

THE PHOENIX

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BERENGARRA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Thanks for your continued support.

Hi All,

Cafe-Education

The Pathways cafe has finally opened! Since the end of July the students have been serving coffee and snacks to commuters, local residents and road workers, gaining valuable work experience towards their Certificate 11 and 111 in Retail and also the chance to earn a wage. Catrina, Emma and Simone have shown enormous commitment to get everything organised. Also, a big thanks to Deborah Zang for taking on the role of project manager and seeing the project to completion when it was floundering in a sea of red tape and cost overruns, thus saving us a delay of at least 3 months.

The cafe has enabled us to increase our total school enrolments by 10 students, and with Box Hill campus full, our enrolment figure on census day was 71, an increase of 13 on 2013. We have now taken possession of an extra room in the old Primary School which will allow us to increase enrolments at Box Hill from 35 to 40 next term. I invite everyone to drop in to the cafe for a coffee and a snack .

To accommodate the increase in enrolments I have appointed a new food technology teacher, Sharyn Halloran, who has been working in State Schools for the past 12 years and comes to us highly recommended. For those of you who are wondering about Lyn, she has decided to hang up her ladle and spatula and concentrate on her role of special education teacher.

Tenure

In the last newsletter I reported that the Parish would respond to our offer of purchasing the Box Hill site by the end of August. I can now report that they have commenced the long and involved process of disposing of a Church asset, and that we would be given preference for purchase once a price has been set. A deal should be on the table before Xmas or early New Year, so could we finally be reaching the moment where Berengarra has a permanent home? For those who know the school's recent history, this would be a defining point in time. During our 38 years we have been located on 4 different sites, starting at Kew, then to Box Hill, Glen Waverley and now at a different site in Box Hill. Fingers crossed we never have to move again.

Strategic Plan

Over the past 18 months the School Council and staff have been working on a strategic plan for the next five years, and last month the final version was approved by Council.

Principal's report con't...



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It sets the path of the school's development in teaching and learning, resources and welfare. The document will be published on our website next term.

As part of the strategic plan we have invited all sections of the school community to provide us with feedback. We have subscribed to the LEAD on line survey system and given staff, students, Council members and parents the chance to take part. Last week all parents were sent an email explaining the survey and included a link to the survey website. If you need more information or want the email again then simply contact me by email at pete.berengarra.com and I will send you the link. The survey takes about 10 minutes.

Well that's about it for another term.....take care and have a good break.

Regards
Pete

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4, 2014

Staff return—Monday 6th October.

Students return—Tuesday 7th October.

**Whole school camp—Box Hill— 19th Nov—21st Nov inclusive.
Information will be sent home**

Pathways finish— 28th November.

Box Hill students finish 5th December.

Staff finish—12th December

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Staff return—Wed 28th January

Students return Box Hill—2nd February

Students finish—27th March

