

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,

Year 6 Camp- Phillip Island Adventure Resort

Yesterday I spent the day at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort with our Year 6 students and their teachers and accompanying parents. The children were all fully engaged in the activities provided, although not too many of the rafts survived their journey to the buoys and back. Another group came back ravenous from their surfing lesson with tales of success on staying upright and well as many wipe-outs. I'm told that everyone slept very well last night. Great experiences like this aimed at developing independence, and endurance as well as learning new skills don't just happen. Thanks to staff members Jill Griffin, Amanda Kershaw and Bill Portelli (who came down for the day), as well as parents Shaun Hall and Aya Okunoya who supported our children over the past few days.



School Gates

Those of you who come on site will have noticed that we have put signs on our front gates reminding everyone to shut the gate behind them when entering or exiting the school. I ask that you are all very careful in doing this as we had a rare but very distressing incident earlier this week, with one of our new not quite settled preppies finding their way outside the school through a gate that had been left open. Whilst we have a staff member check that the gates are closed before recess and lunch, it is important that all adults using the front gates do their bit to ensure the safety of all of our students. I thank you all for your consideration in this matter.

Moorleigh Carpark

Yesterday whilst I was on camp, Sue received an upsetting phone call from staff at the Moorleigh Community Centre about an incident involving a very rude and discourteous parent of our school towards an elderly citizen in the Moorleigh carpark. This was distressing to hear, especially after my plea in a very recent newsletter of the need of our school community to be good neighbours to those people legitimately using Moorleigh. Apart from the lack of respect towards an elderly member of our community, what it says about our community is not good. Whatever the rights and wrongs of what precipitated this outburst, there is never any justification for the rudeness described. As my mum would often say, 'you catch more flies with honey than vinegar'.

Finally please remember that the Moorleigh carpark does not belong to us; we are very lucky to have such a big space so close to our school.

Swimming

Our Grade 1's and 2's will be finishing their 9 day program tomorrow with a 'Water Safety Day' where they take part in water safety activities then finish off with some races and games - they will also receive their certificates. I enjoyed the day I spent at the pool this week encouraging the children to make the most of these lessons. I love the end of the lesson where they are encouraged to overcome their apprehension and dive into the deep end.



Reminder – Grades 3 / 4 Swimming Program starts on Monday 15th March

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.

Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness

A reminder that on **Friday 26th March we are celebrating Purple Day** in order to support our students and families living with epilepsy. I encourage everyone to wear purple on this day and bring a gold coin which we will send to the Epilepsy Foundation so they can also continue to support people living with epilepsy.

School Sores - Impetigo

We have had a case of school sores in a junior class over the last few days. School sores are highly contagious and children may need to be treated with antibiotics before they are able to return to school. On their return any sores must be fully covered until they are all gone. For more detailed information this site from The Royal Children's Hospital is a very useful resource.

http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Impetigo_school_sores/

School Council 2021-2022

We still have a one year casual vacancy to fill for school council this year. Our first meeting is next Monday at 7pm. Please let me know if you are interested in taking up this position or finding out more about what it entails.

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