

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,

I hope this communication finds all our families well. I know we have some very tired middle school students at the moment as they complete their intensive swimming program today. Our younger students are looking forward to starting their program tomorrow. We are grateful for the assistance of parents who are helping down at the pool. Additionally, once again the skilled staff at Toby Haenen have done a great job improving the skills of our students. Thank you all.

Attendance We have had more than our fair share of absences over the past 2 years with COVID and its related issues. It is now time to really focus on continued school attendance, unless unwell of course. Most families have started the school year really well. Well done! One of the biggest factors regarding students dropping behind is inconsistent attendance. It is vital that students only stay home when unwell in order to get the most out of their educational journey where they can enjoy the predictability of the classroom routine and school life. On our census day we had 30 children on our list of 'significant absences', a good third of those on holidays.

Punctuality It has been great to see so many students arriving at school at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the school day as this enables the students to commence the day in a calm, relaxed and focussed manner. As I write this I am hearing the sounds of children happily playing, and watching some of our seniors catching up for a chat before the bell goes - all very valuable components of a school day. When you're running late it causes stress and anxiety resulting in an unprepared mindset to start the day. I would like to quote the late and great Tommy Hafey who said "If you are 15 minutes early you are on time!" Excellent advice!

Wearing of School Uniform It is very pleasing to see most of the students wearing the required complete school uniform; however, there are some students who are combining school uniform with items of casual clothing. If you are having difficulties in providing your child with the correct school uniform, please speak to staff in administration, who will be able to assist you. Please do not send your child to school with coloured items of clothing under their school uniform that is visible. If your child's hair is long, this needs to be tied back. Thanks to the generosity of Cheryl Lim, second hand items of uniform are now available at Thursday market. Thank you Cheryl for offering this service to our community.

Medications at School It is crucial that all medications are handed to the office staff. Medical Authority forms must be completed. Any medication that needs to be given at school, must be in its original container with your child's name on it. Please do NOT give it to your child to carry to school or place in your child's bag. It is extremely dangerous if the medication falls out of their pocket or bag and is picked up by another child in the playground. The only exception is Ventolin and some types of cream. Students are permitted to carry Ventolin so they can administer it without delay.

Webinar for Prep /Year 1 parents - Managing Big Feelings

A reminder that this webinar for our newer parents is fast approaching. I encourage you all to put the date in your diaries. Presenter: Carley McGauran Date: Wednesday 8 March Time: 7.30pm (75 min)

Here is the link to register for the webinar : bit.ly/bigfeelings2023

If you are unable to attend that night, I encourage you to still register as once you have registered (with an email address and name), you will be emailed a link to the webinar. You will also receive reminder emails. The following day, you will receive a link to access the replay which can be accessed for 30 days.

Until next time.....Maria Shearn - Principal 😊 (written on Wed. 1/3/23)



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.

