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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Boonwurrung/Bunurong People, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.





Sports Carnival

16th September 2022



Key Dates in Term 4

Curriculum Day

Monday 31st October

Melbourne Cup Day

Tuesday 1st November

Whole School Carnival/End of Year
Awards

Thursday 1st December

Graduation

Monday 12th December

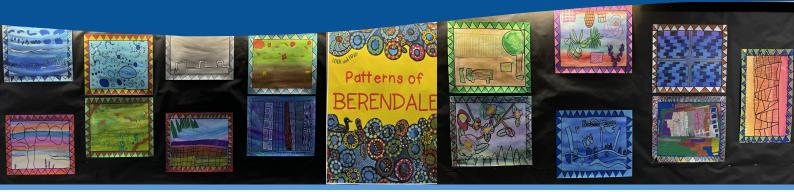
Urban camp Year 11/12

Wednesday 14th—Friday 16th
December

End of Term

Tuesday 20th December

* These dates may change*



Founding Principal's Report

Today I had the pleasure of joining the staff and students at Katandra and Berendale Schools and am delighted to announce my appointment to the position of Founding Principal of the new merged Katandra School and Berendale School which will open on January 1 2023.

After visiting both campuses and meeting with some staff and students I was thrilled and excited to see the joy and enthusiasm of all in wanting to join with me in collaboratively creating this merge. Later this week I will continue to do this and in the coming weeks meet with both the communities and families of each site and we will build our new school together.

Previously having been Principal at Port Phillip Specialist School since 2018 I bring to both schools experience and a long history to education. Prior to that I was Assistant Principal commencing in 2012 of Port Phillip Specialist School. I also have experience opening a new School in 2014 in Singapore, Melbourne Specialist International School.

As a passionate and dynamic educator I have driven innovation in special education through performing arts, sports and a focus on workplace life skills to ensure students achieve their very best. I had a wonderful first day visiting both campuses and I thank Julia and Chris and their teams for being so accommodating and welcoming. I am excited to work with the teams at both schools to bring them together collaboratively in 2023.

Both schools will remain on their respective sites to create a new entity, as a multi-campus school, to take effect from 1 January 2023. The merger will consolidate the students from the 2 Walsh Street, Ormond site onto Katandra Berendale School (interim name) site of 2 Berend Street, Hampton East, and close the 2 Walsh Street, Ormond site, following the completion of Stage 1 building works, expected to be from Term 1, 2024.

The 2022-23 State Budget allocated \$12.188 million to Berendale School and Katandra School to deliver Stage 1 of the merger. This includes two new buildings for classrooms, resource intensive learning spaces, library, staff areas and administration spaces.

Juliet Cooper Founding Principal

Acting Principal's Report

Welcome back to all students, staff and families in preparation for a busy and exciting term four ahead. I would like to formally welcome Juliet Cooper as the Founding Principal of Katandra – Berendale (interim). Juliet comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge as a Principal at Port Phillip Specialist School as well as going through a school merger process (see community communications for full report). A media release photo was organised and included the attendance of Nick Staikos MP, school council presidents of Berendale and Katandra and our own school captains (Bradley and Leila) who were part of the meet and greet.



Victorian School Building Authority were busy during the school holidays converting the Southern Teaching Unit (STU) in to three purpose built classrooms. Senior students have transitioned into that space and are really enjoying being in their own designated area of the school. I would like to thank all the senior staff who have put in a huge amount of effort to ensure students had a smooth transition in to their new working environment. The next stage of the building works will be the conversion of the senior building in to the temporary admin building. It has gone to tender and the VSBA are deciding on which builder will be the most appropriate to begin the works (likely timeline approx. mid-December start date). We are working with the VSBA to ensure we have the least disruption to support student learning and there are clear walkways/ access points across the school. There will be a VSBA information session regarding the school merge update on Tuesday 15th November from 6.00 – 7.30pm for families from Katandra and Berendale School to attend. This will be provided onsite at Berendale School and via Zoom.

To celebrate Children's Celebration Week, Bayside City Council are organising a fundraiser with proceeds going to Berendale School on Saturday 22nd October (9.30-11.30am) at 76 Royal Avenue, Sandringham. Bayside City Council will provide BBQ, food required, marquee, trestle tables, equipment and signage.

New gym flooring with line markings for a basketball and four square courts have now been completed. Students are pleased they can utilise the indoor space and have access to the gym.

Martial Arts and Consent/Sexuality Programs are also being delivered to support curriculum content and student engagement.

Finally, preparation for the Year 11 and 12 Urban Camp is under way which is in Melbourne CBD from Wednesday 10th — Friday 12th December. Students will have the opportunity to meet a number of VCAL learning outcomes in Personal Development, Literacy, Numeracy and Oracy through the planning and organising of specific events as well as in Civics and Citizenship by engaging with the general public as a group. There will also be a focus on using maps, interpreting numerical information and using public transport to travel to and from activities.

Chris Goaley



KATANDRA-BERENDALE SCHOOL

(INTERIM NAME)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Post-information session, Term 3, 2022

ABOUT THE MERGER

Why are the schools merging?

Merging Katandra School and Berendale School will provide students and staff at both schools with greater opportunities including richer curriculum and subject offerings, more specialist support staff, and improved facilities and recreation spaces. The new school will be known as Katandra-Berendale School (interim name), until a formal naming process is complete.

What are the advantages of the merger?

Students will gain greater learning opportunities and a richer curriculum offering through the addition of modern learning facilities.

Students will more easily transition from primary school to secondary school when the schools are merged onto one site.

How long will the build take?

Construction of stage one of the masterplan will begin in Term 4, 2022. Students will attend school at the new site in 2024. All works are expected to be completed by 2025.

THE FACILITIES

What new facilities will Katandra School students have access to?

Stage one of the masterplan will deliver 2 new buildings, which will house art and science spaces, a junior learning hub and a middle-years learning hub.

These spaces will provide classrooms, resource-intensive learning spaces, informal learning spaces, staff areas and amenities.

A larger library, which will be relocated to the integrated learning centre, a kitchen and cooking facilities, swimming pool and gymnasium.

Will there be quiet spaces for the students?

Each junior classroom will have a retreat space, which can be accessed from the main classroom space. Middle years students will have access to individual learning, informal learning and small-group spaces in the new buildings.

Will there be accessible toilets?

Yes, there will be a mix of toilet facilities, including accessible toilets.

Will there be separated play areas on the merged school site?

Yes, there will be separate play areas for junior and senior students at Katandra- Berendale School (interim name).

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TRANSPORT

Will there be public transport options from Katandra to Berendale?

Current busing arrangements for the two schools overlap and arrangements for designated travel areas will continue. The Department will work with both schools to ensure transport services meet the needs of students.

What other transport options will be available for students?

The Berendale School site offers multiple street access points for students walking or being dropped off by parents.

ZONING

Will school zoning change for the merged school?

Zoning for students at both schools will not be affected by the merger. All existing enrolments will continue, and provision will be made for the siblings of existing students. The Berendale site will be able to accommodate enrolment growth in the future.

TEACHING AND TRANSISTION

When will a new principal be appointed?

It is expected the new principal for Katandra-Berendale School (interim name) will start in Term 4, 2022.

Will there be a transition program for the Katandra students?

The schools will plan together during 2023 to ensure there is a seamless transition to the new, merged school. This includes planning for staff professional development and the sharing of ideas and resources.

Where will the students attend in 2023?

Katandra students will remain at the Katandra site during 2023 while the building works take place. It is anticipated that all students will be learning on the Katandra-Berendale School (interim name) site in early 2024.

When will students transition into the new school?

Students will transition to the campus at the merged Katandra-Berendale School (iterim name) in 2024.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Will there be an after-school care program at the new site?

As a senior school, Berendale School does not currently offer an after-school care program. New arrangements will be explored for the merged junior school.

PICK-UP TIMES

Will start and finish times be staggered for junior and senior students?

Student times for both schools are 9am-3pm, which meets the current bus schedule. Start and finish times can be reviewed when the schools are merged, if necessary.

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YEAR 11A NEWS

By Julie Wray -McCann

Animal Attendant Careers Day at the RSPCA

Bv Mikkv

I went to the Animal Attendant Careers Day at the RSPCA. I learnt about working in the paddock. I also learnt about putting a bandage on Lexis paw. We went into the paddock with Jess, Michael, Gail and myself. Michael raked up the hay in the paddock. I did it too. It was so much fun. I loved all the day.

By Noam

We went to Animal Attendant Careers Day at the RSPCA. I went with my class. We went to check on the chickens and Jess showed us how to make toys for the animals with food in them. It's good for the animals to play with the toys with food on it. They like it.

By Jamie

On Wednesday the 24th of August 2022, Year 11s, Julie and Gail went to the RSPCA in Burwood East. We made treat boxes for Rabbits, Guinea Pigs and Chickens. We also raked up hay in the paddock. We went into the Chicken Coop and gave chickens some treat boxes and checked if they had laid any eggs. We went into the Adoption Centre and learnt about caring for Cats, Rabbits and Guinea Pigs.

By Luka

I liked the Lexi dog.

She is a brown Labrador.

Lexi is three years old.

By James

On the Animal Attendant Careers Day, we went to The RSPCA with Year 11A students and teachers, Julie and Gail. We went there on the school bus. We had an early recess and after that we went to The Barn to feed the rabbits with straw in a toilet roll. After that we went to the chickens to see their coop and feed them. We then had lunch and then went to the Adoption Centre to see the cats. We finished the day in the theatre where we saw Lexi the dog and got showbags and certificates.

By Saba

When I went to the Animal Attendant Career Day at the RSPCA, I learnt how to care for the chickens. In the chicken coop, we gave the chickens toys to play with. We checked to see if they laid any eggs. I would like to work at the RSPCA because I love animals. I especially like the chickens.

By Noam

The guinea pigs were in a big cage.

They like eating grass, green vegetables, salads and hay.

The guinea pigs were brown, black and white.

By Luka

The Year 11A class went to the Animal Attendant Careers Day. It was good fun. Some students went to the paddock to see what it was like to work out there and some of us went to learn about chickens. We went to see if the chickens had laid any eggs. We also learnt how to make some toys with food in them for the animals. I liked seeing all the animals it was good fun.

By Lachlan

On Wednesday the 20th of July, the Years 11 and 12 students went to The RSPCA. We watched some videos of The RSPCA in the Theatre. We went to The Barn to see some goats and ponies. I saw some guinea pigs and rabbits in The Adoption Centre. We went on the school bus to The RSPCA. I saw Lexi the dog. I liked learning about guinea pigs and how to look after them.

By Chan

I went to the Animal Attendant Careers Day at The RSPCA. When I was there my favourite activity was learning about guinea pigs. I learnt how to feed them and do a health check up. I learnt how to check the guinea pigs ears, eyes and nose for infections. Guinea pigs need shelter from the sun and rain. Guinea pigs like to eat green vegetables and hay. It was a great day at The RSPCA. One day I would like to work there.

Moving to the STU

By Jamie

We are going to the STU. It feels quiet in there. We moved the books, shelves, board games and other things. We cleaned the Classroom. We moved the tables. We looked at the new area outside and worked as a Team. I helped move things to the new classroom. We are all glad it's all sorted out.

Work Experience at the Bridge

By Jamie

Every Friday we go to Work Experience on the school bus. We go with Julie and Gail. At Work Experience we made folders. We also have moving morning tea and lunch when we are at Work Experience. I like going to Work Experience because I'm learning how to get a job one day.

By Alex

I am going to talk about moving to the STU Building. It was nice to move to a new building to get a new experience. We cleaned the classroom. It was dirty. Today, we have moved the tables and made name tags for our bagging area. I cleaned the shelves for our bags to fit in. I was looking forward to moving classrooms and cleaning it.

Dancing

By Noam

Every Monday we do dancing. With Kylie, Julie and Gail. Kylie teaches us a lot of dance moves. Its lots of fun I like doing it we do it with some year 12 students. The best thing is the music and dancing with my friends.

SENIOR EVENTS

Merry Day Cake Decorating Classes (Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham) Year 10—12

Wednesday 2nd November 10.00am—2.00pm Year 11A

Monday 7th November 10.00am—2.00pm Year 10A and 10B

Wednesday 9th November 10.00am - 2.00 Year 12A

Wednesday 16th November 10.00am—2.00 pm Year 11B and 10A

RSPCA CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER—Cupcakes kindly donated by GR8 (SBAT PROVIDER)

Wednesday 23rd November 1.30pm

METEC Driving Program—Year 12

Wednesday 7th December 9.00am — 3.00pm

Graduation—Year 12

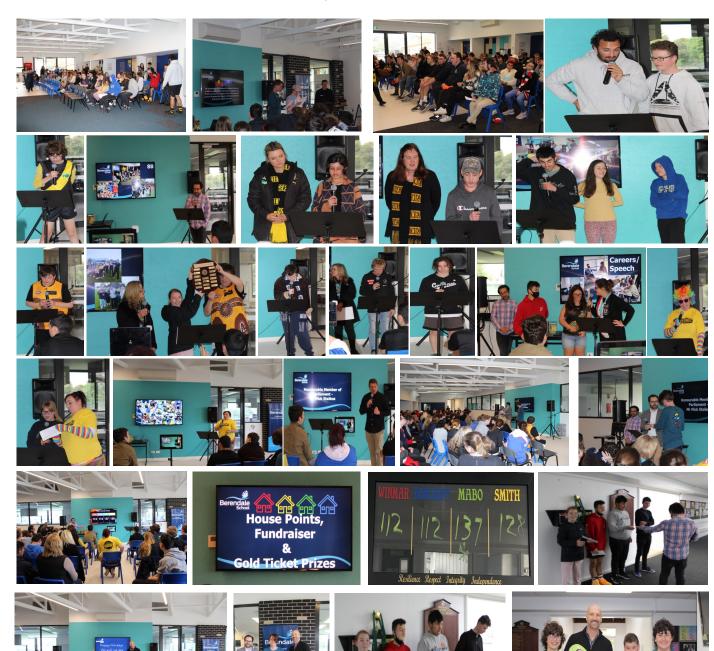
Monday 12th December

Urban Camp—Years 11 and 12

Wednesday 14th December to Friday 16th December

End of Term Assembly/Awards

16th September 2022







COLOUR RUN



Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to raise money for sensory equipment and resources.

Did you know? Students raise 3x times more when they fundraise online! Visit www.australianfundraising.com.au to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until 19/11/2022 to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on THURSDAY 10th November 2022. On the day, make sure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle and their hat. Sunscreen will be provided.

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal online! Students automatically achieve incentive prizes as they fundraise, starting from \$10. The more they raise, the more prizes they receive. Each prize is ordered automatically, so you don't need to worry about prize ordering! You can see what the inventive prizes are in the sponsorship booklet provided.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By creating an avatar, sharing your page with friends and reaching milestone donations, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Monstar Madness. There are heaps of prizes you can win when you fun-raise with Monty! Create your fundraising page in the next 7 days, and you will receive a Holographic Monty Sticker! Check out your sponsorship booklet for more awesome Monty prizes up for grabs, like a Monty Plush toy, a bag tag or a high-bounce handball!

Win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree. Do you think you can top our school's leader board? The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win a \$10,000 JB Hi-Fi Shopping Spree, including your choice of televisions, laptops, phones, home accessories and more! Start fundraising at www.australianfundraising.com.au for your chance to win.

Fund-Razor of the Year Award. Do you think you can top the national leader board? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$3,000!

Thanks in advance for your support, and happy fundraising!

Ann-Marie McCann and Marika Rogers Colour Run Coordinators



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