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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.

## At East Bentleigh Primary School we are committed to child safety.

Hello everyone,

I hope that this message finds you all coping as best you can in these trying times. Following the introduction of Stage 4, 'State of Disaster' restrictions and another pupil free day earlier this week, our teachers and support staff have continued to refine and enhance our remote learning program/s, taking into account feedback from parents' responses in the survey of Week 1. Rest assured that we will keep checking in with you in order to further refine our curriculum delivery.

I'd like to thank you all for the ongoing support you have shown our wonderful teachers and ES staff who once again are doing their absolute best to ensure your children have the best possible outcomes for their education in these difficult times.

I ask that you please continue to stay in touch if difficulties arise at home. . A couple of class teachers have already advised of a small number of students they are concerned about as the said child has not engaged in any tasks this week. Sue and I will be calling these families in order to see how we can best support all of our families.

As I advised in my letter to parents earlier this week, at the moment, we are working towards having the absolute minimum of staff onsite. There will, however, be staff available to answer the phones and supervise students in need of care. A reminder that teachers who are rostered for on-site supervision of students requiring supervision will still need to deliver their own classes online, so they are not there to teach a formal program.

1 hope you all continue to look after yourselves and your families during these times and remember we are all trying to do our best, staff, students and parents.

## **On-site Supervision**

I'd like to thank all those parents Sue and I contacted personally earlier this week in light of the Stage 4 restrictions which caused some changes to the eligibility of on-site attendance of students. We really don't enjoy trying to minimise anyone's attendance at school, and really appreciated your understanding and care.

As some of our staff travel large distances to come to school, another reminder that any families requiring their child to complete their learning on-site **must advise me by the Friday of the previous week**, by completing the DET form (the link is included in the email which includes this Bulletin), so that I can make appropriate arrangements here at school for their supervision. Please note that **any children attending on-site must enter via the main office door, where they** 

will be temperature checked and hand sanitised. They will then move to the appropriate learning areas.

Please advise us as soon as possible if your child is unwell and not attending on his/her allocated day, so I can advise rostered staff and possibly avoid an unnecessary trip.

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## Captain's Corner

Thank you to Samuel Ferguson who has put together an 'Emoji Movie Quiz'. I hope you have fun with it. Thank you Sam.



## **Enrolments for 2021**

Despite our changed circumstance these are still being taken - if you know of any sibling enrolments, (or any other for that matter), for next year would you please ask the parents concerned to let us know in the office. This will facilitate our planning processes.

\*\* Thought \*\*
Especially during these times, this quote from Michelle Obama
really resonated with me. Take Care.



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

