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Term 2 / Week 9 : 22nd June 23

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At East Bentleigh Primary School we are committed to child safety.

Hello everyone, Midwinter Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our Midwinter Festival last night. How lucky we were with the lovely, dry, crisp winter weather which made our spiral walk on the oval and lantern walk such a delightful experience. Whilst our Year 1-3 children participated in the spiral walk, watched by their parents, our prep children enjoyed a shadow puppet story told by parents Julia Werner and Iole Issais in Irina's room, then joining the rest of the children for the lantern walk.

My grateful thanks to the group of parents who worked so well together to make this a such an enjoyable and safe event. Scott and Luisa Maunders who took on the responsibility of providing the warmth for the evening. Thank you, Scott and Luisa, for all the running around in preparation, with Scott being our primary fire marshall on the night, ensuring it was a safe event. Luisa's creative flair in setting up the fire area was beautiful and much appreciated. Thanks also to Patrick Plummer for helping with our warming fires. The fiery warmth was much appreciated and added to the ambience of the evening.

Thanks also to Rachel Jeffreys, Lisa Cleland and Cheryl Lim who were our chief marshmallow cooks. They were certainly kept very busy as families returned from the lantern walk.

Thanks to Catherine Campbell who made the gorgeous light fairies who adorned to fire area. How beautiful they looked. Thanks also to Jerry Powers who added to the ambience with fairy lights around the fire area and Krystelle Dumas for sourcing the safe LED lights we were able to give out to families. Thanks also to Bunnings Moorabbin and Bowens of Bentleigh East who donated wood for the for the evening and Carnegie Hire who supplied the safety fencing and Moorabbin Steel for the barrels.

Thanks must also go to the senior students who attended the evening with their younger siblings who acted as marshalls during the walk.

Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you also to the group of dedicated teachers who worked so hard behind the scenes to make every little bit go so smoothly on the night. Thank you everyone for your attendance.

P.S. I have just been advised that the barriers used last night around our bonfire are being collected (tomorrow - Friday morning), if you are available to help Scott pack these up - please meet him at 9am. Thank you!



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.



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Code Camp

We are happy to advise that we have added another group to our suite of after school clubs/activities offered at our school. As of next term Code Camp will offer afterschool classes on Monday afternoons. Please see the accompanying flyer should you wish your child to attend. As a reminder to all families we now have a full week of varied activities available.

Mondays - Code Club
Tuesdays - Chess Club
Wednesdays - Art Club
Thursdays - Market
Fridays- Fizz Kids - Science Club

Bentleigh Farmers' Market

I can't let the term go by without acknowledging the generosity of our parents who have given so freely of their time over the past semester to maintain the success of the market. It is our one and only fundraiser and so far this year (5 markets to May), has brought in just over \$13,000.00 which is used to ensure the viability of our Kitchen Garden Program and for facilities improvements around the school. My sincere thanks to you all. A reminder, that our next Bentleigh Farmers' Market will be this Saturday between 8am and 12:30pm on our school oval. The weather forecast is for a coolish dry morning so I encourage you to come along, support our school's fundraising efforts and grab yourself some of the freshest produce in Victoria. At the time of writing this report we are light on for volunteers. Please contact Heidi at heidinankeris@optusnet.com.au if you can help.

Over the Holidays

Have a great break everyone. I wish you lots of warmth, rest, and relaxation so you can come back fresh and eager for the adventures the new term will most certainly bring. Term 3 will certainly be a busy one for school staff as we work towards our 4 yearly review in August. Keep your eyes peeled for ways that you can contribute to this. ☺

A reminder that school will finish at 2:30pm tomorrow and Term 3 begins on Monday 10th July at 8:50am.

Take care of yourselves.

Please see over the page - information about our FREE parent information night on Monday 17th July 2023

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

Parent Information Session

Topic - *Helping our students to thrive at school*

6 -7pm 17 July 2023 at East Bentleigh Primary School

Presenter - Jacqueline Van Velsen from *Wellbeing in Schools Australia*

Session outline - In helping our students to thrive at school Jac will share best practice and evidence informed research from Australia and internationally. Handouts to take-away will also be provided.

1. Stages of Child and adolescent development and the critical importance of basic needs being met – food, sleep, safety, and connection/belonging.
2. The impact of COVID – cumulative loss, grief, and trauma and what this looks like.
3. Recovery and building resilience – what's essential. Relationships, routines, and a focus on learning, SEL – self and social awareness, regulation and decision making; fun and play, expression through the arts, refer those with high needs.

About the presenter



Jac has a background in education, youth work, community development, and homelessness. Over the past twenty-five years she has specialized in addressing wellbeing, bullying and mental health in primary and secondary schools across Australia. This has included involvement in the management and roll out of national school mental health and wellbeing initiatives *MindMatters* and *KidsMatters*. Social justice, health promotion, community development and education, collaborative practice and empowerment have been approaches underpinning her work with children, young people, adults, organisations and communities, including Aboriginal elders and diverse cultural communities. She has worked extensively with local school communities including governance bodies, leadership, staff, students, parents/carers and student support staff in all states and territories across Australia.

This event has been funded by the *School Focused Youth Service* at Stonnington Youth Services - Covering Stonnington, Port Philip and Glen Eira