

# 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,

#### **Parent Information Nights / Interviews - Via WebEx next week**

You should have received communication regarding these nights which will be held at various times next week. Please contact your child's teacher if you aren't sure when your child's session is. We have attempted to ensure we've not doubled up for families with more than one child.

Even though it will be in a virtual space, I encourage you all to attend these most informative nights where you will hear information specific to your child's class and important whole school information. Families will be provided with a class information book.

#### **Reminder – Grades 3 / 4 Swimming Program starts on Tuesday 15th February**

Our intensive 9-day swimming program starts next week for our students in years 3 and 4. Whilst this is a fantastic program our children can get very tired during this 2-week period, so lots of rest and early nights would be a definite advantage.

#### **School Council Elections**

A reminder that nominations for School Council close at 4:00pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Membership of our school council is a great way to contribute to the life of the school and provides a great insight into the many 'working parts' that make up our vibrant learning community. If you'd like to know more, please give us a call. Please call the office to organise to collect a nomination form if you are interested in joining. Alternatively you could give Ann a call and she will send you one electronically.

#### **Walking Bus is back for 2022!**

We had our first walking bus yesterday with a strong turn out. We encourage our students to join in the Walking Bus (led by Sue Jackson), every Wednesday morning. We meet at Centenary Park (on the Brady Rd. side - near the tennis courts) at 8:30am for a very social and enjoyable walk across the park and down Bignell Road to school. What a lovely way to start the school day.

**Reminder - Dogs on school grounds** Whilst I count myself as a dog lover, having 3 grand-fur babies of my own that I often dog sit, I need to advise new parents and remind established parents that we ask that dogs not be brought into the school environment for a couple of reasons. Firstly, we have some children who are terrified of dogs and secondly sometimes they can leave unwanted 'deposits' in our yard. I regularly must speak to non-school families after school about cleaning up after their dogs especially around the playground/oval areas where our children play. I thank you for your cooperation in this.



#### **NO PARKING in the Kiss 'n' Go Area**

This is a special 2 min 'stopping zone' for parents to quickly drop off and pick up their children. Please do not park and leave your car here. For this area to work smoothly we need everyone to do the right thing and only park for 2 mins or less to let your children in or out of the car. Please be considerate of others who need this quick stopping area to work in a timely manner.

#### **COVID Update**

Thank you to all our families who are being so cooperative around our staggered drop off and pick up times. Our new prep parents have mastered the routine very quickly. Thank you all. For those who may not have picked up a RAT for their child for weeks 3 and 4 today, please give us a call to make alternate arrangements.

As of the writing of this newsletter we have had 10 reported student cases at school. I am grateful to all the families involved in their diligence in the testing and the subsequent isolation period at home. Thank you all.

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.

