

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,

COVID Safe Practices

My thanks to all the parents who are observing our new COVID safe practices, such as not entering the learning areas at all and limiting visits to the office. **A reminder that if you do need to come to the office, you must wear a mask.** Please contact the office to make alternate arrangements if this is a problem for you. Also if you must enter the main building, please only use the closest doors, e.g the front door or the northern alcove door outside my office. Whilst we do open the other doors at drop off and pick up times, these are for student use only.

Thank you also to parents who are moving off quickly and not congregating within the school boundaries. Whilst we are all craving a more 'normal' year, we must all remain vigilant and remain COVID safe in order to create this. Front gates will be closed at 3:45pm daily.

School Council Elections A reminder that nominations for School Council close at 4:00pm Monday 15th February. Please call in to the office to collect a nomination form if you are interested in joining. We have 2 nominations for the parent category at the office already. I wonder if we will need an election this year.

Mobile Phones/ Smart Watches

A reminder to all families that in line with DET policy, any child bringing a mobile phone to school must hand it to Ann in the office on arrival to school where they will be stored in a secure location. This policy also applies to 'smart watches' that carry similar technology to mobile phones. Teachers will remind their classes of this as appropriate and we would appreciate your cooperation and support with this.

Parent Information Nights / Interviews - Via WebEx

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.

Reminder – Grades 3 / 4 Swimming Program starts on Monday 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.

Walking Bus is back for 2021! 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. We had 4 children joining us yesterday. Let's see if we can at least double this next week. It's a lovely way to start the school day.



Student Free Day

A reminder that **Monday 22nd is a student free day at EBPS.** During this day the staff will focus on refreshing their understandings of the Respectful Relationships program and our school wide Restorative Practices approach to behaviour management. *Camp Australia will offer a day program if we achieve the necessary 12 children required. Please call Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 to book - should this be useful to you.*



Reminder - Dogs on school grounds Whilst I count myself as a dog lover, having 3 grand-fur babies of my own, I need to remind you once again that 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 have to 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.

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

