

# 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.

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

Hello everyone,

Last Monday, I attended the Statewide Principals' Conference in the city with a very apt theme of '**Together We Thrive**', which given our collective recent history living through the pandemic was very timely. Speakers included the Minister for Education, Hon Natalie Hutchins and Department Secretary Jenny Atta. They spoke passionately about the need for schools to continue to be hubs of their communities with a focus on ensuring all students were engaged in their learning, giving as much importance to Wellbeing as Achievement. The conference was an opportunity to reflect on where our school is currently at in achieving this and what further areas we can turn our attention to; particularly timely in our year of review as our thoughts move into planning for the next 4 years.

## Parent Teacher Interviews/Mid Year Reports

Teachers have been working hard on finalising the children's reports. I hope that all parents read carefully the information provided in these documents as it will be useful to children and parents alike in setting realistic and challenging goals for the future. The children's individual written reports will be coming home on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Face to face Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June beginning at 1.30pm.

A note advising of arrangements will be sent out tomorrow via Compass. Interviews will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please contact your child's teacher via email in the first instance. Children will be at school during this time and will be involved in a tabloid sports type activity.

## Child Safety & Wellbeing at EBPS

The Victorian Government and Department of Education has comprehensive standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing. Please follow the link below:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/child-safe-standards>

Here at East Bentleigh Primary as part of our upcoming review, we have been in the process of reviewing and updating our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the standards. These are available to view on our school's website with paper copies available on request at the school's front office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices. As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing we welcome and encourage your feedback.

## Mid-Winter Festival- Lantern Walk

A reminder that this wonderful annual festival held as close to the winter solstice as possible ie the shortest day of the year, will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 5-7pm. A note was sent home to P-3 families earlier this week via Compass with all the details. We look forward to seeing as many of our P-3 families as possible.

## School Uniform

On my return from leave, one of the less pleasing things I have noticed is a growing number of students who are not in full school uniform. Wearing a school shirt under a non-school windcheater or bomber jacket does not constitute school uniform; neither do pink or multi coloured skivvies under school dresses or tunics count. Whilst I understand that in the winter months it can be a challenge to keep up with the washing, there are far too many students I have noticed day after day in non-uniform items. I ask that parents ensure that uniform items are available every day for our students. If any of our families are having difficulty in accessing uniform items, please contact me confidentially so I can arrange for a uniform through State School's Relief fund which supplies uniforms and many other educational items. Please remember also that we have our weekly second hand uniform stall at our Thursday Market.

## Biggest Morning Tea

On Tuesday this week our staff enjoyed some wonderful morning tea at our Biggest Morning Tea to support cancer research, organized by Mandy Millar and Christine Kennedy. Thank you to our wonderful ES team of bakers who supplied all the lovely treats for us to share. It was all lovely, but I must say that Mandy's lemon slice is simply divine. We raised \$293.00 for the Cancer Council.



**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.

