

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,

It is lovely to be back at school after a rejuvenating 6 ½ weeks of long service leave exploring the south of Spain (the country of my birth) and Morocco. What an adventure Russell and I have had.

I am very grateful that whilst we were away I was able to fully enjoy the experience knowing that our school was in the professional, steady and compassionate hands of Sue Jackson who has been Acting Principal. Thank you, Sue; you truly are a treasure. Sue was well supported in steering our school through the first 4 weeks of this term by our leadership team members Michelle Mather, Lee Jellis and Aaron Jones and the rest of our caring and professional teaching and ES teams. Thank you to you all.

Public Education Day

Today, Thursday 25 May, is Public Education Day – a day to celebrate the principals, teachers and education support staff who are making a significant difference in the lives of Australian students. Public schools are at the heart of our communities, helping to level the playing field, overcome disadvantage, and achieve excellence for all. Sadly however, our schools are not even funded to the state and federal governments' own benchmark. At the moment, Victorian public schools only receive 90.4% of the Schooling Resource Standard. Full funding would make the world of difference for our schools. New and improved facilities and equipment, more support for school staff and reduced workloads, extra teachers and ES, and more one-on-one individual attention for students to help them learn and achieve their best. On Public Education Day it is important to celebrate Australia's public schools and call on governments to fully fund them by providing 100% of the Schooling Resource Standard.

Education Week/ Open Day/ BFM

A reminder that our annual Open Day is coming up this Saturday. Our classrooms will all be open, showcasing the work of our students. We are looking forward to lots of families taking up this opportunity to see what is happening in all our classrooms in a relaxed manner. Whilst you are here you could also take the opportunity to visit our wonderful Bentleigh Farmers' Market and stock up on the freshest produce in Victoria. Today we hosted a visit from a number of our local pre-schools for a 'Storytime' session in the PAC. Thank you to Janette Grunfelder for making this happen. We will be holding a second Storytime session next Thursday.

2024 Prep Enrolments

It is that time of the year when schools commence preparation for the following year. Understandably this may not be high on families' agendas now, but it is on the school's agenda as the 2024 workforce planning schedule has commenced. It is imperative that we have knowledge of numbers for staffing and other resources. I would ask you to please complete the required Student Enrolment Form if you intend enrolling your child at East Bentleigh Primary School in 2024. This form is available on the school's website, or you can contact the office and it will be forwarded to you. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you know of anyone who is planning to enrol at our school it would be great if you could remind them.

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.

