

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.

Hello everyone,

School Council/Reporting Meeting

In order to comply with DET timelines we have scheduled our Reporting to the Community School Council meeting, a little earlier than usual on Monday 18th March @ 7:00pm, which is coincidentally the first meeting of the new 2019-2020 School Council. At this meeting, we will be presenting the 2018 Annual Report. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting where we will share the achievements of our school in 2018. The annual report will then be uploaded to our school website for your information. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the office.

Capital Works Program

We have been meeting regularly with the architects and the VSBA to progress the planning of our new building. The architectural drawings are due to be completed by Monday 18th March. Once these drawings have been audited by Aurecon, they will form the basis of the Tender documentation. The VSBA will then conduct an 'industry briefing' in mid-April. We have been advised that the safe removal of asbestos can be carried out over a weekend period so we are not necessarily 'locked in' to a school holiday start to the demolition process as I had first surmised.

After what has seemed like an endless process behind the scenes, we are getting closer to seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Watch this space!



Punctuality

This year in order to maximise optimal learning for all of our students we will continue to place a major focus on the need for punctuality from all of our families. Our administration system allows for systematic reporting of absences and punctuality and in analysing our February report I am dismayed to see many children who have already racked up more than 4 late arrivals at school in the month of February.

Whilst the teachers and I all understand that things can go awry some mornings, to see the same children's names coming to school consistently late (anything from 5-30 minutes, every morning), is not only unfair to that child but to all the others in the class.

This is something that needs to change quickly before lifelong bad habits are formed. Any parent whose child has 4 or more (1 per week), late arrivals at school per month can expect a communication from me requesting support from them to solve this problem.

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

*** National Ride2School day and Walking Bus ***

To help promote National Ride2School day next **Friday 22nd March**, we will also have a special **Walking Bus** on this day, starting at the tennis courts on Brady Road, then walking through Centenary Park and then down Bignell Road to school. We will meet ready to start walking at 8:30am. **ALL ARE WELCOME !!**



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.

