

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 the second half of the school year. A special welcome to those new children and families who are joining our fabulous East Bentleigh P.S. community for the first time. I know that you will all be made to feel part of the community in no time. An especially good way to meet new people is at our weekly Community Market on Thursdays from 3:15 onwards - why not come and have a sausage or a milk shake?

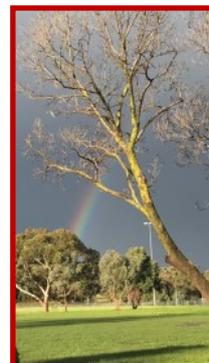
Term 3 has started very smoothly after quite a cold and wet July holiday. I hope you managed to stay warm and dry and had a good rest ready for the rigours that the new term will bring. Mother Nature certainly demonstrated that she was in charge on Tuesday night this week when the heavens opened to the downpour right on 3:30pm pickup time.

Whilst it was great to see the expectant smiling faces of our students on Monday, happy to be back at school and ready for the exciting learning challenges that this term will bring, I was somewhat dismayed to see so many of our children not in correct school uniform. Whilst we can all become somewhat 'relaxed' towards the end of a term when we are all a little weary, I would expect that at the start of a term everyone would be well prepared. Please ensure that your child has sufficient uniform items to cope with this wet and windy weather to avoid the 'it's in the wash' response, which is only acceptable on a rare occasion, not routinely.

Another issue is a number of our senior students arguing that they are in uniform by the wearing of a school shirt as an inner item, with every other outer item non uniform - this is definitely not ok. At our school we are, I believe not restrictive in our uniform choices, accepting non logos etc, however this does not mean that we will accept 'anything goes'. All staff have been instructed to be on the lookout for breaches of uniform, as we as a school work towards building an orderly environment in our school community. Next week I will be talking to you about how we will be asking parents to assist in the orderly movement around the school.

Raphy's Vigil

On Tuesday after school our school hosted a remembrance vigil in our hall for our dear Raphy Hennequin-Ruske, who lost his battle with illness a year ago. Many thanks to Cheryl Lim for organising this opportunity for our community to remember Raphy and give thanks for his life and time with us. The photo to the right, taken after the pickup time downpour, is a beautiful reminder of Raphy and his love of rainbows. Cheryl also completed the beautiful weaving which we all had an opportunity to contribute to last year. This will be sent to Raphy's family as a gift from our school.



Thank you

We would like to thank Karen Chernishov from Hodges Bentleigh, who kindly donated 11 very popular novels to be added to our school's library for our students to enjoy. We really appreciate your kind thoughts and generosity - Thank you.

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