

# 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,

I received a beautifully written letter from Reese and Stephanie in 6A, our Wellbeing Leaders, late last week requesting we hold a 'Dress As Your Favourite Historical Figure Day', with the aim of raising funds for the friendship bench. Whilst I agreed it was a great idea, I explained that while the aim was admirable it was probably a bit too late in the year for parents to manage this in the busyness that is December, however as a compromise, we could do a 'free dress' day instead. So please be advised that

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December will be a 'Free Dress Day'**, with anyone wishing to participate bringing a gold coin to do so, to help fund our friendship bench.

#### Thank You - Michael Zeeng - Woodworking Club

As we come towards the end of the year I'd like to publicly acknowledge and thank our volunteer woodworking teacher Michael Zeeng.

Our senior students have benefitted greatly from their participation in this weekly program this year. Not only have they learned some valuable life skills with a different perspective than the valuable academic learning they do in their classrooms, but they have also learned to work with students from other classes developing new friendships along the way. Michael has been very generous in donating his time to our school. I Thank you Michael for the time that you give our school to support our students.



#### Student Leadership

A reminder to our aspiring Year 5 students that candidate speeches for student leadership positions for 2024 will take place tomorrow. Good luck to all of our aspirants.

#### COVID Wave and Staying Healthy

Unfortunately, there is a wave of COVID and viral illnesses (eg. influenza and colds) spreading around the broader and the school communities. At school, teachers are being reminded to open windows and turn on air purifiers to maximise ventilation. In addition to this, students are reminded of hand hygiene practices, especially before and after eating. If your child is recovering from coughs and colds, or is beginning to become a bit sniffly, we strongly advise mask wearing which clearly prevents germs from spreading.

**Rapid antigen tests** – if your child has cold or flu like symptoms, we also advise taking a rapid antigen test to be sure you aren't sending your child to school with Covid. Please collect a box of tests from the office if you have run out. If your child tests positive, it is still recommended that the child stays home until they no longer have symptoms (or at least five days following a positive covid test result.)

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