

# 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,

## Staff Carpark

A reminder to all families that the staff carpark is strictly for staff only, with the only exception being parents with 'disabled' stickers who have made prior arrangements with us. Over the last few weeks we have noticed the following potentially dangerous behaviours beginning to creep in:

- \* Parents driving into the carpark to drop their children off.
- \* Driving into the carpark to do a U-turn.
- \* Parking in the carpark (thus taking the spot of a staff member) and walking their child through the carpark to class.
- \* Parents walking through the carpark, instead of using the front gates to enter the school.
- \* Parents walking their children through the carpark to attend breakfast club.
- \* Unsupervised younger children allowed to play in the carpark at the end of the day.



Just last week, as I left the school after 5:00pm I was involved in a near miss when an unsupervised child ran into the carpark whilst adults were standing chatting near the gate. At that time of the afternoon there were few cars in the carpark but as the sun was setting visibility was compromised, so it was only by chance that I spotted some movement that made me stop - it was a split-second reaction that avoided the child being hit. It was a frightening moment for all involved.

Parents, please do not engage in the above behaviours as they are dangerous. Also please be vigilant when you and your children are anywhere where cars and humans interact. It only takes a split second to lose sight of a young child and the consequences could be catastrophic. I thank all those parents who are acting in a safe manner, by parking either at Moorleigh or neighbouring streets and walking their children into school.



## Dogs in the Yard

It seems that I need to remind everyone again that dogs not be brought onsite at drop off and pick up time. We have a number of students who have high anxiety around dogs so no matter how lovely and well socialized your furry four legged friend is please do not bring them onsite to wander amongst the children. Thank you.

## Congratulations

In much better news I was delighted to hear the lovely news of the safe arrival of Daisy Foley earlier this week, a little earlier than expected. Steph was on her way to a regular appointment when her waters broke to herald Daisy's arrival. Daisy was born on Tuesday afternoon weighing in at 3.5kg. Steph and Kyle are understandably delighted as they take their first steps into parenthood. We wish them all well.



## House Athletics Sports Day - Years 3-6

A reminder that this annual event is happening tomorrow from 9:00am to 1:30pm. We encourage all students to come to school dressed in their house colours. We would love to see lots of parents come along to cheer on our students too.

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

