

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,

Year 3 Showcase Dinner

The first of these very special events in our calendar was held last night with our Year 3 students hosting and serving delicious food made in our kitchen classroom for their very appreciative family members. These dinners whilst a lot of work for Nikki, Sandra and their team, are such a powerful way to embed lifelong skills and pride in achievement for our students, (which is why we do them). To watch our students carefully taking their parents' orders, coming back to retrieve the relevant items from the kitchen, then carefully serve them, is a joy to watch.

The next 'Open Showcase Dinner' scheduled for next Wednesday night is now booked out. Due to unprecedented extra demand, we will offer the opportunity for a 3rd dinner to be scheduled next term on Wednesday 22nd August. Due to the enormous amount of work it takes, we will be imposing a strict minimum number of 50 guests before proceeding. This dinner like all the others will also have a maximum number of bookings, (due to logistical and OHS requirements), and will be taken on a strictly FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. Payment of \$25.00 cash (p/person & refundable) must be made by Monday 25th June (in a named envelope) will secure your spot (if there are spots remaining by this closing date!)

I must say, it has been dispiriting to hear how some parents have expressed their disappointment at the thought of missing out, in the last few days to our staff. I ask that you please remember we are all working in your children's best interests and are human too - it's often not 'what you say, but how you say it'.

Finally at the risk of offending some people here, I think it's important to point out something that flattened our spirits somewhat last night. In our planning, we attempt to cater for everyone's needs, including buying specialised ingredients to cater for parental intolerances and allergies. I was disappointed to hear that at last night's dinner those specially prepared meals had to be thrown out at the end of the night due to those people who specifically ordered a certain type of meal, 'changing their minds' when they saw what else was on the menu. The 'special' meals had been prepared separately, ingredients purchased specifically and added complexity to the preparations.

As I have said and as I'm sure you will appreciate, lots of planning and extra, often voluntary effort, goes into making these events so successful. It is yet another example of the way our dedicated staff go over and above to provide these extras for our students. Whilst we don't expect pats on the back for this, it would be very encouraging for parents to understand and accept that we can't keep everyone happy all of the time. My sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the staff involved in making this night such a wonderful success and to the parents who supported the dinner by your attendance, and especially our wonderful students.

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



Music News Evening Soiree Next week, Tuesday 5th June at 6pm we have our Evening Soiree in the Hall. We will have the Extension Orchestra, student solos, chamber ensembles and a special treat! We have a lot of students performing so to allow us to start on time could students please bring their instruments to the hall by **no later than 5:45pm so we can start on time at 6pm.** We are looking forward to a fantastic performance!

Lunchtime Soiree We will hold an additional Soiree at 1:10pm on Wednesday 13th of June for those students and parents who are unable to be available Tuesday afterschool. We have a lot of students who are interested in performing which is awesome and we would love for them to have the opportunity. Please let your music teacher know if you would like to perform then.

Resources East Bentleigh Primary School has a subscription to 8notes. 8notes has lots and lots of music for not only strings but woodwind, brass, guitar and keyboard. Everyone is welcome to use this resource and I love hearing feedback from students who are collaborating with their siblings, family and friends to play music together. Login details are - Username: felicitecheine@gmail.com Password: MusicRocks2018

***** Potential Car Pooling ***** We are looking for car pooling in the Beaumaris, Black Rock, Mentone area or close by for my preppie. I have 1 preppie and 1 pre-schooler so I have space for 1 more booster and older child. Please call Mel on 0481 311 981. Many thanks for your time!



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.