

# 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,

Even though remote learning is now in its fourth week, in many ways it feels like longer. As we settle more into our newly developing routines, I'd like to remind everyone again that the remote learning day is not the same as an on-site school day. The tasks set by your child's teachers vary according to the year level and follow DET recommendations for the amount of time students spend on the core areas, as well as other areas such as Art, French, PE, Kitchen and Instrumental Music. We certainly do not expect children to be sitting at a desk or table from 9.00 till 3.30pm. (They don't even do that on a 'normal' school day). We also understand that some days are easier than others for all sorts of reasons, so please remember what I said last week - the most important thing is your and your child's mental health.

At our staff meeting this week I asked class teachers to include Sue and I into their class meetings and what a delight it has been this week catching up with your children and being able to chat to them 'face to face'. These meetings have definitely been the highlight of my week and reminded me strongly of the reason we are all here - to support children to learn and grow.

Our Specialist teachers are also providing tasks/activities, as well as interacting with the children and teachers during class meetings. I wonder how many students are completing the Star Wars exercise challenge this month - I know one family for sure is 😊

**Teachers will be available for class related work with your children from 9am - 3.30pm.**

As per any other school day, teachers also have planning time, meeting times, lunch, breaks and other duties (such as leadership duties etc) that are still happening behind the scenes. From an administrative perspective, all teachers have multiple roles they are fulfilling, including like yourselves being parents of children who are remote learning themselves, carers for elderly, dealing with illness and dealing with many of the same issues that you will be at home. They have been putting in long hours to support our students in remote learning. A big thank you to our families for their support, patience, positive responses and feedback. I know that our teachers really appreciate it.

We are all learning new skills, but most importantly, we need to be taking care of our health and wellbeing. I have advised staff to balance their work time carefully, so please do not expect any responses outside of regular hours. Should you have concerns, Sue and I are available to talk with you during normal office hours every day, even though we are also alternating working both on and off site during the week, with both of us on site on Mondays, then Sue on Tuesdays and Thursdays and me on Wednesdays and Fridays. We can also be contacted by email on any day.

You will find attached to this bulletin a snapshot of some of the activities our students have completed during their learning at home time. I was so touched and proud of the 'random acts of kindness' that Molly Jane in 6A completed. Finally we are all waiting with some anticipation for next Monday when the current state of emergency ends. Rest assured we will communicate with you as things develop.

**P.S. If parents who are essential workers require on-site supervision for their child/(ren), - please ensure you email in your application form by the Friday of the week before - so that the necessary arrangements can be made.**

**The On-Site Attendance Form can be found on the school website in - 'RESOURCES' - 'Policies, Forms and Documents'.**

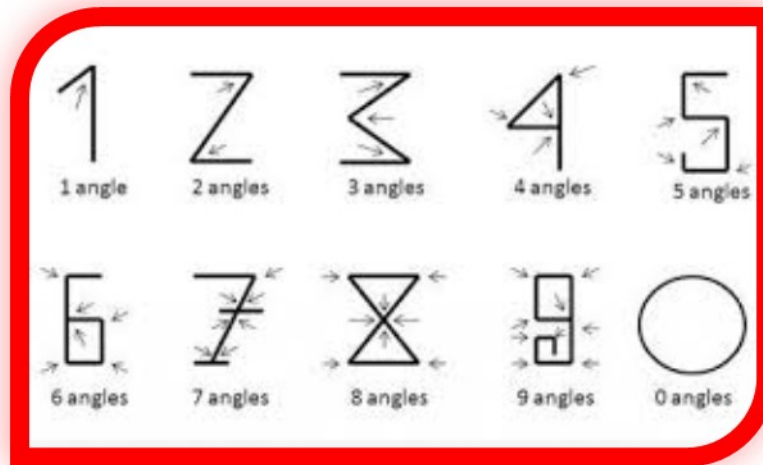
**Until next .....Maria Shearn - Principal**



*'An Autumn Creation' by Jake H. in 1D*

# Numeracy

*Did you know this about numbers?*



## Department of Education Victoria - Mathematics and numeracy at home

This article promotes why numeracy is important and that in play children discover mathematics.

This site also provides resources, evidence and research for parents to access about maths.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/maths/Pages/maths-and-numeracy-at-home.aspx#link95>

### Everyday mathematics

There is also a link to numeracy games which you can play in everyday life whilst on your walks, cooking or in the garden.

Animations to help to engage young children in conversations about mathematics and numeracy in everyday activities.

Around the house



## Institute of Health Sciences – parent resources

<https://learn.instituteofhealthsciences.com/pages/home>

## Steiner Education Australia - parent resources

[https://www.steinereducation.edu.au/resource\\_category/parent-resources/](https://www.steinereducation.edu.au/resource_category/parent-resources/)

*By Lara Brennan – Class Teacher 3L*

## **CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

### *Riddle of the week*

#### **Question:**

Only one colour, but not one size,  
Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies.  
Present in sun, but not in rain,  
Doing no harm, and feeling no pain.  
What is it?

#### **Answer:**

*It's a Shadow!*

*By: Samuel*

## RESPONSES TO ART

Congratulations to all the students who have been completing their assigned art tasks. They have been amazing! It is so important to put aside some time in our week to be creative! Here are a few examples of the amazing work some of our students have been doing. Please keep sending through your artworks to Mrs. A. either through see-saw or by email to [arvanitakis.janette.c@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:arvanitakis.janette.c@edumail.vic.gov.au).



By Fletcher D. 5/6R



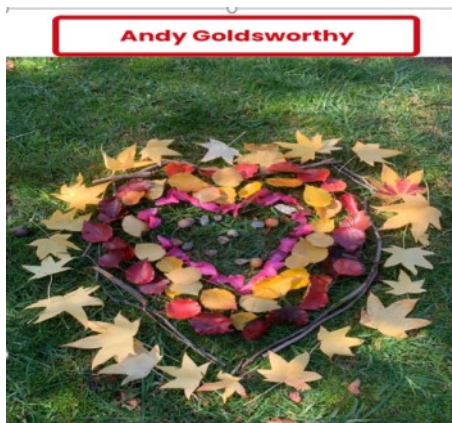
By Zara B. 5/6G



By Bavreet K. 5/6R



By Lele J. 5/6R



By Abbi L. 2SM



By Maddy F. Prep M



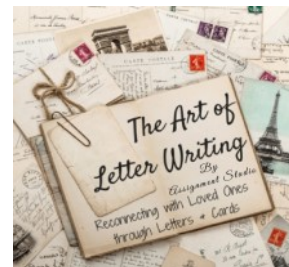
Artwork Recreation by Riley D. 4P  
*Sorrowing Old Man 1890 – Vincent van Gogh*



## Class 6A - Writing activity

Spreading Kindness: Write a letter by hand, draw a picture and leave it for someone in their letterbox or post it to them.

Molly Jane wrote a letter to everyone in her street and some other houses in the neighbourhood. She wrote her name and address and then received these unexpected responses from them. She was stoked!



Dear Families, the following website provides information about World Bee Day and the new Waggle Dance Challenge. It is an Australian-led global celebration. It aims to raise awareness about the importance of honeybees by encouraging people to learn the dance based on bee movements.

Students/families might like to participate by uploading their videos.

Click on the link below for further details  
<https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/listing/waggle-dance/>

Entries need to be submitted by May 14<sup>th</sup>

By Anna Pititto - Class Teacher 6A

### Message from School Office

**Mystery deposit ?** - on the 11th March an amount of \$370.00 was deposited into the school's bank account with a reference we cannot match. If this belongs to you - can you please call the school or email Jane Keen on [keen.jane.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:keen.jane.e@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Thanking you and take care everyone, from Jane & Ann.