

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,

This morning we welcomed our 6 groups of Year 1 and 2 students back onsite. It was wonderful to see and hear their joyful reactions as they connected with their teachers, aides and most importantly each other. That front section of the school was quite filled with joyful chatter this morning, just as it was on Monday when our preppies first joined us. Such an important step for us all as we work towards regaining some normality in our lives. As I write this the welcome sounds of joyful play is ringing in my ears and warming my heart.

Thank you to those parents who dropped and quickly left this morning, resisting the understandable urge to stop and chat with other parents onsite. I ask that that all parents do this from now on both at drop off and pick up as more and more students come back onsite, it will become more difficult to socially distance if parents linger.

Thanks also to the vast majority who were able to be on time. With double the number of children coming today (6 classes as opposed to 3 Prep classes), moving forward it will be important that parents vacate the front area of the school in a timely manner to accommodate the next influx of children arriving. We will be maintaining the staggered start and finish times already advised until further notice to enable parents across the school to get used to the new times. Please refer to the timetable that we have sent out directly to parents via email. It is also located on our website in the newsletter section.

Student Free Day- Reporting

As is our usual practice, our reporting day will be held on **Monday 1 November** (the day before the Melbourne Cup). This day is a 'pupil free day' **so there will not be any school attendance or lessons online**. The teachers will be working to moderate judgements against the achievement standards in readiness for end of year reporting.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is normally celebrated on the 5th October, however because that day falls in the school holidays, schools in Victoria will acknowledge their wonderful teachers on the **29th October**.

The teamwork between our teachers and the school community, and continued efforts to provide engaging learning especially during these past few months, has been well and truly valued by us all. **To our EBPS staff... we thank you.**



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.

