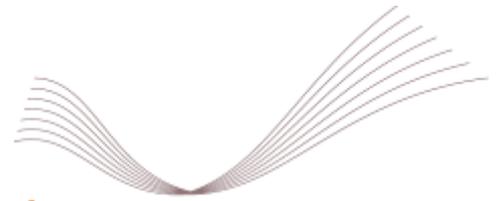


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## BERENGARRA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—2016

Hi all,

This has been one of the shortest terms for a long time, with the students being present for only 8 weeks! Victorian Government, in contrast to other states, like to align the end of 1<sup>st</sup> term to the Easter break. As this is linked to the first full moon after 21<sup>st</sup> March, Easter can fall anywhere between late March and mid April, hence the short term.

It has been a very busy term, with twelve new students starting at the school. and I can report, all have settled in well.

### Teaching and Learning

This term we have taken the first steps in our Teaching and Learning initiative. Lyn Perry and myself have been gathering all the information we can about each student's learning difficulties and strengths, building individual profiles that will help us identify common areas of concern. Once this is completed, we will be directing resources into the school with consultants that will help us improve our teaching practices. Even though many people have a high regard for what Berengarra does, it does not mean that we can't improve. Sporting teams have coaches so why shouldn't teachers.

### Capital Works

Since the end of last year we have continued our capital works program to improve our facilities. Over the holidays the school was painted inside and out and given a complete refresh. The drainage in the main yard was fixed; a new storage shed built and old furniture replaced. Along with the new front fence the school is looking better than ever.

### Staff

This term we said farewell to our Cafe Manager, Naomi Salton, who has been with us for six months. In that time she lifted the standard of service, appearance of the cafe to a very professional level, and as a result the students benefited enormously. She is returning to University to finish her teaching degree and we wish her well.

## Principal's report con't....



### Staff con't

Her place has been taken by Matthew Nevette, who has run his own cafes in the past but is now keen to get involved in education and training.

At the end of this term we said farewell to Jan, the school's receptionist/secretary for the past 11 years. Jan's association with the school goes back to the mid 1980's .

Her patience with parents and students was an example to many, as was her kindness and charm. On behalf of the Berengarra community we wish her well in her retirement. A class act.

We also welcome David Pietta to the school. David has signed up as a VCAL teacher at Pathways, specializing in maths and PE.

### Pathways

This term has been an exciting one at Pathways, with the introduction of Intermediate VCAL. Last year we only offered VCAL at Foundation level, and once students completed this they had to move to another educational setting even if they still required the level of support Berengarra offered. Now they can continue at Berengarra until they have the confidence to move on.

Best wishes....Pete

### 2016 - 2ND TERM DATES

Staff return—Monday 11th April

Students - Tuesday 12th April

Anzac Day— 25th April -no school. Public holiday

Staff in-service—June 2nd. Pupil free day

Queens Birthday public holiday—13th June

End of Term 2 — Friday 17th June at 12.30 p.m

### 2016, 3rd TERM DATES

Staff return - July 11th

Parent/teacher meetings—staff will be in touch July 12th

Students return—July 13th

End of term 3—September 16th at 12.30 p.m.

**ANZAC  
DAY**

The ANZAC Day logo features the words "ANZAC" and "DAY" in a bold, red, serif font. A sprig of greenery, possibly a branch of a tree, is positioned behind the text.