

# 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,

### Opera Australia

On Monday our students and teachers were entertained by the crew from Opera Australia who performed 'The Barber of Seville' for us.

This in-school visit has become a favourite on our calendar with children of all ages enjoying the flamboyant acting and seriously good operatic voices of the cast. Thank you to teacher Janette Arvanitakis who arranges these visits for us. It was great fun.

### Body Safety Parent Workshop

On Tuesday night we had over 100 parents attend the Body Safety parent workshop. The excellent facilitator Lauren French took parents through the statistical information that has made the delivery of such program a must in communities. Whilst some of the content was 'tricky' as she called it on the night, Lauren was able to demonstrate clearly how this sensitive content is taught to children via the 10 learning outcomes which form the framework of the age appropriate student workshops. (Please refer to the school calendar for dates of your child's session.) Lauren also spoke of the importance of 'self care' for adults when dealing with this sensitive area which may trigger strong responses in us. Having said that, the feedback from parents at the end of the session was overwhelmingly positive.

The staff will be having their session over two days, the first as part of the student free day on Friday this week and the second next Monday night. I am very grateful for the assistance of Lee Jellis and Denise McDonough who looked after children, so both parents were able to attend together. Thank you both.

Please note as the Body Safety workshops cover key parts of the health curriculum, *all students are expected to attend.*

### Grandparents/Special Friends Morning

What a fabulous morning we had on Wednesday as we welcomed all of our special visitors to spend the morning with us. We began in the hall to a lovely song from Prep A students who along with their Class 6S buddies sang 'Make New Friends' beautifully, then our extension orchestra led by Felicite and supported by Molly played two pieces to our large audience....it was certainly standing room only in the hall.

Our visitors were then guided to our classrooms where they spent a productive hour or so doing many different things. Some of the activities on offer were making family trees, making beautiful stain glass stars, decorating biscuits and creating venn diagrams.

Other visitors joined in on specialist French, garden, kitchen, craft and art classes. After their classroom visits, many visitors came back for a quick cuppa and chat before they left. My grateful thanks to the great team we have here at EBPS - teachers for the terrific classroom and specialist activities; School captains Sean, Harper, Zane and Juliette for running the special assembly and lastly but not least to Sue Jackson, Jane Keen, and Jane Ross who made the morning tea for our hordes of visitors run so smoothly. Well done everyone.



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.

