

# BULLETIN



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**SCHOOL VISION:** East Bentleigh Primary School provides a rich, inviting, child-focused environment ensuring that all students feel safe and stimulated. Our students are able to achieve their full academic, creative and social potential, equipped for the challenges of lifelong learning. Students develop into healthy and confident individuals, actively contributing to the world in which they live.

Hello everyone,

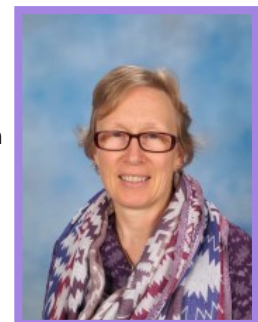
Welcome back to everyone to what promises to be a busy, productive term - more details in next week's full newsletter. I am delighted to be back in my spiritual home at East Bentleigh P.S. after a wonderful 10 weeks exploring 6 countries in South America and the beautiful Antarctica. I am looking forward to sharing a DVD with beautiful images of all we saw in the 2 weeks in Antarctica with the children.

I hope you all had a happy 2 weeks over the holidays spending quality time with your children without the tyranny of clocks. It is certainly lovely to be once again enveloped in the positive energy that our students provide to us all.

## Sad News

It is with great sadness that I inform you that one of our community members, Wendy Bradbury, (Oum's mum - 5/6G), passed away last Sunday evening after a brave fight in intensive care. As well as being a parent member of our community, Wendy was a most valued Education Support staff member at our school last year and very quickly became an integral part of our caring support team in her work with our children. As a community we send our sincere condolences to Wayne, Oum and Kade and we respect their privacy at this very sad time.

We will support Wayne and the boys as they wish over the coming weeks and beyond. Should you have any further questions please come and see me. A number of staff members will be attending Wendy's funeral tomorrow. I am deeply grateful to our SaGE Principal Network colleagues for their support in sending us replacement staff so that your children's program is not disrupted.



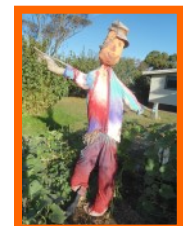
## Anzac Day

Next Wednesday our nation commemorates ANZAC Day. Not a day, in my mind to glorify war, but to remember the sacrifices of many men and women so we may enjoy the freedoms we enjoy today in Australia. The story of war is a tragic one which sadly continues to ravage our world today. This is a good time to share your family's heritage and history through your own personal stories.

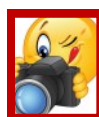
Taking your children to the dawn service at the Shrine of Remembrance or to the ANZAC parade are meaningful experiences that will help your child to gain insight into the significance of this day.

During this week our senior students have been selling ANZAC badges and other memorabilia. All proceeds going towards the continued good work of the RSL branches throughout Australia. These badges range from \$1:00-\$5:00 along with wristbands and bag tags and we also have stickers for 20 cents. They will be on sale until the Tuesday before ANZAC Day.

**A very big thank you to John and Demetra (parents of Kristos in 3/4H) who very kindly offered to give our resident Scarecrow a very colourful makeover. He looks so much brighter now - Thank you!**



**REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY is on Wednesday 2nd May**



Until next time.....**Maria Shearn - Principal** 😊



East Bentleigh Primary School acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders both past and present.