

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.

Welcome back everyone,

I trust that you all had a happy winter break over the last 2 weeks. It was lovely to catch up with our children's happy faces as they made their way expectantly through the gates on Monday morning, eager to catch up with their classmates and teachers.

School Review

This term will certainly be a busy one in the life of our school with our 4 yearly DE review taking place. In preparation for the review validation day on August 28th, our staff led by our school improvement team has been working on gathering all the necessary data and documentation for our school self-assessment which provides the evidence of the progress made in the last 3 years, which will in turn inform us in setting our targets for the next 4 years.

As well as the empirical data we have collected, another valuable source of information is feedback from parents, students and staff. All families will have received a short survey via Compass inviting responses to 4 key questions:

1. What does our school do well?
2. How well did the school manage in response to the COVID challenges eg: remote learning, back to school post COVID?
3. What would you like to see our school achieve in the next 5 years?
4. What are things we need to work on or do differently in order to achieve this?

I thank those parents and carers who have already responded to the survey and encourage all others to take the opportunity to have your say. We have also scheduled an opportunity for any parents and carers who would prefer to give their feedback in person on Monday 24th July at 5.00pm in the staffroom. Feedback from our staff and students will also be included in the review process.

FREE Parent Education Forum - 'Helping our students thrive at school' - Monday 17th July at 6.00pm
Presenter: Jacqueline Van Velsen from Wellbeing Australia

This planned workshop is at risk of being cancelled due to not meeting the cutoff for numbers attending. If you were thinking about attending and hadn't quite had the opportunity to register, could you please contact Ann in the office by 3.00pm tomorrow - (14th July) after which a decision will be made as to whether it will proceed or not. Jacqueline will be conducting a staff workshop on Monday afternoon prior to the planned parent forum. Please see below for the topics to be covered.

- Stages of Child and adolescent development and the critical importance of basic needs being met – food, sleep, safety, and connection/belonging.
- The impact of COVID – cumulative loss, grief, and trauma and what this looks like.
- 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.

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

