

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,

What a joyful first few days of the academic year we have had. Our brand-new preppies were welcomed directly into their respective classes at the beginning of the first day, whilst our Year 1-6 students and families attended our welcome assembly. It is always wonderful to see the happy and expectant faces of the children as they reacquainted themselves with their classmates and welcomed nervous new children into the East Bentleigh P.S. family. Next week in our first full newsletter, I will outline some more important start of the year information, but for now I hope you enjoy viewing the photos of our newest students enjoying their first days at school. Here's to a happy and healthy year ahead as we all learn and grow together.



School Attendance and Punctuality

Coming to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day.

Attending and participating in school will help your child develop:

- important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work.

Children who attend school every day and complete year 12 have:

- better health
- better job opportunities
- higher income across their lives.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day a student misses puts them behind. Whilst I can empathise with the notion of cheaper airfares outside of school holidays etc, the fact that I know of a number of families choosing to travel with their children during February, concerns me greatly. Thank you for making sure your child is regularly on time too.

Sunsmart

Please help your child to be Sunsmart by making sure she/he has a hat at school. Children who do not wear their hats will be directed to remain on the hall deck for the entire break time.



School Council Elections

Next Monday every school family will receive a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations' letter via email regarding school council elections. We have 3 Parent member vacancies that we need to fill. All nominations need to be lodged at the school office by 4:00pm on Monday 13th February. Nomination forms are available from the office. School Councillors currently play an important role in decision making and management of our school. They donate many hours to the sub committees of School Council; Finance, Education and Policy, Facilities, Communication, Fundraising, Publicity, Farmers' Market and Grants. Councillors belong to at least one subcommittee; they also attend monthly council meetings.



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.

Please see over the page for our "Music News" this week.

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.



MUSIC NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the Instrumental Team at East Bentleigh P.S. I would like to welcome you back. We all hope you have had a great break and are ready to get back into music studies for 2023. For most teacher's lessons will resume this coming week Monday 6th of February. This will include all Class Orchestras which run on Wednesday and after-school ensembles.

Your child's instrumental teacher will contact you via email to confirm your child's lesson day and answer any questions you may have.

Instruments at EBPS

Whilst stringed music is a compulsory component of the Steiner stream, the program is open to all interested students across the school. We offer Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass and we like to integrate students into Class Orchestras and after-school ensembles to strengthen their learning.

If you would like your child to learn one of these instruments please email me:

Felicite.Heine@education.vic.gov.au

We also offer Voice, Guitar and Piano and Bass Guitar.

Our voice teacher is Lauren Burns.

If you would like your child to participate in Voice lessons, Lauren can be contacted

lauren@laurenburnssoprano.com

Our Guitar and Piano teacher is Matt Moras.

If you would like your child to participate in Guitar or Piano lessons, Matt can be contacted

mattmoras@gmail.com

Our Double Bass teacher Jude Hill also teaches Bass Guitar.

If you would like your child to learn Bass Guitar, Jude can be contacted Jude.Hill@education.vic.gov.au

After School Ensembles

We have a few changes to the way our after-school ensembles run for 2023.

This year, all ensembles will incur a fee.

The first ensemble is \$100 per term and any additional ensembles will be \$75.

Upper Strings ensemble is for Violin and Viola students of any level.

This runs on TUESDAYS 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Extension Orchestra is for advanced string students.

This runs on WEDNESDAYS 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Lower Strings ensemble is for Cello and Double Bass students of any level.

This runs on THURSDAYS 3:45pm – 4:30pm

If you would like your child to be involved in any of the above ensembles please email me:

Felicite.Heine@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you

Felicite Heine - Instrumental Music Coordinator

