

# 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,

## Term 4

Whilst Term 4 will be missing some of our usual events we are working hard behind the scenes to reimagine the important milestones of Prep Transition and Graduation for our Year 6 students. We will continue to keep you up to date with all events, changes and reminders through the newsletter.

Just today we have received updated advice from DET as to the rules around kinder/school visits. So armed with this information, our Prep team will work together to plan our program next week, after we hear more about restrictions easing on Sunday. Whatever our transition program ends up looking like it is safe to say that it will be conducted in November. We will advise you shortly.

In terms of Year 6 Graduation, whilst things will definitely be different this year, planning is well under way with the teachers planning some lovely activities for our Year 6's to mark this special time in their lives.

The planning for 2021 classes has also begun. We have already been advised by a handful of families of house moves. Please let us know if you are planning a move so we can factor this in to our planning.

## School Photos

What a lovely day we had yesterday as MSP photographers conducted our annual school photos. It was wonderful to be able to complete this further step towards the familiar and normal. Whilst I always enjoy photo day, yesterday was really special.

## Unwell Children

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

**If your child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will call you to collect them from school as soon as possible.**

**If your child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results. Coronavirus symptoms include:**

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398.
- call a general practitioner.
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) online self-assessment tool.

## Physical Distancing

Parents and carers are requested to observe COVID-safe practices.

PLEASE observe 1.5m at the school gates and crossings for drop off and pick up. Suppressing the virus is necessary to be able to ease restrictions.

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## Bulletin - continued

### Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder that the annual Parent Opinion Survey which was sent to all parents via email is still open for response until Friday 13th November. Thank you to those parents who have already attended to this.

### SunSmart

A reminder that now we are in Term 4, SunSmart hats are required for recess and lunch breaks, as well as all other outdoor activities. Uniform order forms are available on our website. You may e-mail or send an order to school with your child. Orders for hats are processed daily.

### Grade 6 Transition

The SaGE Principal Network, which we are members of, have been working to identify ways to support schools and students throughout Term 4. Below are two events that have been booked with inspiring young leader Darren Pereira to support Grade 6 students and their parents in being confident and ready for Secondary School. Sessions are pre-recorded and will be followed up with a live interactive session the week following. We are confident the sessions will be highly beneficial; please find details below.

#### Student Session: Step Up to Success

Wednesday 4th / Thursday 5th November (during school time)

Focusing on:

- How to develop realistic & positive expectations for high school
- How to cope with change and thrive in a new environment
- Tips on how to create new friendships & feel connected to their peers
- Strategies on how to become well organised and develop routines so they can successfully transition into high school

#### Parent Session: A Positive Way Forward

Thursday 5th November 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Focusing on:

- Strategies on how to instil belief in your child & reassure them that they are ready for high school
- Strategies on how to help build your child's social skills so they can develop good friendships and experience a sense of belonging in a new environment
- Strategies on how to help your child become a more independent & responsible learner in high school by developing positive organisational and study habits.

#### *Darren Pereira Bio:*

Having inspired more than 400,000 students, staff & parents across 4 countries, over 18 years, Darren is one of the most in-demand, charismatic & energetic speakers in the world. He is naturally engaging & humorous and his no-nonsense approach & practical advice leaves his audience ready to take action!

### **A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October is the 'Grand Final' public holiday in Victoria.**

Whilst the initial reasoning may not be as relevant this year due to COVID restrictions and the fact that the GF is being held at night in Queensland, given the number of very tired little, (and not so little) bodies around the school this week, a long weekend may be just what everyone needs. I hope you can enjoy the long weekend as best you can.

*\*\*Thought\*\**

**When you can't control  
what's happening,  
challenge yourself to  
control the way you respond  
to what's happening.  
That's where your  
power is.**



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



Join us in Outside  
School Hours Care for



# YOUR CREATIVE KIDS

November 9th - 13th

Your Creative Kids is all about helping your children express themselves through art. Whether it's drawing, painting, sculpting, or any other art form, we'll guide your child's emotional growth through individuality.



Government subsidies available for eligible families

## Check out what's planned for Your Creative Kids:

### East Bentleigh Primary School OSHC

<b>Monday</b>	Time Challenge Colouring Competition / Create a Group Masterpiece
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nature Creations or Painting / Making Stress Balls
<b>Wednesday</b>	Scented Playdough / Make some Delicious Rainbow Pancakes
<b>Thursday</b>	Mandala Art – Make your own / Finger painting
<b>Friday</b>	Painting with Yarn / Colour Explosion Patterns

### Enhanced safety and hygiene

With updated policies and measures, we commit to providing a safe and hygienic environment for your children to enjoy.

### Win BIG Prizes

Enter our BIG Art and Expression Competition for your chance to win massive prizes including an iPad Pro!

Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp](http://www.campaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp) for more information.

### FREE to Register

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now for free