

Principal's Report | - 2

This week in the Principal's Report the following topics are covered:

- * 2024 Staff Allocations
- * Further Staffing News
- * Mobile Phones
- * Parent Payments & 2024 School Budget
- * School Council
- * Election of 2024 School Leaders



East Bentleigh Primary School

Bignell Road
East Bentleigh 3165
Phone: 9570 3525

Email: east.bentleigh.ps@education.vic.gov.au

23rd Nov 2023

Term 4 / Week 8, Issue 4

A reminder to follow
our school on
[Instagram](#) and
[Facebook](#)

To help promote our school!

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.

KISS & GO - DROP OFF/ PICK UP ZONE

STAY WITH YOUR CAR

2 MINUTE LIMIT

8am - 9:30am & 2:30pm - 4pm

School Days

Diary Dates

Bentleigh Farmers' Mkt - Sat 25th Nov

1M Cranbourne Gardens - Mon 27th Nov

Class 4T Play - Thurs 30th November
4:00pm in PAC

Carols Concert - Wed 6th Dec 4pm PAC

Grade 6 Graduation - Thur 14th Dec 6pm

G6 Excursion - Enchanted Garden - Fri
15th Dec

Class 1M - Dance Concert 9:30am in PAC

Class 2A - Dance Concert 10:30am in PAC

Awards Assembly - Mon 18th Dec 9am in
PAC

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR -
Tuesday 19th December**

****Farewell Assembly****

**for Year 6's and for Principal -
Maria Shearn
@ 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

Bentleigh Farmers' Mkt - Sat 23rd Dec

Principal's Report - Maria Shearn

Hello everyone,

Our much-loved Term 4 class performances have begun in earnest and there are many more in the calendar, (usually during or adjacent to the school day), to comply with TiL provisions for teachers and ES staff. Our next whole school event is our 'Carols' night on Wednesday 6th starting at 4:00pm. Felicite has done a wonderful job in selecting carols from all over the world in order to honour our diverse community.

Yesterday we held the second of our Prep 2023 transition visits. I know that our new families will feel welcomed into the EBPS community with open arms. It's always one of my favourite events as we welcome those new expectant faces of the prospective preps taking their first steps into primary school life.

During the last full week of school we will hold the Grade 6 Graduation evening, (Thursday 14th December). Our Year 6 students have been preparing for this important evening for some time now. Please ensure you keep an eye on the term calendar for upcoming events.

In recent days I have been reading your child/ren's end of year reports. I have been very interested as always in reading the student comments. Please look out for a letter from Sue via Compass next week which will outline how to access your child/ren's reports once they are available via Compass.

2024 Staff Allocations

Prep D - Donna Leibowitz

Prep M - Stewart McCallum

Class 1I - Irina Bugheanu

Class 1ES - Emma Gullan and Sinead Delaney

Grade 1/2H - Amanda Hooper-Duffy

Grade 1/2P - Bill Portelli

Class 2M - Melinda Cole

Class 3A - Alison Hackett

Grade 3/4J - Aaron Jones

Grade 3/4P - Aric Parsons

Class 4AR - Anna Pittito and Ramana Dean

Class 5T - Tanja Boxelaar

Class 6L - Lee Jellis and Leanne Jacobs

Grade 5/6S - Andrea Smith

Grade 5/6G - Jill Griffin

Continued next page.....



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.

Principal's Report - Maria Shearn

Diversity Inclusion Leader- Michelle Mather
Tutoring Program – Jenni Rozen
Learning Intervention- Mandy Millar
Art/Performing Arts/Special Needs - Janette Grunfelder
Drama Teacher - Paul Bolmat
Craft- Leanne Jacobs
French - Carmen Higgins
PE - John Seear
Eurythmy - Kate Graves
Dance - Rosie Tusia
Kitchen Specialist - Nikki Gordon
Garden Specialist - Catherine Campbell

Please note that this is a provisional plan, because sometimes things happen that may necessitate some changes in the New Year. Students in the mainstream will meet their teacher and visit their new classrooms on the final Monday of the year. Children in the Steiner stream will already be in their new classrooms spaces by then.

Further Staffing News As you will see from the above list we are welcoming back a number of staff members returning from various types of leave in 2023 into part time roles. Whilst I'm delighted with this news, it is with some sadness that I advise you all that after many years at our school leading the instrumental teaching team and in 2023 teaching a singing program across the whole school, Felicite Heine will be leaving us to explore music publishing and other related music ventures in the new year.

This last teaching stint at our school is Felicite's second at our school and on returning for the second time Felicite articulated her vision to me that she would love to build the music program/s at our school. Under her expert coordination this has definitely happened, seeing both the instrumental and singing programs grow. Felicite has led her instrumental team through the growth of numbers in our instrumental program and the major challenge of maintaining children's progress in their playing during the COVID years; definitely not an easy task.

Felicite's passion for music has been evident in all she has done and leaves very big shoes to fill. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best as she moves on into a different phase of her professional life. In true Felicite style she is also taking a very proactive role in assisting us in finding replacement. More news as it comes to hand.

We will once again be saying farewell to our amazing Business Manager Jane Keen, who although officially retired at the end of Semester 1 in 2021, has since returned to our school on a regular basis to help when Libby Mason left. I am delighted to welcome Julie Robinson as our new substantive Business Manager from 2024 onwards. Julie comes fresh from working in the DE Regional Office assisting our regional Area Manager Simon Hamilton. Julie has already spent some time at our school in Term 4 familiarizing herself with our school and completing handover tasks with Jane. Welcome Julie to the East Bentleigh family.

A huge thank you to Jane for coming back from retirement to help us and the school when we needed her most! We are truly grateful for all your hard work during this time. Happy Retirement!

Mobile Phones A reminder to our families that our school is required to follow the Department of Education's policy on mobile phones in schools. Any child bringing a phone (or smart watch) with them to school, must hand their device to Ann in the office by 9am, where it may be collected at the end of the day. I thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

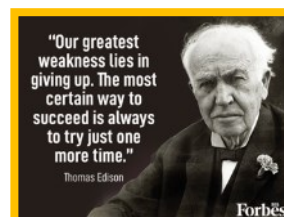
Parent Payments and 2024 School Budget Our school council ratified our draft school budget for 2024 at our last meeting. We greatly appreciate our families and their support with paying Curriculum Contributions and remind our Steiner families that the fees for the additional programs provided in the Steiner Curriculum are user pays, not voluntary. All funds received from parents assist our school to fund programs and experiences that go beyond the core literacy and numeracy learning. Our community support allows for the Kitchen/Garden program to continue, as well as support the reinvigoration of school supplies and upkeep our maintenance. We thank you for your support in assisting us to provide the very best education for our students. The Parent Payment letter for 2024 will be posted in the next few days. This letter will outline how and when to make payments in the new year.

School Council While we're speaking about school council matters, I am delighted to welcome Lisa Cleland, mum of Grace 1/2 P, to fill the casual vacancy in the parent category left earlier this year. As an ex-student of our school Lisa will bring a unique perspective to the work of our school council.

Election of 2024 Student Leaders On Friday 1st December, we will be holding our candidate speeches and subsequent election process for School Captains, House Captains, Wellbeing Leaders, Environmental Leaders, Arts Leaders, Library and Digital Technology Leaders for 2024. I encourage all our Year Five students to put themselves forward and ensure their written applications are delivered to me by tomorrow (Friday 24th November), at the latest.

Thought

Until next time - Maria Shearn, Principal 😊



Literacy @ East Bentleigh PS

Literacy in 2A

2A students have just completed a narrative writing cycle. They had a week of immersion in the genre where they read and compared a variety of texts, then spent the next 3 weeks working on the skills they needed to write and publish their own narrative.

They practiced using a variety of punctuation, interesting openers and descriptive language.

In week 5 of the cycle they planned, drafted, edited, illustrated and published their own narratives which they celebrated by reading their stories to some Class 1 students.



By Alison Hackett - 2A Classroom Teacher



Steiner Maths Class Prep D & Prep I

The children used stories to model situations that involved sharing. They also explored visual displays and concrete materials for sharing small groups of numbers.

The children had an exciting time trying to work out how to display their sixteen chocolates in a chocolate display box, as well as illustrating their answer.

They modelled and illustrated how to share the chocolates between different numbers of children. They also modelled and illustrated a selection of different examples such as how to share nine flowers between three vases. How to share twelve fish between three bowls. How to share eight pegs between four t-shirts. How to share twelve bananas between six packets.

By initially using concrete materials this gave the children plenty of opportunities to problem solve and use trial and error. They immersed themselves in the sharing activities and showed a keen interest in the concept.



By Donna Leibowitz - Prep D Classroom Teacher

Wellbeing at EBPS

GROWING A GROWTH MINDSET



As the end of the year comes to an end 3/4 teachers have had a time to reflect and look back on the year. Upon our reflection, we have been very impressed with our students' abilities to develop their growth mindset.

With supports and guidance, we have challenged our students to push through barriers they have previously found tough.

Here is what some students have discussed as their growth this year:

Sam: "I have worked hard on my writing, I used to struggle to develop ideas when I write. Now, when I plan, I push through and trust my ideas."

Mason: "I have got better at Maths. Now when I have a hard question, I can use different strategies to solve the problem, like breaking a question down."

Shosh: "I found camp a challenge, but with the help of my friends, I was able to get through it and have fun!"



Enjoy this small article about how a growth mindset can bring out the best in people:
[Power Through 2022 With This Mindset - Best Practice](#)

By Aaron Jones - 34J Classroom Teacher

Parent Information

Physical Ed. News

Golden Ticket Winner 2023

Congratulations to Majken 4T on winning the Golden Ticket competition for 2023. She received a brand new Fitbit watch, which she now proudly wears. Thank you to all those students who entered the competition and we look forward to awarding a new winner in 2024.

Grade 6 - GOLF

Over the last two weeks, our Gr 6 students have ventured next door to Yarra Yarra Golf Club to learn some Golf skills. PGA professional Spencer Clark has taught the students (and teachers) putting and chipping techniques. The final lesson will see us visit the range to hit irons and drivers.



By John Seeary - PE Teacher

EBPS - Social Media Pages

A reminder to all that we have set up Facebook and Instagram pages to help promote our school - so please follow, like and share posts, to help get the word out about all the wonderful things our students are engaged with at school!

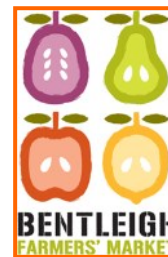
 https://www.instagram.com/east_bentleigh_primary_school/

 <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550083316151>

Janette Grunfelder - Visual Arts and Craft Teacher, Literacy Intervention Teacher, School Council Communication Committee Member



FARMERS' MARKET UPDATE



FARMERS' MARKET UPDATE

We haven't provided a market update for a few months now however there has been lots happening! We recently hired a new Market Manager, Tim Walsh, who has many years of experience managing other local farmers markets. Tim did his first market with us last month and already has some great ideas on small things we can improve to get more people through the gates, which in turn of course means our stallholders will have a more successful day of trade.

Our school fundraising tally for 2023 is currently sitting at just under \$28,500 so we are on track to raise over \$30,000 this year, all of which is vital support for the SAKGP.

For our September and October markets we would like to thank the following volunteers:

Set-up, Gates & Pack-up: Thanks to our outsourced Volunteer group, the Moorabbin Toy Library for the September Market. October Market, a huge thank you to Subhashani, Kevin and Beau, Sarah Bowes, Cheng Hoo (who incidentally also ended up coming back to help out at the Breakfast Stall when we had a last minute cancellation - thanks so much Cheng!!!)

Breakfast Stall: Miyuki, Cheng, Josie, Lynn, Natalie, Natalia, Ben, Bina, Kylie, Tim, Steve, Gus and Claudia.

We'd also like to thank Dharsha, Ruby's mum from 1/2H for providing us with our new fancy EBPS aprons – they are a huge improvement on the old ones! Thanks Dharsha.

Our next market is this Saturday, 25th November so if you're free in the morning for a few hours to help, please reach out to Heidi heidinankervis@optusnet.com.au

Our last market for the year is two days before Christmas, on Saturday 23rd December. There will be loads of fresh produce and Christmas goodies to purchase, so pop it on your calendar and come along with some friends or family to finish off that last minute Christmas shopping. And don't forget we need volunteers for this market too so if you can spare a few hours to help, please let us know.

Heidi Nankervis & Rachel Jeffreys

Parent Information

MUSIC NEWS

Our extremely talented Instrumental Music Coordinator - Felicite, is presently preparing for the musical component of the upcoming OSMaD - The Old Scotch Music and Drama Club production of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'.
All the best Felicite for a wonderful show!

Details below



Parent Information

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

East Bentleigh
Primary School



Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator-Preet

Hi families,

We are thrilled to share the exciting events that unfolded during our "Rubbish Robots Week" at East Bentleigh. Last week was not just about learning but also about creativity, sustainability, and delicious culinary adventures.

The children delved into the world of recycling and reusing resources, transforming everyday items into fantastic robots. From cardboard masterpieces to plastic bottle wonders, the children showcased their artistic flair, understanding the importance of giving new life to materials that might otherwise end up in landfills.

In addition to the rubbish robot extravaganza, the children also embraced the culinary arts. Cooking activities were a hit, with our young chefs whipping up pita bread baked bean pockets and cheesy muffins. Not only did this provide a hands-on experience in the kitchen, but it also taught them about the value of making delicious meals from simple ingredients.



Activities coming up

- Mindfulness break cards
- Poppy suncatcher
- Sea animal scratch art

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Download on the
App Store



GET IT ON
Google Play

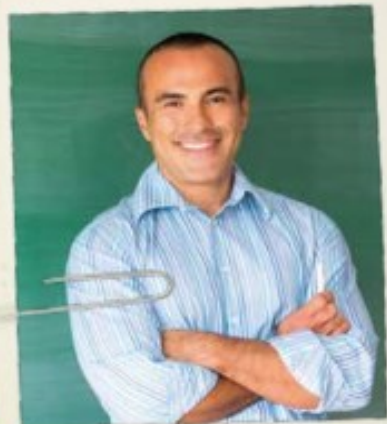


Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose



Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?

Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates?

There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3 Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?

Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:

Focus on strengths Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting

in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment

Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.



Community Information

Taraleigh Steiner Kindergarten 2023 Advent Sticks



A magical advent experience starting on Sun 3rd of December

A small team of dedicated and skilled volunteer parents have spent many hours lovingly handcrafting an extra special advent experience for you all this year.

Each of the 23 items handcrafted from natural materials has been carefully made to create a festive Christmas themed scene with the Earth's evolution depicted through each of the parcels.

Experience the wonder of the festive season with this special edition item.



Available for sale at:

<https://handcraftn.melbourne>



\$50 per stick

All proceeds help to raise funds for Taraleigh Steiner Kindergarten and Playgroup

Free local pick up available

DOXA YOUTH FOUNDATION Holiday Camps 2024

DATES

Malmsbury Camp: Monday 8th - Friday 12th January
City Camp - Monday 15th - Friday 19th January

MALMSBURY

Located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria

- ☒ High Ropes Activities
- ☒ Canoeing & Swimming
- ☒ Archery & Orienteering
- ☒ Night Walk, Movie Night, Trivia

CITY

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD

- ☒ Big Bash & Aus Open
- ☒ Pool & Beach
- ☒ Melbourne Zoo & Museum
- ☒ Eureka Skydeck, Movie Night, Trivia



TRANSPORT

Malmsbury: Doga facilitated bus transport provided from Melbourne & Bendigo

City: Doga facilitated bus transport provided from Traralgon / Pakenham & Bendigo

COST

Our holiday camps are FREE.

Holiday camps are funded by our amazing donors and philanthropic ventures.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: info@doga.org.au

Phone: (03) 9046 8200

LET'S CHANGE THE STORY TO
PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

#16days #16daysofactivism



**16 DAYS OF
ACTIVISM
MORNING TEA**

+

**MOONGALA
WOMEN'S
COMMUNITY
HOUSE**

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign which runs every year from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day).

During the 16 Days of Activism, communities around the world join the call to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

MORNING TEA DETAILS

Wednesday 29th November 2023

11:00am - 12:00pm

Cost \$2

Barista made coffee & sweet treats

**Guest speaker Carla Wilkie
(Family Violence Specialist)**



Moongala
Women's Community House