

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,

Last week, the **2022 School Council** met for the first meeting of the new council and where our 2021 Annual Report was presented. You can find 2021 Annual Report on our website. The following Office Bearers were elected on Monday night:

President: Lisa Vance
Vice President: Andrew Goldfinch
Treasurer: Sue Jackson
Minutes Secretary: Lee Jellis

Subcommittees:

Subcommittees are the working hub of School Council. Much of the planning, policy and organisation takes place in the subcommittees. Subcommittee membership is open to all parents if they have an interest or expertise in a particular area. School Council extends the invitation to join a subcommittee and participate, supporting the educational environment of all our children. Please contact me if you are interested in joining a subcommittee this year.

Our current subcommittees are:

* Education; Finance; Communication; OSHC; Education; Facilities/Buildings and Grounds

* Bentleigh Farmers Market; Publicity and Grants.

Easter Bonnet Day -Thursday 7th April

As we near the end of Term 1 with Easter being during the holidays we will have an Easter Bonnet Day on Thursday 7th April (penultimate day of the term.) We ask that you get your creative juices flowing to support your child to make a special Easter Bonnet to show off in their classes on the day. Sadly due to our COVIDSafe plan we will not be holding our whole school parade this year. We will instead take a series of photos throughout the day and produce a photo montage what will be sent home on the final day and available on our website for viewing. Please see attachment for more details.

School Photo Day - Wednesday 30th March

A reminder that MSP will be here next Wednesday to take our annual school photos. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform on this day and that you have returned your order form to the school office.

Epilepsy Day – Wear Purple – Monday 28th March

Next Monday is Epilepsy Day at our school. Our student leaders have organised a "PURPLE DAY" to celebrate this event. All gold coin donations will go to the Epilepsy Foundation who do so much good work to improve the lives of people with Epilepsy.

Bentleigh Farmers' Market

A reminder that our next market is this Saturday 26th March running from 8am-12:30pm. This month we will have over 50 stalls all bringing the freshest and best produce our Victorian farmers have to offer. Browsing through all the wonderful stalls is a relaxing way of spending some time on a Saturday morning - I hope to see you there.

My grateful thanks once again to all those parents who so kindly volunteer their time to ensure the market is as successful as it is. I'm sure Heidi would be happy to welcome new members to her great team.

Earth Hour

This year at EBPS we are taking part in Earth Hour Schools Day, tomorrow Friday the 25th of March in recognition of the need to tackle climate change. Earth Hour is a WWF-Australia initiative and is the world's largest community-driven climate change campaign. At the centre of Earth Hour is switching off lights to show a commitment to taking action. Please see over the page for more information regarding this initiative.

*** Breakfast Club Reminder - Please email Jane Ross on jane.ross@education.vic.gov.au before sending your child to Breakfast Club for the first time - if they have food allergies or a medical condition (including Asthma). Thank you**

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.



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To enable schools to take part, Earth Hour Schools Day takes place the day before on Friday the 25th of March. On this day we will be switching off all of our lights (and any other devices we can) between 2 – 3 pm as a sign of our commitment to making a difference.

Taking part in this initiative provides us with an opportunity to discuss climate change across our school. While acknowledging the impacts of climate change we have also been able to discuss the things that we can do in our everyday lives to make a difference. Some of the ideas we came up with in the classroom include:

- * Walking, riding a bike or taking public transport instead of driving
- * Making sure we reduce, reuse and recycle
- * Swapping to solar power
- * Planting more trees and gardens
- * Turning off lights and other devices when not in use

A sense of having the power to make a positive impact in the fight against climate change has been a great outcome for the children.

Melinda - Science Team



Easter Bonnet Parade

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On **Thursday 7th April 2022** – second last day for Term 1 - we are having our **Easter Bonnet Parade**

It will be a little different this year as we will not be having a parade with the whole school – just a parade in individual classrooms. Teachers will take pictures and send to Ann.



Ann will send out a special bulletin on Friday 8th April with a selection of pictures of the children having their parade in their classroom.

Thank-you

Community Team

