

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 that this communication finds you all well and you are settling more comfortably in to our current new normal for the time being. Yesterday Mother Nature showed us some of what she has in store for us as winter approaches. It is certainly a good time to stay bunkered down in the safety and warmth of your homes if you can.

Our teachers and ES staff are continuing to refine their practices in the delivery of your child's remote learning program. As our skills with the new platforms grow we are seeing much more face to face, (on screens of course) communication taking place. It has been great to log on to some classes Seesaw accounts to witness the great work being completed at home - Thank you parents and kids. My highlight was a little clip of Grace in PA reciting her morning verse and our student written 'Acknowledgement to Country', what a lovely way that was to start the week.

Feedback from many families is telling us that the increased workload for teachers is being very much appreciated, despite some ongoing frustrations with technology and time management, especially for those of you juggling both your own work and that of your children.

Remember that whilst during this health emergency we may not be able to meet in person, we are all here to support you and your child/ren. Teachers are always there to support you. Please be patient as there are many teachers with 200+ notifications to respond to every day.

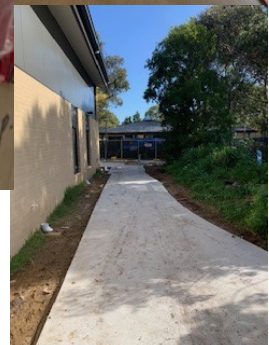
A reminder too that our school is open for the children of essential workers. Please complete the form on our website by Friday if you require this service so arrangements can be made for your child's supervision at school.

Under the 'Bulletin' when you click on the link to download from the website - you will also find an article from Dr Tamar Black, titled 'Stay Here' which is a very accessible, easy to read set of strategies to help families with coping with our current circumstances. I hope that you find it useful. I certainly did. Thank you to Integration Aide - Lynne Grainger for sourcing this for us.

Given all the conflicting information coming to us from Federal and State politicians, to answer the question on many lips, 'How long do you think we will be learning remotely?', all I can say is that whilst I don't have a crystal ball, my sense is, based on current information, that it will be all of term 2; however we will all know more after May 11th when the current state of emergency ends.

Capital Works Update

I was able to get into the new building earlier this week to check on progress, and how exciting this was. Cupboards and curtains are in; lino and toilet floors are nearing completion; kitchenette in the hall area is in and finishing touches are going all over. The new concrete pathways are done and once the rain lets up the landscaping will begin in earnest, although going by this photo, I think our tradies have underestimated how much rain we had overnight... as Jane said, 'bogged big time!!'



Take care everyone.

Stay safe and stay at home.

Until nextMaria 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.

