

# 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,

It was an absolute delight to see the smiling faces of our students as they streamed through the gates on Wednesday morning. Even Melbourne's fickle weather cooperated with the first storm event beginning just as students were ensconced safe, warm and dry in their classrooms. Even the second significant rain event yesterday happened minutes after all children were back in classrooms after lunch break, allowing the children a much-needed run around with their friends. How good is that!  
Our first morning of our new morning drop off procedure went very well today - thanks for your cooperation everyone.

### School Operations

By now you should have all received my letter outlining the detail of the operational changes we will be making to keep our school safe in the coming weeks. Please reach out if you haven't seen this - we may need to update your email details. Essentially, we will be staggering start and finish times for the next few weeks in order to minimise congestion at pick up and drop off times and reducing the access to all but staff and students onsite during school hours, both practices in line with DET advice. Sadly our ever popular Thursday market which was so gratefully welcomed back by us all for a short time last term will be put on hold until further notice.



### Staffing

We have welcomed 2 new staff members to our great team of educators at EBPS. Aislinn Farrow will become Emma Gullan's (1 AE) teaching partner due to the long-term leave of Anne Wilson. Aislinn will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

We have also welcomed Maddy Edkins who will replace Jenny Small in the tutoring role for the remainder of the year. Maddy will run the tutoring program on Wednesday's Thursday's and Friday's. Maddy and Jenny spent the first day back from lockdown doing an extensive handover in order to ensure the program runs as seamlessly as possible.

We warmly welcome both Aislinn and Maddy to our teaching team.

### Finally...

**Sick children MUST NOT be at school.** If children have any COVID symptoms they must be tested and stay at home until they are well, and a negative result has been received.

In school visits are not permitted and no external providers will be running classes or clinics during school hours. Assemblies and any other whole school events are to be deferred for the time being.

I'm pleased to be able to say that after-school tennis, chess and art classes are able to re-commence as of next week.

Once again, as I mentioned in my letter yesterday, the staff and I extend our appreciation to all East Bentleigh families who expressed their thanks for the hard work of our teachers during the last remote learning period. I would also like to add my appreciation to our wonderful staff both for the quality of their home learning programs and for those who so willingly came onsite to supervise students.

**Please note: We have a confirmed case of chicken pox reported (junior school) - diagnosed near end of lockdown - has not attended school.**

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