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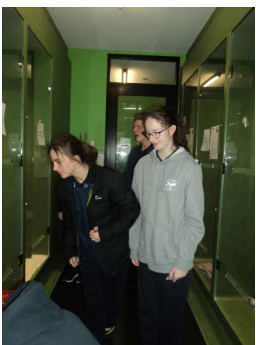
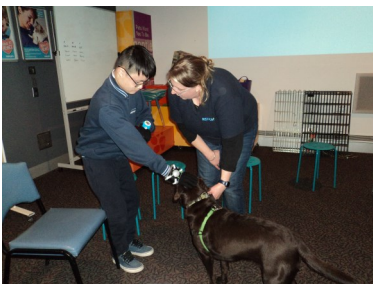
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, the Boonwurrung/Bunurong People, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



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RSPCA

July 2022



Key Dates in Term 3

Year 7 & 8 Camp

17th—19th August

Curriculum Day

Thursday 25th August

Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 30th August

**Sports Carnival/Whole
School Assembly**

Term 3 concludes

Friday 16th September

* These dates may change*

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Principal's Report

Paul Newson, Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is once again speeding along. We are well into term three with only 5 weeks until the end of the term.

Although life at Berendale School is quickly moving back to our pre COVID routines we are asking students, families and staff if possible to continue to wear a mask. We thank you for your continued support.

It was great to see the return of our school camp program with the Year 9 & 10's who headed off to Campaspe Downs in Kyneton for three days. A big thank you to our teachers and education support for making camp a great experience for our students. This week our Year 7 & 8's students head off to Manyung Camp in Mt Eliza. We wish them all the best,

This term our Students Support Group (SSGs) meetings shifted in their focus. The Student Support Group Meetings now include important information for the Disability Inclusion Profiles (DIP). The DIP's will support how students with disabilities are funded at school and will shift the process to a strengths based model.

We have been able to continue our Tutor Learning program and have seen some great results in Teaching and Learning. These programs have been supported by our Professional Learning Communities teams and this term we have been lucky to receive a grant to support teachers to explore and strengthen their processes.

Our gym renovations have finally started. The gym was flooded at the beginning of the year and unfortunately due to issues with suppliers and builders we have had to postpone the work several times. We are hoping to have access within a couple of weeks.

I have attached new information for the Katandra School and Berendale School merger. You will also note that there are dates for information sessions. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions or if you are unable to attend you are welcome to contact me via the school office.

I would like to congratulate Venessa Sigamoney on her appointment as the Acting Assistant Principal for 12 months. Venessa has expertise in many areas and will be a valued member of the principal team. Venessa will take on some of Athina's roles while Athina is on maternity leave.

We look forward to the remainder of the term.

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KATANDRA AND BERENDALE SCHOOLS

Milestone: Project update

This content has been developed to support you to share an update on the latest milestone of the project with your newly combined school community.

We encourage you to direct any queries to the VSBA — please share our contact details with your community:

Phone: 1800 896 950

Email: VSBA@education.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/>

PRINCIPALS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear students, parents, carers and our wider school community,

We are excited to provide an update on the Katandra School and Berendale School project.

As you may know, the State Government has contributed over \$12.6 million in funding to merge Katandra School and Berendale School onto the Berendale School campus. This will include 2 new buildings, which will house:

- art and science spaces
- a junior learning hub
- a middle-years learning hub.

These spaces will provide classrooms, resource intensive learning spaces, informal learning spaces, staff areas and amenities. The library will be relocated to the integrated learning centre building. We will also refurbish the existing Block C to accommodate administration space.

School councils and leadership teams across both Katandra School and Berendale School and architects from Kneeler Design and the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) have worked closely to create a fit-for-purpose environment designed to deliver a modern education.

We have attached a masterplan of the school site. The plan details the facilities that will be provided as part of the current upgrade (stage 1), and potential future facilities we would receive should our school obtain further funding (stage 2).

The VSBA will soon open a tender to appoint a builder for stage 1 of the upgrade. It is anticipated that the builder will be appointed to the project in November.

The VSBA will continue to work closely with us to ensure our community is updated as the project progresses.

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We will hold an information session at Katandra School at **6.15pm on Monday 29 August**. If you would like to attend in person, please register via our Eventbrite page [here](#). You will be able to pre-submit questions for the event on this page.

We also hope to hold a second session at Berendale School in Term 3.

In the interim, below is a timeline of our project's upcoming milestones and what you can expect next.

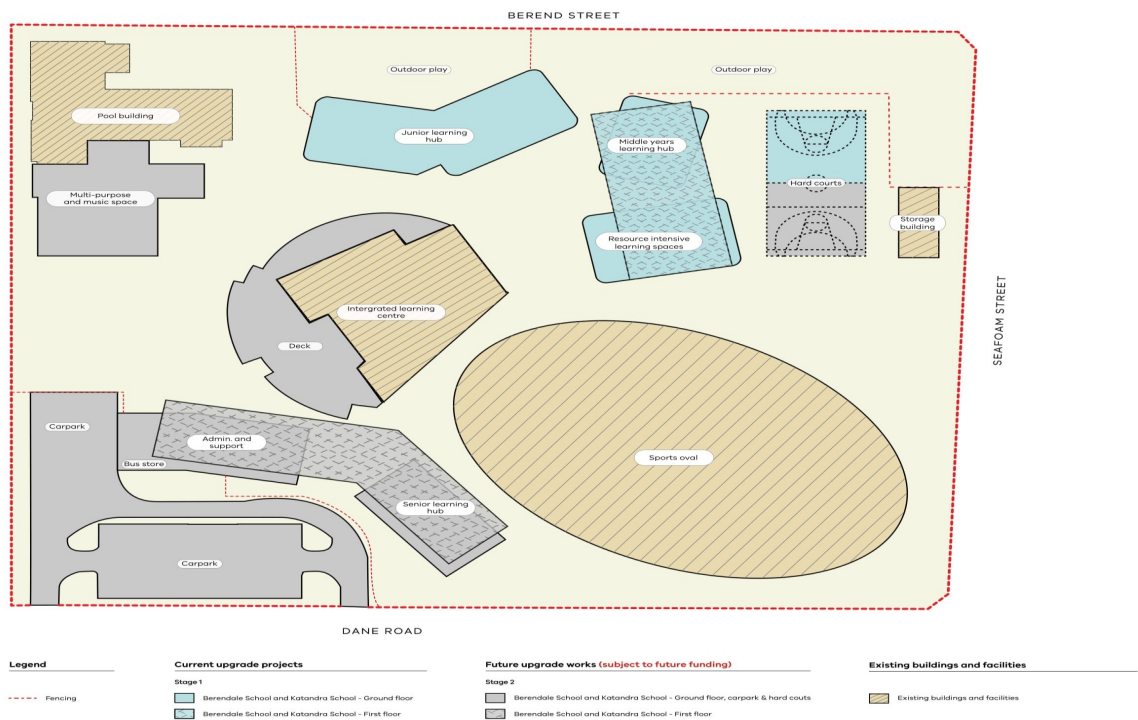
Timeline (estimated)

Term 4, 2022	Temporary relocation of some classes within Berendale School to prepare the site
Term 4, 2022	Release of stage 1 designs
Term 4, 2022	Stage 1 Builder appointment
Term 4, 2022	Stage 1 Construction begins

If you have any further questions about the masterplan or our upcoming project, you can phone the VSBA on **1800 896 950**, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit the website: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/Berendale-School-and-Katandra-School>.

Julia Sadler and Paul Newson

Katandra and Berendale School masterplan



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Highett RSL

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It was nice to meet Roger who visited Berendale School the other week to present a generous donation on behalf of the Welfare Team at the Highett RSL. The funds will be used towards resources for our students' learning and engagement. Thank you to the Highett RSL for their continued support.



Hi Berendale families.

My name is Jacqui O'Connor. I am the new speech therapist working at Berendale School on Mondays and Tuesdays. I have worked as a speech therapist for 20+ years in special schools in Melbourne. My role at Berendale is to support the student's communication in the classroom. In general, communication can be broken down into 'receptive' and 'expressive' communication. Receptive communication refers to the ability to listen to and comprehend/process information. Expressive communication refers to the way a student gets their message across to others (verbal, written or augmented/alternative communication of thoughts, needs, and ideas using words, sentences, or phrases). Some students may benefit from 1:1 or small group sessions to work on their communication skills with me. If you wish to discuss your child's communication, please feel very welcome to contact me at the school.



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SUPERHERO DAY

On the last day of term 2, the students all participated in our Superhero Day. All the students came dressed as their favourite Superhero, participating in PE, Maths, English and Art lessons focused on Berendale's school values of Respect, Resilience, Integrity and Independence. Awards were presented to the best dressed, with the winners receiving movie vouchers. **Manoli Lamnatos Year 8 Teacher**



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Year 7 COOKING



Year 8 SCIENCE

This term, the year 8s have been learning about chemistry and the reactions that occur when 2 materials are mixed together. Last week, the year 8s came together to try and make play dough using a new formula. Shave foam was mixed with cornflour, creating a very unique mixture. Some of the students were able to successfully combine the materials whilst other students enjoyed the process; the photos speak for themselves.

Manoli Lamnatos Year 8 Teacher



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YEAR 9 & 10 CAMP

We had an amazing time on camp at the PGL Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp in Kyneton. During the camp we focused on building our resilience and teamwork skills by participating in a variety of fun challenges. We participated in activities including flying fox, rock climbing, laser tag, possum glider and two obstacle courses just to name a few. Some highlights were walking through the mud in the challenge course, and conquering their fear of heights. After dinner on the first night we enjoyed sharing our knowledge in a quiz, and on the second night we got to show off our best moves on the dancefloor at the disco.

Bianca Year 9 Teacher



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EXCURSION TO THE RSPCA

In Semester 2, Year 11 and 12 students are researching Animal Care and Welfare issues. Students are also learning about Careers in Animal Care.

On Wednesday 20th July, all Year 11 and 12 students went to the RSPCA in Burwood East. We started in the Education Centre where we watched videos about the RSPCA and met the staff.

We went to The Barn and met two goats and two ponies. We fed Bonnie the little horse. We also fed Billy the goat. Bonnie the pony was white and brown and had a love heart shaved into her fur.

After the Barn we went on a tour of The Adoption Centre with Michelle. In the Cat Adoption area we saw lots of different cats. Some were old, some were young, some were sleeping and some were playing. There were volunteers helping clean and feed the animals.

Next we went into see the guinea pigs and rabbits. They need lots of towels and newspapers to lie on.

We didn't go into The Dog Adoption section as the dogs become upset and bark when new people come to visit. We saw photos of the dogs up for adoption.

All the dogs, cats, guinea pigs and rabbits need a new home and a new owner.

Last of all we met Lexi the brown Labrador. Lexi was rescued from a house because she didn't get enough food, water, shelter or love. We patted Lexi. She is beautiful!!!

We are going back to The RSPCA in late August and September for an Animal Attendant Careers Discovery Day. We are going to learn about jobs which involve caring for animals. We are going to learn about different courses we can do to train as an animal attendant or carer.

It was a great Day! We really enjoyed the excursion to The RSPCA.

Written By Year 11A

Lachlan, Andreas, Jamie, Mikayla, Saba, Luka, Michael, Chan, Jamie, James, Alex and David

THE RSPCA NEED BLANKET AND TOWEL DONATIONS

No doonas thanks

The cats, dogs, guinea pigs and rabbits in the Adoption Centre at The RSPCA need blankets and towels to keep warm this winter

Year 11A will collect donated items from classrooms

We will drop off items at the RSPCA on 24th August

Thanks Year 11A students



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WORK EXPERIENCE

On the weekend I took my little boy to Crocs Play Centre to visit Joshua Layton from 11B who was been busy working and serving customers as part of his weekend job here and also at Astrolux Cafe. Last term Joshua worked on his curriculum vitae and a cover letter that he could use for job applications. Congratulations Joshua and thanks for the coffee. **Nicole Blain 11B Teacher.**



INTERSCHOOL SPORT

FOOTBALL

We have had 2 beautiful sunny days for round 1 and 2 Interschool football so far this term, the students have enjoyed two great wins over Naranga and Ashwood. The ground has been very wet on both occasions and its recommended that footy players bring a change of cloths ,towel and bag for wet dirty shoes for the trip home.



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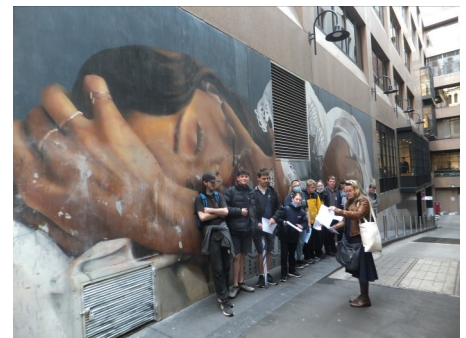
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STREET ART EXCURSION

This term, Year 11B students have been studying street art and creating their own street artwork for a skateboard deck. As part of their research/students travelled to the city to look at some of the different examples of art in the lane ways of Melbourne CBD including the popular Hosier Lane and AC/DC Lane.

All the students completed a record sheet during the excursion to note down their observations, feelings, preferences and thoughts, which will help them to design and create their own piece of art. Students were granted special permission to take their phones on the excursion to enable them to also determine our walking and tram route using google maps. **Nicole Blain 11B Teacher.**



Father's Day *Breakfast*

Tuesday 30th August

8.30 am to 10 am

Berendale School Hospitality Building

Berendale Fathers, Grandfathers and Carers are invited to join us!



**RSVP by 24th August via compass or to the general office on
9555 6141 or berendale.sch@education.vic.gov.au**



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