

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.

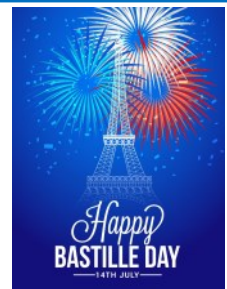
At East Bentleigh Primary School we are committed to child safety.

Hello everyone,

Happy Bastille Day one and all!

Compass

Thank you to all our families who have logged on to Compass and have begun using the system to notify us of any absences. Whilst we have had to help a few people with lost passwords it has been quite a seamless and efficient start. Some of our staff are already familiar with Compass, whilst others are learning how to use it now. As the weeks roll on we will add new features, such as notices etc. Using the Compass app is an easy way to receive information from us, so when downloading the app, please remember to 'allow for notifications'. We have also added the Compass link to our school website's homepage. Please let us know if you have any further questions.



Bentmoor Men's Shed - Thank You

Thank you to the members of Bentmoor Men's Shed, (situated next door to us at Moorleigh Village) for the installation of our newest play equipment - A Gaga Pit. I confess I knew nothing about this game until John Seear explained what it was all about when the kind members of the men's shed offered to make one up for us. Quite a feat of precise engineering I am told with so many precise angles to measure and cut. John has organised our House Captains to ensure that this newest facility is used fairly by all students. Thank you, John, for coming in during the holidays to assist with the installation of the pit. You can find the rules of Gaga Ball on the back of this bulletin.



School Council News

Many thanks to Rachel Jeffreys, mum of Tom and Jack who has filled our remaining parent position on our school council. Rachel's addition to this important group which helps to steer the direction of our school means that we now have a 'full' council for the first time in quite a while. As we continue to emerge from the restricted operations that COVID necessitated over the last 2 and a half years it is very pleasing to have a full range of positive, future focussed parental voices to help our school to learn and grow into the future.

Rapid Antigen Tests

Whilst there is no longer an expectation of twice weekly RAT surveillance testing in schools, these tests are still being made available in schools on request. They will be available for pick up from Ann in the office or can be put in your child's bag if you request us to. Whilst the majority of restrictions have been lifted and there is no longer a mask mandate, given all the reports of the rise in cases we encourage everyone to maintain the COVID safe practices that have served us in the past - physical distancing, adequate ventilation and mask wearing when indoors where possible.

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.





RULES

GaGa Ball is a form of dodge ball that's normally played in a 'Pit'.

The game's roots originated in Israel. The word 'Ga' means Hit or Touch, so 'Ga-Ga' means Hit-Hit. There are several variations on exactly how the game is played, but we find these rules to be the most common and fair, while keeping the game competitive and fun:

1. To start, everyone in the pit must be touching the wall. Someone tosses the ball in the center of the pit, and it must bounce twice on the ground. As it bounces, everyone can say "Ga" for each bounce. After the second bounce ("Ga-Ga"), the ball is live.
2. Slap-hit the ball with your hand, aiming it at another player's leg at the knee or below. If the ball hits or touches anyone at the knee or below, that player is out and must exit the pit. At any time, if a player makes any type of contact with the ball at the knee or below, that player is out.
3. Anytime the ball goes out of the pit, the last person the ball touched is out.
4. You can only hit the ball one time until it either touches another player or the wall, then you are able to hit it again. You can bounce the ball against the wall to position it if necessary; and, you can move around anywhere inside the pit during the game.
5. The game ends when the last person is eliminated or to speed up the end of the game, the last few players can be given a count-down for a tie game. Once the game is over, everyone else re-enters the pit to start a new game.
6. You can add variations to the game such as playing with more than one ball, play in teams, expand the 'hit' area to above the knee, catching the ball to eliminate the person that hit it, and any other variation you can come up with! A suggestion for school recess time is to play rotation instead of elimination. This is done by allowing a certain number of players in the pit, and forming a line for the rest that want to play. Then, as one person gets out, the next person in line goes into the game. This way, everyone that wants to play should get a chance during a short period of time.

HAVE FUN!