



East Bentleigh
Primary School

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to our fourth School Council Newsletter!

This edition will cover both the September and October School Council Meetings.

This newsletter will be written by parents, to the parents, to create an open line of communication with the School Council and the important work it does.

Who are the current council members?

Staff – Maria Shearn, Susan Jackson, Aaron Jones, Michelle Mather,

Parents – Rachel Jeffreys, Helen Woodruff (President), Julia Kahan, Leah Moore, Emily Jones, Lisa Vance

This newsletter will



Provide updates about School
Council decisions



Provide news on the work of
Subcommittees



Provide a section dedicated to
questions & concerns raised by
parents

Do you have questions or concerns about general school matters?

We would like to invite parents to send us (the council members) any questions or concerns you have. We will raise any relevant concerns with management and/or at council, and provide responses in the following newsletter!

Please note – your privacy will be respected, and questions/concerns brought up anonymously unless you request otherwise. These questions should be relevant to general school matters, any personal concerns should be raised with your teacher or the school management.

You can email Julia, convener of the Communications committee at julia.kahan@gmail.com or any other members on the emails below.





Council Decisions and Updates

Council Meeting September 11th 2023

- **Student leaders** – Decision made to invite the student leaders to the October School council Meeting. This occurs once a year, and is an opportunity for the student leaders to provide feedback on the work they have done, and understand more about how the Council works.
- Decision to change structure of some Sub committees. OSHC will move to the Education committee and we now have the old Fundraising and Initiatives committee split into
 - Bentleigh Farmers Market and Grants (Convener Rachel Jeffreys)
 - Fundraising and Events (Convener Leah Moore)
- Decision to hold a Sausage sizzle at the Referendum with proceeds to be donated to the State Schools Relief Organisation

Council Meeting October 9th 2023

- The School Review results report was presented by DET representative Stuart Andrews. A summary of the results will be published on the School Website shortly.
- DE requires schools to conduct 3 surveys throughout each school year namely:
 - Attitudes to School Survey (ATOSS)- students Year 4-6- 151 respondents
 - Parent Opinion Survey-(POS)-265 surveys sent, 26 responses- 10%
 - School Staff Survey (SSS)

We are particularly proud of the ATTOS survey results which tell us that our students are happy and engaged at our school. An overview of the results is attached at the end of the newsletter.

We currently have a casual vacancy on the School council – please consider joining us! You can reach out to Maria and Sue to discuss any questions you have about what it involves.



A Special Note: Thank you to our Student Leaders!

At the October Meeting of the School Council, we had the pleasure of being joined by 19 of our Student Leaders. The Students gave a summary of what they have been working on during this year and gave thoughtful and insightful answers to questions by the Council members. The Council members sincerely congratulate the students who all did a fantastic job to speak in public and answer questions on the spot!

The students then had an opportunity to ask the Council members questions about the work of the council, and were very prepared and put us on the spot!

They then enjoyed some refreshments provided by the council members.



Subcommittee Updates

We need YOU!

Did you know you can be a part of the important work of the School Council?!

The School Council has several sub committees that welcome any parents or community members. These subcommittees have the potential to make a significant impact on the quality of your child's school experience. It is really up to us – there is so much we can achieve for our school and children through this work.

Farmers Market and Grants Committee

Committee Convener: Rachel Jeffreys - rachel@heypup.com

The Farmers Market Committee is responsible for managing and improving the Farmers market, which is the major source of fundraising for the school.

Committee Updates

September:

- We undertook a short, one-question survey of those coming through the gates at the August market “Have you attended Bentlygh Farmers’ Market before?”
- We were pleased to see that around 25% of people were attending the market for the first time. We also had a long-standing stallholder ask whether we’d moved our signs because he’d noticed lots of new people visiting his stall. Good to see our social media advertising is paying off.
- We had our first sell out month at the Breakfast Stall in August, with 150 rolls sold by around 11.30am. We’ll therefore increase our ordering by 25 rolls for September.



October:

- New Market Manager - Tim - he has 20 years' experience running markets

Please contact Rachel on the email above if you would like to join the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining.

Communication and Engagement Committee

Committee Convener: Julia Kahan julia.kahan@gmail.com

The Communications and Engagement Committee is responsible for communications in two areas:

1. Internal communications with school community – providing a Two-way engagement with the school community on issues resolution and ideas generation, messages from school committee; class reps and canvassing of volunteers and support for funding raising and initiatives
2. External communications with school and wider local community to raise awareness in the community about what our school offers and increase interest in the school and the school activities such as fundraisers through promotions at community events, through social media and more, meeting with local government representatives, engaging with local kinders and other organisations. This is key to keep our school thriving!

Committee Updates

Currently, the Communication Committee is focusing on two projects. The first is to update the materials for prospective families, and the second is to work with Janette Grunfelder in increasing interaction with local kinders and their families.

Janette is also setting up social media platforms to engage more with the community, and the committee will assist with providing content for these posts.

Please contact Julia on the email above if you would like to join the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining.

Infrastructure Committee

Committee Convener: TBC

The Infrastructure committee is responsible for making sure the school's grounds and buildings are well maintained. This includes organising working bees, planning and implementing improvements to school grounds, reviewing quotes for works to the grounds and generating new ideas for the improvements of the school grounds.

Committee Updates

September

- Working bees are not currently being run, if anyone would like to volunteer to join the Infrastructure committee and be involved, please contact Maria
- Padding for both the AFL and basketball goal posts has arrived and attached.
- Tasks yet to be allocated for work, but in the priority list are:



- re-mulching of the triangular and firepit gardens on the southern side of the school as well as the sensory garden between block A and the PAC
- clearing the staff carpark of built-up leaf litter
- renewing softfall in the built playground areas
- adding sand to the jumping /sandpit area

October

- Our arborist Daryl from 3 Way Tree Services completed the required work to the termite ridden trees, our welcome tree and pruned trees and shrubs to clear pathways.
- Carmello our gardening maintenance man also completed the monthly mow of the oval and other areas throughout the school.
- Manuel completed some regular maintenance tasks around the school; namely clearing drains and clearing the debris from the staff carpark.
- SC discussed the status of the oval. School will look to aerate the grass to give some improvements for a short term fix. School will look to potentially water the ground again.

Please contact the School Council if you would like to join or run the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining.

Education Committee

Committee Convener: Sue Jackson – susan.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

The Education committee is responsible for settling and reviewing policies (guiding principles designed to influence decisions, actions, that the school makes) and developing, reviewing and monitoring both the Student Code of Conduct (how the schools expect students to behave, how bullying will be managed and the school's approach to managing student behaviour) and the School Dress Code.

Committee Updates

The Education committee was very busy in September and October with the School Review. A big thanks to everyone who assisted in the process. The Review will soon be published on the School website. This review is conducted once every four years and determines the strategic goals for the school.

Please contact Sue on the email above if you would like to join the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining.

Finance Committee

Committee Convener: Sue Jackson – susan.jackson@education.vic.gov.au

The Finance committee contributes to the development of the strategic plan and to the financial planning and annual budgeting.

Committee Updates

The Finance committee and team have been working on the transition away from Compass back to handling the payments.



The committee did some research into other local schools in the area and found that the fees at EBPS are the lowest in the area, so within a very accessible range. The school will be working on preparing the payment letters earlier than in previous years, to allow parents more notice to plan their finances.

As per the previous newsletter, the school is still waiting on some payments (many thanks to the families that have since reached out to finalise theirs) and will be getting in touch with families with any outstanding payments.

The Finance committee meetings monthly and would love some new members. This Committee meets during school hours. If you have knowledge/experience in Finance, this could be a great way to contribute your skills to our school! Please contact Sue on the email above if you would like to join the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining

Fundraising and Events Committee

Committee Convener: Leah Moore - tamjewellery@gmail.com

The Fundraising and Events Committee has **two main areas**:

1. It is responsible for school fundraising and events – including the Thursday Markets. It will also seek to raise funds through other avenues and such as applying for grants and other fundraising activities. The committee will also propose potential uses of the funding raised.
2. Organise school community events to provide opportunities for the school and community to engage with each other, building a positive, enjoyable and inclusive culture, as well as support the class reps in engaging with the parents to participate in school life.

The Fundraising and Initiatives Committee has newly started up and needs more members! This committee meets 6-8 times per year and at times by agreement with the committee.

Please contact Leah on the email above if you would like to join the committee or would like to ask more questions about joining

Committee Updates

September updates:

- A tea towel/apron fundraiser is being explored

October updates:

- The committee will be looking to bring back the Bush Dance, likely at the start of 2024.



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Attitudes to School Survey - Summary, 2023

Factors on the Likert scale



School Name
East Bentleigh Primary School

Show factors on the Likert scale

Year
2023

Year Level Group
Years 4 to 6

Year Level
(All)

- Positive
- Neutral
- Not positive

NOTE:
Please hover over chart for categories not shown.
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Additional Links

- [Results Resource](#)
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Domain/Factor Your School

Domain/Factor	Effective teaching practice for cognitive engagement	Differentiated learning challenge	Effective classroom behaviour	Effective teaching time	Stimulated learning	Attitudes to attendance	Motivation and interest	Perseverance	Self-regulation and goal setting	Sense of confidence	Advocate at school	Managing bullying	Respect for diversity	School stage transitions (Y7 and ..	Sense of connectedness	Sense of inclusion	Student voice and agency	Effort	High expectations for success	Teacher concern
Effective teaching practice for cognitive engagement	92%	92%	84%	87%	86%	92%	84%	81%	88%	79%	91%	81%	87%	NDP	88%	92%	73%	86%	99%	81%
Learner characteristics and disposition	5%	5%	11%	8%	8%	5%	12%	13%	7%	14%	6%	15%	9%	NDP	7%	4%	21%	8%		15%
School safety																				
Social engagement																				
Teacher-student relations																				

Similar schools
Network
State

85%
82%
84%

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Year

2022

■ Positive
■ Neutral
■ Invalid
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Factor Group/Factor

Your school



Similar schools

Network

State

Connection and progression	All	83%	6%	11%	83%	86%	87%	86%
	Positive transitions	77%	5%	16%	77%	80%	81%	82%
	Student connectedness	87%	6%	7%	87%	90%	91%	89%
Parent community engagement	All	74%	12%	11%	74%	75%	76%	76%
	Parent participation and involvement	72%	16%	10%	72%	75%	77%	76%
	School communication	79%	9%	8%	79%	79%	80%	81%
	Teacher communication	70%	12%	18%	70%	67%	67%	71%
Safety	All	81%	8%	9%	81%	81%	82%	81%
	Managing bullying	75%	11%	14%	75%	77%	79%	78%
	Not Experiencing Bullying	66%	21%	13%	66%	68%	69%	66%
	Promoting positive behaviour	85%	8%	5%	85%	84%	85%	85%
	Respect for diversity	87%	8%	8%	87%	87%	86%	86%
School ethos and environment	All	74%	6%	17%	74%	76%	76%	79%
	General School Improvement	64%	8%	24%	64%	70%	67%	73%
	General School Satisfaction	77%	7%	13%	77%	81%	79%	81%
	Physical Environment	84%	9%	9%	84%	79%	84%	83%
	School pride and confidence	79%	5%	16%	79%	81%	81%	83%
Student cognitive engagement	All	81%	7%	12%	81%	77%	75%	78%
	Effective teaching	82%	8%	11%	82%	74%	73%	76%
	High expectations for success	83%	13%	13%	83%	84%	81%	84%
	Stimulating learning environment	78%	9%	13%	78%	76%	76%	78%
	Student motivation and support	80%	7%	13%	80%	75%	74%	76%
Student development	All	75%	8%	17%	75%	77%	78%	80%
	Confidence and resiliency skills	80%	7%	13%	80%	82%	82%	84%
	Student agency and voice	71%	9%	20%	71%	74%	75%	78%

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School Climate	Academic emphasis	Collective efficacy	Collective focus on student learning	Collective responsibility	Guaranteed and viable curriculum	Parent and community involvement	Shielding/Buffering	Staff trust in colleagues	Teacher collaboration	Trust in students and parents	Instructional Leadership
	74%	87%	80%	89%	77%	84%	63%	82%	71%	76%	82%
	24%	10%	19%	11%	23%	15%	29%	15%	25%	23%	17%
	70%	83%	87%	90%	80%	81%	65%	86%	66%	78%	76%
	73%	84%	83%	87%	73%	77%	60%	78%	60%	79%	69%
	69%	83%	88%	89%	81%	77%	69%	83%	70%	73%	79%