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# **Excellence in Inclusive Education**





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# From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

We are halfway through the term and after such a turbulent year the students and staff have settled back into on-site learning. We trust everyone had a productive discussion during Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings in Week 3. As always, these are an incredibly valuable opportunity to discuss student work, progress towards learning goals and future goal setting. If for some reason you were unable to attend, you are always welcome to reschedule at a more convenient time.

Our students have been undertaking assessments in both Literacy and Numeracy. This year is the first year where baseline testing has been introduced for Numeracy. Staff have been provided professional learning in the Maths Online Interview which assesses students Numeracy levels. In 2021, we will have a baseline to work from to continue to meet the students individual learning needs.

The senior students are completing their SBAT, VET and VCAL studies. Students in Year 12 will achieve their Foundation VCAL Certificate or a Certificate of Completed Outcomes. The Year 12's have now decided on their post-school pathway and all students have an appropriate destination. We are looking forward to both the SBAT and Year 12 Graduation.

Last week was NAIDOC week. Students acknowledged this by completing work in the classroom and having discussions with their peers. The school is strengthening our commitment to acknowledging the traditional owners of the land through the installation of the Indigenous, Torres Strait Island and Australian Flag. We are also ensuring that the Acknowledgment of Country becomes a regular occurrence.

We commemorated Remembrance Day through our School Captain's raising of the flag, using our new flag poles. It was a memorable event as acknowledged in the photo.

You will notice on your next visit that we are in the process of painting some of the older buildings. So far, the maintenance shed, retaining walls and the portables have been completed.

We look forward to the many events that will see us to the end of the year.

Any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's classroom teacher, Athina or myself.

Kind regards

Paul Newson

Principal



### **Key Dates for Term 4**

#### **School Council (Remote)**

Tuesday 17th November

#### **Virtual SBAT Graduation**

Monday 7th December

### Virtual End-of-Year Awards Ceremony

Thursday 3rd December

#### **Statewide Transition Day**

Tuesday 8th December

#### **Virtual Year 12 Graduation**

Thursday 10th December

#### **Reports Published on Compass**

Friday 18th December

#### **Term 4 Concludes**

Friday 18th December School finishes at 2pm





# The School Book Fair is Coming!

Class 12B and Book Fair ISS Group

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school book fair is coming! This year's theme is "Snow much to read"!

Money raised from the book fair will go towards buying books for the school. We aim to sell \$1000 in books. This is a major VCAL project. Please buy some books and support the students.

Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

When: 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday

**Where: Berendale School** 

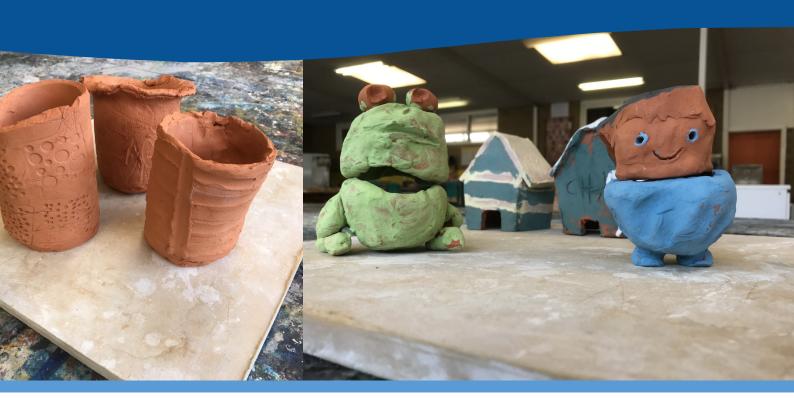
#### **Special Events**

Book Fair Parade - Wednesday 25th November

Students can come to school dressed up as a book character.

- Prizes for the most creative costumes
- Ice melting competition
- Guess the number of snowballs
- Book fair poster competition

Please support our school book fair!



### **Art and Technology**

Andy Ding, Art and Technology Teacher

#### **Clay and Sculpture Projects**

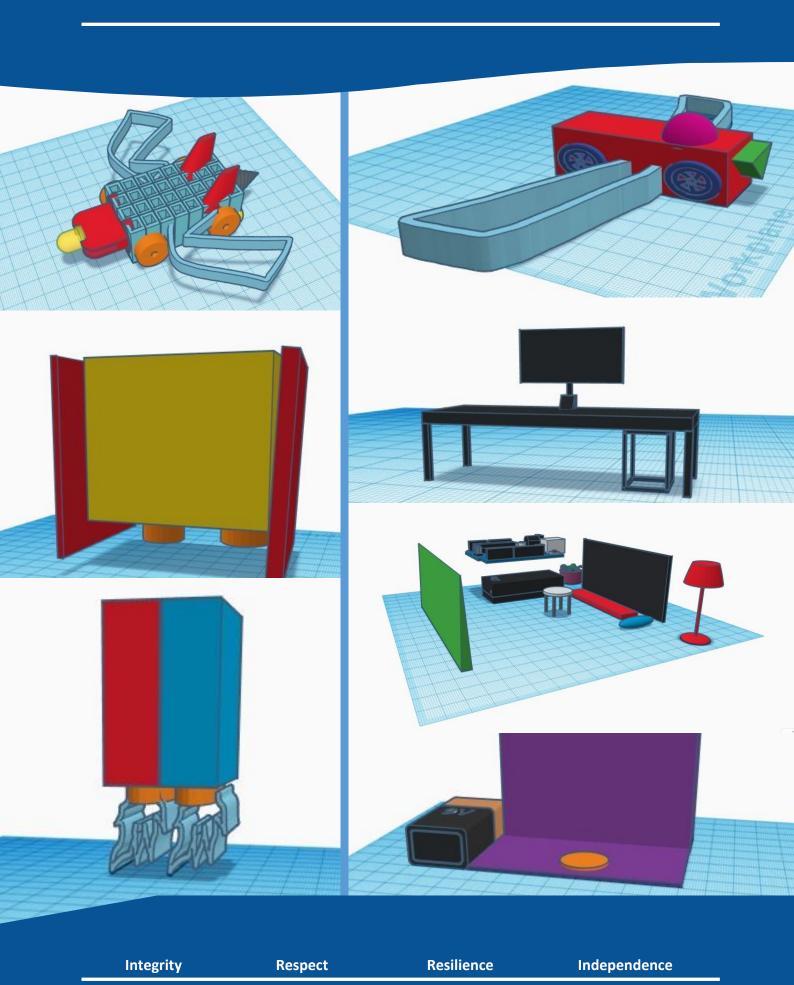
We welcome back students to the Art Room! Since returning to face-to-face learning, students completed their clay and sculpture projects. They painted their work, and firing is underway. Students will be able to collect their beautiful pieces by the end of the year.

#### Film Club

In the Senior School, a group of Year 11 and 12 students joined a virtual film club with Arts Access Victoria. They have been learning to watch and analyse films from the Melbourne International Film Festival, and write film reviews. The students are developing their confidence to express their thoughts and support their opinions and criticism. Thank you to our partnered organisations for this fantastic opportunity!

#### **Technology**

In the Tech Suite, student have been designing 3D objects on a computer. They used Tinkercad and learned to maneuver the program and build their objects. Senior years students used design thinking to build a prototype of a flying car, flying fridge, future gaming PC, and a portable pancake maker. See their prototypes on the next page.



# Meeting a Paralympian with Scott Reardon

Mark Prokopiwskyi, Health and PE Team Leader

On Thursday the 17th of September, the students of Berendale School had a fantastic opportunity to meet 3 time gold medal Paralympian and 100 metre runner Scott Reardon.

The session was conducted through the format of a webinar run by the team at Kimberlin Education, where Scott spoke about his experiences as an athlete, as well as how he lost his leg in a farming incident. Scott also answered questions that were flooding in from other schools who attended the webinar.

He also spoke about the importance of mindfulness and always believing in your ability to chase the goals you have set yourself, regardless of the obstacles that you may encounter.

Some of Scott's Personal Best results included running at speeds of up to 35kph during a 100 metre sprint and executing a standing long jump at 2.75m.

The students also had the chance to speak to Scott in person over Zoom at the end of the session, which without doubt would have been a great thrill for them!



# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Berendale School

Term 4, 2020

# **SPORTS CLUB**



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Lunchtime **Oval** 

# MINECRAFT CLUB



Monday lunchtime **Tech Room** 

# **ART CLUB**



Thursday Lunchtime **Art Room** 

# **DRUM BEAT**



Thursday Lunchtime

Music Room



# **Late Photo Orders 2020**

Dear parents and students of Berendale School,

# IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS BEFORE LATE FEES ARE INCURRED

Your school photo day was held on 12-11-2020 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it's not too late to order online.

### ONLINE ORDERING Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: <u>Click Here</u> - For online ordering process for your school, or

Go to <u>www.advancedlife.com.au</u> before photo day and enter your school code ANQ PYJ 4HK

Step 2: Enter your student's details

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, processing fees will apply to all orders.

Place your order on or before 19-11-2020 to avoid the processing fees!



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