Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back to term 2 and I'm sure everyone has enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday break. I am honoured to have been appointed the new Principal at Berendale School and I am looking forward to working closely with the whole school community to lead Berendale School. This is an exciting opportunity for the future of Berendale School and the continued emphasis on supporting students to achieve future employment will remain a focus on areas such as wellbeing and engagement, curriculum development and excellence in teaching and learning. I am looking forward to getting to becoming more familiar with all students and families.

School council elections took place last term and we welcome Dean Mounter as the new parent representative. I would also like to thank Nada O'Dwyer, for her contribution to the school council over the past few years.

The school council representatives are:
Jenny Hamilton, Kon Peltekis, Ruwanni Arambawela, Wendy Smith, Tim Osmond,
Kirsty Berthelsen, Dean Mounter, Rob Sands, Janet Smith, Maree McCutcheon, Di Whelan

The school council is the schools governing body, the meeting dates for the school council will posted in the newsletter, all are welcome to attend.

This term will be very busy with several camps, the year 10/11 team will be heading off to Campase Downs camp on May 2nd – 5th May and the year 9 camp is heading to Rawson Village on 23rd – 25th May. Information will be coming home in the coming weeks regarding both these camps & I'm sure all students will be looking forward to both these camps.

Thank you also to all the parents who attended the new parent afternoon tea last term, whilst the weather was incredibly hot on the day it was fantastic to see so many parents attending and gaining information from Kerri Rolfe at Moira regarding services outside of schools to support families. We will be holding more parent information sessions throughout this term and will keep you updated through the newsletter.

A reminder also that the Choc bean café is open again this term, every Thursday morning from 8.30am, all parents are welcome to drop in for a coffee and chat in the home crafts area.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Hamilton
Principal
Berendale School
Parent Support & Information

Carer respite and support is available to most of our families. For parents and carers living in the southern region, please visit www.respitesouth.org.au or call 1800 052 222. For those living in the eastern region (includes Monash) visit www.lifeassist.org.au or call 1300 277 478. Both organisations can provide funding packages to support a variety of family situations. Parents are able to self-refer, however if you prefer the school can support and help you with any request for assistance.

Bayside Youth Services

Bayside Youth Services are offering the following after school programs at the Peterson Youth Centre, Highett. Mondays and Wednesdays it is ‘Hang Out’ for sports, art, Wi Fi and support. Tuesday is ‘Bayside Street Art Crew’ (10-17yrs)) and Thursday is ‘Activate’ an opportunity to learn basic good fitness and healthy living, as well as and making some healthy snacks. For more information call 9599 4622 or join the mailing list at www.bayside.vic.gov.au/youth

Glen Eira Youth Services

Glen Eira Youth Services also offer a number of after school programs held in Bentleigh. ‘Plugged In’ a music program runs on Wednesdays. Body and Mind (BAM) also runs on Wednesdays and ‘Fit Social’ is a Monday program. These programs are for adolescents with a connection to Glen Eira with no costs involved. A number of Berendale students have participated in these programs with great success, building skills, confidence and friendships. For more information please contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/Community-Services/Youth/Programs

Kingston Youth Services

Kingston Youth Services deliver school based programs. In Term 1 youth workers visited our Sub School. Two students raising awareness of the role and services offered at KYS, based at the Southland Shopping Centre. In Term 2 the youth workers will run a program with our Year 9 students. ‘Free 2 Be’ a body esteem program covers four key areas of resilience, media, peers and healthy choices. These free programs are always a great success and run in consultation with Berendale staff and tailored to our curriculum and students’ needs.

Camps & Recreational Programs

MOIRA Disability and Youth Services run a variety of camps and recreational programs throughout the year. Camps are generally held during school holidays, or weekends, and are structured to be age specific. These camps are designed to ensure a quality recreation experience whilst providing respite for families and carers. If you have any questions about these programs please contact the Team Leader-Recreation on 8552 2222.

Swim School Australia

Swim School Australia has commenced swimming lessons at Berendale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 4-6pm and on Saturdays 11-2 pm and Sundays noon -2 pm. All their swimming teachers are experienced with young people with disabilities, and would welcome Berendale students into their classes. A special deal is on offer for this term, two for the price of one. The second swimmer can be either a sibling or a friend. Please Contact David on 0425 732 142 for information or to make a booking, or visit www.swimschoolaustralia.com.au
Dear Berendale newsletter readers,

I find it very difficult to comprehend that one term is already over, and what an amazing start to the year it has been. Please join me in welcoming Jennifer Hamilton who has been established as our new school Principal, we are ever so delighted to have established Jenny as the best person to take our school forward into the future. Her passion and skill sets will be highly valued and regarded as she guides us along with the immediate and wider support networks for the best outcomes.

The start of this year has been one of the most fulfilling times of my life as far as achievements with my son, it all started when we were invited with other parents of Berendale, to learn how to sail. On the final day, we were tasked with a “sail away” to Beaumaris for a quick beverage and then promptly returned back to Black Rock.

As George & I embarked on our intrepid journey, the wind grew stronger and the waves became larger. For anyone who is acquainted with Port Phillip Bay, you may just be aware of what I’m about to allude to when the winds of change engulfed our little vessel, with great ferocity. Very soon, I was struggling to keep us both from being baptised and as I lunged in various directions barking commands at George, I found myself almost pleading for him to change the position of the jib, to which he retorted in an negative and disappointed manner, accusing me of being overly dictatorial. Immediately after his short tirade, we were both engulfed in a decent sized wave, nearly capsizing us. Unfortunately, I did let out an expletive in response to the situation which lead George to expressing his disappointment at his dad and refusing to co-operate further until an apology was issued followed by a hug. That hug, was extremely challenging although it did prevent a mutiny so there was cooperation and subsequent relief equivalent to that of finding toilet after someone spikes your drink with a laxative.

When we arrived at our destination, I felt like much joy and sight of George’s mother with a smile on her face and armed with towels gave me great comfort, proud of not having capsized. It was short lived as I was immediately “ratted” out and then subsequently scolded for my poor linguistics.

A certificate was of competency was issued shortly after and we were all appeased by the barbeque that we shared as we told stories and made announcements of the events that took place that day.

My sincere thanks to the team at Black Rock Yacht Club for giving my family and those at the school an experience to remember.

Regards

Konstantine Peltekis – Berendale School Council President.
On the 25th of April every year, we honour all Australians and New Zealanders who have served or are serving in conflicts, wars, and peacekeeping operations around the world.

We are selling items at the school for the ANZAC Appeal:

- Pens - $5.00
- Bracelets - $3
- Badges - $2.00, $5.00
- Clips - $4.00
A big thank you to the St Kilda Angel Supporter Group for the memberships and bags of St Kilda goodies for our St Kilda supporter students. The students and parents are so appreciated for their generosity. Thank you again.
Subscribe to the Bulletin:
This Bulletin will come out fortnightly and be available from the school website at www.berendale.vic.edu.au you will need to subscribe and be approved to obtain the bulletin. Instructions are on the website when you click on the Bulletin link. After you do this you will be alerted by email to when our Bulletin is available to download. We produce the Bulletin in hard copy once each term. It has a great amount of useful information, including school events, after school activities and welfare news. Parents or Carers that do not have the Internet can request a hard copy from the office.

Uniform Orders
School uniforms will be ordered from PSW once a term. I will be sending off this terms orders on 20th June 2016

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Last term we researched on PTV Journey planner to the city by train. The students negotiated the time to depart from Moorabbin Station to Flinders Street and a return time to reach school by 2.30.

The next task was to get to DFO Cheltenham by public bus using the PTV app again. This term we are also researching and travelling to various industries that the students are interested in pursuing for a work placement or a career.
Beach Volley Ball

The beach volley ball team started off with 2 students. More were needed. In response to a plea for more numbers extra members were recruited. After one game the students found they loved it. They picked up the rules quickly and practised at recess and lunch times. On grand final day we had a few wins behind us and were looking forward to the round robin. We won all but one game and ended up in the final playoff. AND WE WON!!!!!! Well done to a committed enthusiastic team.