

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,

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. A special welcome to those new children and families who are joining our fabulous East Bentleigh P.S. community for the first time. I know that you will all be made to feel part of the community in no time. An especially good way to meet new people is at our weekly Community Market on Thursdays from 3:30 onwards - why not come and have a sausage or a milk shake? Term 3 has started very smoothly after quite a cold and wet July holiday. I hope you managed to stay warm and dry and had a good rest ready for the rigours that the new term will bring. You will have noticed that there are major changes afoot as the breaking of ground for our new building comes nearer.



Facilities

Over the holidays all the cladding containing asbestos was removed from the building. Once all air safety clearances were granted we were able to come into the school to attend to a number of maintenance items slated for the holidays. My sincere thanks to Jane Keen who came in on a number of days to attend to these necessary tasks. We expect the actual demolition of the old building to begin any day now, as all the fencing, sheds etc. are now on site.

The children and teachers are now becoming accustomed to our new designated playing areas which will become even more useable once we spread the 35 cubic metres of soft-fall required under the playground that was moved at the end of last term. We had hoped to have this done by the beginning of the term, but sadly Mother Nature got the better of us during the holidays. It should be completed this Saturday by our regular DOJ team.

Parent Opinion Survey

This annual survey provided by DET for parent feedback will begin on Monday 22nd and will once again be conducted online. A randomly selected cohort of parents will be invited via email to participate in this survey again this year. Please check your inbox over the next few days to see if you are one of the lucky ones. The survey should take only 10-15 minutes to complete and provides us with great information to ensure we are meeting the needs of our community and continuously improving. I encourage all to participate.

Traffic around Schools

You may have noticed that the issue of parking and traffic chaos around our schools has had a good run in the media over the last couple of weeks, with our school featuring in 2 of the articles in the Herald Sun. From what I can gather the original article appearing last week which featured our school only was written based on the piece I wrote in our last newsletter last term in response to the many reports I had from concerned parents about dangerous behaviour from a few. I am grateful that the journalist did at least balance the article by reporting that the majority of our parents do the right thing, however I certainly would have preferred that she speak to me before writing the article.

I am happy to say that so far this term the 'kiss and go' area seems to be working well with the 2 minute limit and I haven't had any reports of dangerous driving. Thank you all for your efforts to keep our children safe.



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.

