

# 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,

### Prep 2021 Transition Program

We completed the third of our Prep 2021 transition programs this morning and what a delight the last three mornings have been. Due our new COVID safe arrangements the programs looked different this year, but in many ways were seamless. Meeting our 61 new students along with their parents on the grassed area adjacent to the Performing Arts Centre (PAC), under our beautiful shady tree was a great way to start. Teachers Stewart, Alison and Sinead met the children there in a very relaxed atmosphere then led their charges into the classrooms while the parents were guided through the arrangements for the all - important first days at school in the New Year.

### Don Lance Retirement

Last Friday we held a simple yet moving ceremony along with members of Glen Eira Council (GEC) to farewell our long standing crossing guard Don Lance. Representatives from GEC presented Don with a plaque recognising his many years at our school. Our student leaders spoke beautifully and presented Don with gifts and cards from our school. It was quite moving watching the respectful and warm way our senior students said goodbye to Don individually. I know that Don was most appreciative of this, as he was with all the thank yous from our community during his last days. Thank you one and all.



### Student Reports

Your child's Semester 2 assessment report will be coming home on Friday 11th December.

Please ensure you read through this report carefully and discuss (as appropriate) what it says with your child/ren. In particular, focus on the 'areas for improvement and future learning' and the achievement sections. It has been really interesting again this year reading through each class' assessments, particularly the children's own comments. They really give me a strong indication of what has been most enjoyable for them and what they know of themselves as learners.

I would like to thank all our teachers for the many hours of painstaking work they put into developing these reports for parents. I know that we all heave a sigh of satisfied relief when they are complete. They are a big job! I urge you all to take advantage of the parent comment page at the back of these reports. Any feedback received will help us to further improve our practices.

*Thought - Maturity doesn't mean age. It means sensitivity, manners and how you react.*

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

# MUSIC NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a year it has been.

Thankfully being back on site has brought much relief to us all and it has been wonderful to bring life to the Performing Arts Centre and have music all under the one roof.

As we prepare for the end of year it has been exciting to work with our Grade 6's as they prepare some music items to share for their graduation.

I would welcome students at this time to reflect on what they have learnt over their 4 years of string studies and perhaps consider continuing. Whilst we realise that some schools do not offer strings, the staff at East Bentleigh would love to continue to foster your child's talent. We do offer lessons after school hours so those students who are leaving are welcome to get in contact with their teacher to let them know of their intentions to continue for next year.

For those students whom do not wish to continue their studies we would like to refer you to the Facebook page where our graduating students can put their instruments for sale so that our younger students can look for a suitable instrument to begin or upgrade to.

Please be mindful that all sales are between the parties involved and no responsibility is held by East Bentleigh Primary School and the instrumental staff however please do ask for help as we often know the instruments that students use and help gauge whether it would be a suitable fit for your child.

## Class 3 for 2021

Much anticipation has been had as our junior students begin their journey with strings.

Whilst we are unable to let students try the instruments individually during this time we hope that students will still be able to get a taste of what is to come in the coming year.

2S will have their session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and 2L on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that these sessions are for students to get an idea of what instrument resonates with them and that this helps us gauge numbers for coming year.

Over the course of the holiday's students are most welcome to try all the instruments again and change their mind. We will confirm selections in the first week of Term 1 2021.

Information will be sent out to parents shortly regarding how the program is run and any questions can be directed to myself [feliciteheine@gmail.com](mailto:feliciteheine@gmail.com)

## Guitar and Piano

Matt has patiently been waiting to come back on site and lessons will resume next year. If you would like your child to get involved with either of these instruments please email Matt [matt.moras@me.com](mailto:matt.moras@me.com)

As well as offering Guitar and Piano our before school / after school ensembles Cello will resume.

We hope that students will spend some time over the break working on their music so that they can consider joining these ensembles in 2021.

*Felicite Heine - Instrumental Music Coordinator*



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An advertisement for 'School Holiday Camps'. On the left is a photograph of several young boys in blue soccer uniforms playing on a field. On the right is a white text box with a red border. At the top right of the text box is a circular logo for 'FOOTBALL STARS ACADEMY'. The main text reads: 'SCHOOL Holiday Camps TO SUIT ALL AGES &amp; ABILITIES JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PROGRAM: St Peters Primary School, Bentleigh East Wednesday 20 &amp; Thursday 21 January 2021'. Below this is a red banner with white text: '- ASK US ABOUT OUR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL -'. At the bottom right is the logo for 'SSA' (South Australian Soccer Association) with the tagline 'CREATING A MOVEMENT OF CHANGE FOR TOMORROW'S GRASSROOTS LEADERS'.