

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,

Return to onsite face to face teaching (P-2)

From Tuesday 26th May, (Monday is a student free day), all P-2 students will return to on-site teaching. Families with children in these classes were advised on Tuesday what this transition would look like at EBPS. As the main risk of introducing coronavirus (COVID-19) to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up.

This means that at our school:

- * Whilst at school, year levels will have staggered recess and lunch times.
- * Children will need to bring their own refillable water bottle, as drinking troughs will be taped off.
- * We ask staff and parents/carers to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or around the school.

- * To minimise interaction of students and adults within the school and at entry points we:
 1. Will have staggered drop off and pick-up times to reduce the number of adults congregating at the school drop off and pick up point.
 2. Place dots at the school gate/s to encourage spacing between adults.
 3. Request that parents only enter the school grounds when essential to do so and to contact the school by phone or email where appropriate instead.
 4. Encourage non-contact greetings.
 5. Ask that parents/carers do not to linger while picking up or dropping off students.

Senior School (Grade 3 - Grade 6)

From Tuesday 26th May until Friday 5th June, all Senior School students (3-6) are expected to continue learning from home. Grade 3-6 teachers will be delivering Remote Learning as they have been for the last 6 weeks. Any families with students who cannot remain at home during this time, and have no other care options, can apply for On-Site Supervision by filling out the On-site Attendance Form via this link <https://www.eastbentleighps.vic.edu.au/page/38/Policies,-Permission-Forms-&-Documents> and returning it via email to east.bentleigh.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au before Friday 22nd May at 3pm. Students accessing On-site Supervision will undertake Remote Learning at school whilst under supervision of staff members or Casual Relief Teachers; they will not be provided with face-to-face learning or explicit teaching. More specific information will be provided to parents who qualify and book in for On-site Supervision prior to their child/ children attending.

COVID-19 Return to School Policy

Our school has developed a comprehensive COVID-19 Return to School Policy based entirely on DET and CHO advice. Please click on the following link to access. <https://www.eastbentleighps.vic.edu.au/page/38/Policies,-Permission-Forms-&-Documents>. I encourage you all to read it carefully as it has informed all of our decision making during this challenging time.

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We are very much looking forward to seeing our students return to school next week, but there is no getting around the fact that the school they are returning to will operate differently in some important ways. The new drop off and pick up arrangements will test us all, as it is quite foreign to us at EBPS to restrict access to parents, however I hope that despite the 'strangeness' of these arrangements parents understand the need for them. Remember our children take their cues from the adults around them. If there was ever a perfect time to use our 'growth mindsets' now is it.

There are a number of things parents can do to can prepare their children. I hope you find them useful.

- * Get back into the school-day routine – waking up, eating and going to bed at regular times.
- * Start dressing in school uniform again.
- * Get your child involved in planning out their lunches and snacks for the first week back.
- * Discuss with your child what they are looking forward to about going back to school and focus on these particular things by discussing them throughout the week. (The playgrounds will be open!)
- * Set up a playdate with a friend for the weekend.
- * Discuss personal hygiene routines and practice washing hands regularly.
- * We will talk through changes that will be made at school, (i.e. start/end times, hand washing, changes inside and outside of the classroom).
- * Try to have a calm evening the night before and allow more time to settle before bedtime if your child is feeling excited or nervous about school.
- * Allow extra time to get ready in the morning so you're not rushing.
- * Help your child pack their bag the night before. A visual checklist can help them remember what they need to take. Lay out their clothes so everything's ready for the morning.
- * Contact your classroom teacher if you would like extra support.

Thank you to the many families who have already completed our 'return to school' survey. If you haven't already done so, it would help us a great deal if you could do this. Please see link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8nUaEcxw5iNn1vsLKbuJmWMFbJBd5bdP8W1RVMUzVjlk2Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Remember that tomorrow is 'Turn off Thursday', which is why you are receiving this Bulletin a day early. Also if you have any concerns or questions, I am only a phone call or email away. ☺

The Big 3 for Parents Home-schooling by Andrew Fuller

Andrew Fuller, Author, Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist, Hon. Fellow, Uni of Melbourne and Ambassador of Adolescent Success has put together a short clip as a resource for parents.

I hope you find it useful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK5NVakmNbA>

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



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Riddle of the week

Q. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place.

What am I?

A. The letter 'E'. End, timE, crEation Every placE

By: Samuel