



Berendale School *Bulletin*

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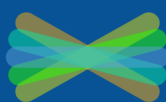
Year 11 students collected items for their food drive. Thank you for the donations.

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Principal Bulletin End of Year Report 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff of Berendale School,

Congratulations on the end of an incredibly different and challenging year. COVID-19 has had such an impact on all that we do and everything we will do in the near future, however we had many successes throughout the year and these are what I would like to focus on.

I would like to congratulate our graduating class of 2020. Our Year 12's excelled during remote learning, not only with their curriculum, but also in the many new ways they engaged with their learning. Zoom and Google Classroom are just a couple of the new technology skills students and teachers needed to grasp in a very short period of time.

Our SBAT students managed to get through their coursework to pass their certificates. Many students and teachers put in additional time to ensure they met their outcomes. A big thank you to Patrick and Andrew the trainers who run the program.

Additionally, our graduating students engaged with post school organisations to ensure they had a post-secondary school destination. Congratulations to Chris Goaley and the Senior School Team for a successful year under such adverse conditions.

Our Middle School students engaged with Literacy, Numeracy, Sports, Food Technology and many other areas of study to also achieve excellent results. Our Attitude to Schools Survey demonstrated excellent engagement in all areas of the school. Congratulations to Mandy Thomas for supporting and leading the Middle School Team.

Mandy Thomas also led the Transition Program for 2020 and engaged with many of our local schools and community to achieve a 2021 Year 7 enrolment of 15 students, ensuring Berendale School continues to be a successful secondary school. Our teachers supported Mandy to create dynamic and interesting introduction lessons for our incoming Year 7 students.

In all of the turmoil this year our Learning Specialist Venessa Sigamoney was able to implement a new numeracy assessment tool. Our teachers are now using this tool to assess our students and to identify their point of need for learning. Venessa was also able to support Ben Clancy (Numeracy Leader) and Sarah Storey (Literacy Leader) to analyse learning data and support students and teachers. Congratulations to Venessa and her team.



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Our Wellbeing Team supported students and families through on-line professional learning, classroom respectful relationship activities, lunch time activities and one to one discussions.

Andy Ding our Art teacher and Public Relations / Community Engagement representative supported our students with many interesting and diverse community opportunities such as the OzKids Art Exhibition. Additionally, Andy put an enormous amount of time and effort in helping create our new website <https://berendale.vic.edu.au/>

School Council, Parent and Carer contributions continue to support the school culture and enables our team to support students and families. We look forward to working together in 2021.

Athina and I would like to congratulate and thank Parents, Carers, Teachers, Education Support, Administration and our Leadership Team for their dedication to student learning and their wellbeing during 2020 and wish everyone a well-deserved break.

Regards,

Paul Newson and Athina Caravatas



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Key Dates for Term 1 2021

Term 1 Commences

Wednesday 28th January

SBAT Commences

Tuesday 2nd February

SSG Evening

Thursday 11th February

Labour Day Holiday

Monday 8th March

Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)

Monday 15th March

Year 10 Road Smart Driving Program

Tuesday 16th March

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 31st March

Term 1 Concludes

Thursday 1st April

School finishes at 2pm



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2020 S.B.A.T. Graduation

Sam, Percy, Andrew and Patrick, SBAT Staff

The annual S.B.A.T. Graduation Ceremony took place on Monday 7th December. We took this opportunity to recognize the hard work and effort from each of the students in our SBAT program, it was nothing short of phenomenal this year! Well Done to all!

A huge congratulations to Sam for achieving the S.B.A.T. of the Year Award. Sam was a deserved winner of this prestigious award with positive mind set and a can do attitude.

We wish the students all the best in their endeavours for 2021. Have a Merry Christmas.



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Year 11 and 12 Legacy Project

Andy Ding, Art Teacher

Well done to our Year 11 and 12 students on completing their Legacy Project. This year, they produced an art catalogue with images of their artworks. Each artwork tells a story about a significant change that they experienced at school. The students enjoyed reflecting and sharing their perspective on the school's achievements.

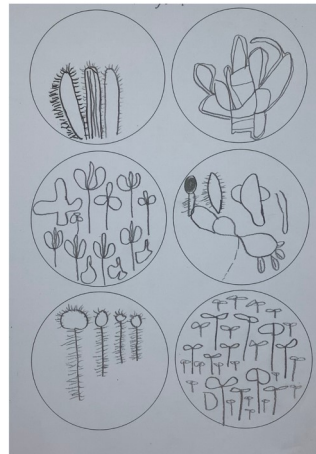
Each student received a printed copy of the catalogue. A copy of the publication was also provided to the school.



School Band

Top: By Danielle
Top Right: By Shanaya

Right: "The School Band" by Ethan
This is a drawing. I created it with pastels. I drew the picture and then I coloured it in. It is about the school band, and the colours represent the music.



Left: "Me in the School Garden" by Elyah
I drew the school garden. I used a pencil. I drew the flowers in the garden. I like the flowers in the school garden.

New Facilities

The new facilities were:
Trade Kitchen, Food Technology Kitchen,
Technology Suite, SBAT Room,
Science Room, and School Garden.

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The most important thing at school is...

Left: "Friends" by Cheyenne

Text written by students in 11B
A scratch art made from oil pastels and paint. Then I used a skewer stick to scratch back with the sharp end. There are 3 people, and they are friends. All on a large A3 paper card stock. We like the neon colourful ladies. It's about friends at school. We love having friends. This artwork makes us feel good.

A HISTORY OF BERENDALE SCHOOL 2014-2020

Artworks by Year 11 and 12 Students in 2020



Staff v Students 2.0

Mark Prokopiwskyi, Health and PE Team Leader

During the last week over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, staff and students battled it out again over a series of different sports to end a challenging year on a high.

There were 3 sports played over 3 days. Tuesday the Year 7&8s participated in T-ball, Wednesday the Year 9s battled it out in a ferocious game of basketball and on Thursday the Year 10s, 11s and 12s played soccer. During the soccer match there were plenty of skills on display that both Samantha Kerr and Wayne Rooney would have been impressed with!

Although the matches were competitive and hard fought, the respect and sportsmanship shown by both staff and students was exemplary and demonstrated the Berendale School values.

Thank you to all the staff and students who participated and made the events possible! It was a fantastic way to finish off the year.





The Berendale School Bulletin was created by students and staff of the Berendale School Community.

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