

Parent Support

All our parents have access to carer respite and support. Please visit www.respitesouth.org.au for information about disability respite in the southern region of Melbourne. The website is a resource for parents, families and carers of a person with a disability, and provides information about respite options. If you would like to talk to someone about your respite needs, call 1800 052 222 during business hours or for urgent respite call at any time. The school also has information brochures from the Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre, so please call or put a note in your student’s diary requesting information.

Futures Information Evening 2012

A very successful information evening was held at Berendale on 22nd May with sixty people in attendance. Michael Mack (DHS) and a variety of providers; Eastwork, Marriott Support Services, Oakleigh Centre and Holmesglen TAFE outlined their service and what they could offer our Year 12 students in their transition from school to post school options. We thank all parents and students who attended and hope the evening provided you with information and support.

Our transition coach, Yvonne Fernandes-Smith has commenced interviews with parents and students to assist with planning for next year. Could parents please return the School Leavers Registration form to your class teacher if you have not already done so, to ensure appropriate funding is accessed.

Monday Drama Classes

There are several vacancies for the after school drama program conducted by JCAAA in South Melbourne. Students travel from school to the venue in a bus provided by JCAAA, and return to the St Kilda Town Hall at 5:45 pm to be met by parents. Please contact JCAAA on 9209 6159 for more information or to book a place.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012

The Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ program is underway so please send any tokens collected along to school to be collated for points. The program will finish on Sunday 1st July when points will be exchanged for a variety of classroom resources. Thanks for your support.

Sports for Schools

Berendale has also registered in the Coles ‘Sports for Schools’ which will start on Wednesday 13th June and end on Tuesday 14th August. So please send along any vouchers collected to school so they can be exchanged for sports gear at the end of the program. Again, thanks for your support.

Rawcus Dance Film

Rawcus invites expressions of interest from young people between 15 – 25 years of age who would like to participate in a dance film. Workshops will be held on eight Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:00 pm in South Melbourne. Please contact Nilgun Guven on 0401 141 294 for more information.

Maree McCutcheon
P.I.P’s

Excursion to view some Prestige Cars

Two students from the P.I.P group Wills and Shannon and 1 invited guest Thomas went on an excursion last Tuesday to view some beautiful Prestige cars.
Last Tuesday Ben, Ilai, Scott, Tyneisha, Peter, Angel and Evander made, presented and evaluated their own sweet or savoury scones using a basic scone recipe. The students are participating in the Home Economics Victoria Food Design Challenge.

Ben – bacon and cheese scones
Ilai – gluten free pear scones
Scott – strawberry scones
Tyneisha – mashed pumpkin and pumpkin seed scones
Peter – chocolate scones
Angel – hot cross chocolate scones
Evander – dried apricot, chocolate chips and pomegranate scones

The students supply a copy of their original recipe, a photograph of their product and an evaluation of their scones using sensory analysis (appearance, aroma, taste and texture) to Home Economics Victoria.

Good Luck!
Janet Smith
Today we went to Allstars martial arts gym to do a self defence class. We did jogging and stretching for a warm up and then did some work on the punching bags. We also did punching practice on some punching pads that Daniel and Bernie held up for us. Then we did some kicking practice against the punching pads. It was great fun and we got a bit tired. We had a rest while Bernie told us about the importance of having a good breakfast before training. Then we did some push ups and sits up. We had to bow before we entered the gym. By Andrew Fisher, 12A

Last Friday Thomas Fisher came to Berendale to visit SS3. He is Andrew Fisher's older brother. He is in the Army and he is in charge of a heavy tank. He showed us all the gear that he has to wear and some people tried his gear on. He also showed us pictures of his tank and unit on the Defence Force website. We had lots of questions for him.
12A are organising a Berendale Op Shop and we would like it if you could help us in the production of this shop.

To make this shop open for all students and teachers we ask if anyone is willing to donate free clothes, hats, jewellery, DVD’s, videos or music CD’s. These would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to 12A classroom in a plastic bag. Thanks very much and you can look forward to finding some treasures for yourself when we open.