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Reporting Student Absences

Please remember to let the school know by 9am if your child will be absent.

Please call or email the school office on Ph: 9570 3525 Email: east.bentleigh.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

You must also provide a reason for the absence so that we can accurately record it.

****A signed note by you is also required - to be handed to the class teacher for each absence. Thank you**

Diary Dates

Prep Transition

Tues 1st Dec - Thurs 3rd Dec

(1 day per group)

9:30am-10:30am

Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of School

Friday 18th December

Students finish 1:30pm.



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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.

Principal's Report - Maria Shearn

Hello everyone,

I hope that this communication finds you all fit, well and looking forward to a more COVID normal way of life with Christmas looming on the horizon.

With only 3 weeks to go in this school year we have been furiously working behind the scenes to complete all the usual Term 4 tasks in preparation for the 2021 year, as well as many tasks which would normally happen much earlier. One task that is now settled is the staffing for 2021. Please see the list later in this newsletter.

Breaking News

The Victorian Government announced that Victoria moved to the Last Step of the 'Roadmap for reopening' from 11:59pm, Sunday 22 November 2020. As a result of the changes announced, some important updates have been made to school operations. All schools received the updated Operations Guide last night.

As of Monday 30th November, parents and visitors will be allowed on school grounds, (not in classrooms), to drop off and pick up their children. Welcome back!!!!

We remind all adults that masks still need to be worn where physical distancing can't be achieved.

To support contact tracing, schools must continue to keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend **on site for more than 15 minutes**. We ask that any parent catch ups happen off the school grounds.

Subject to public gathering limits, parents can also now attend student graduation ceremonies. Graduation ceremonies and other large gatherings on school site involving external guests are subject to gathering limits for ceremonies; total venue cap (including students, staff and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors. **We will inform all Year 6 families of the revised arrangements for our graduation in the next few days.**

Kindergarten to school transition activities are permitted, but group sizes should not exceed public gathering limits. **In order to comply with the regulations, each of the 3 Prep classes will be invited to attend a transition morning separately next week.**

The use of drinking fountains in schools is now permitted.

Schools are encouraged to move away from staggered starts. However, to ensure consistency with physical distancing measures, students and families are required to maintain 1.5 metres between each other as far as is practical at the start and end of the school day.

We will open the gates each morning at 8:45 am. Children are to make their way to their usual line up place where they will meet their teachers. All students should be in their classrooms by 9:00am. Parents are asked not to congregate on the school grounds.

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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.

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2021 Staff Allocations

Prep A - Alison Hackett
Prep S - Sinead Delaney
Prep M - Stewart McCallum
Class 1D - Donna Leibowitz
Class 1AE - Anne Wilson & Emma Gullan (nee Smart)
Grade 1/2 M - Michelle Mather
Grade 1/2L - Leah Morrissy
Class 2C - Melinda Cole
Class 2D - Dagmar McNamara
Class 3L - Lee Jellis/Leanne Jacobs
Class 3H - Luciana Harrison
Grade 3/4 S - Laura Siu
Grade 3/4 R - Kate Raynor
Class 4L - Lara Brennan
Class 4A - Anna Pititto
Class 5T - Tanja Boxelaar
Class 5M - Monica Younan
Grade 5/6 G - Jill Griffin/Leanne Jacobs
Grade 5/6P - Bill Portelli
Class 6A - Amanda Kershaw
PE - John Seeary
French - Carmen Higgins
Art/Performing Arts/Special Needs - Janette Arvanitakis
Tutoring Program - Jenny Small
Kitchen Specialist - Nikki Gordon
Garden Specialist - Pascale Miller

Please note that this is a *provisional plan*, because sometimes things happen that may necessitate some changes in the New Year.

Students will be involved in a half day 'Step Up' program on the final Monday of the year, spending the morning with their 2021 teacher and peers.

Our annual room moving timetable starts next week, beginning as usual with our Year 6's moving first, to allow all the other required moves. I'm sorry year 6's for the very short time you've had to enjoy your brand new classrooms.



New in 2021- EBPS Breakfast Club

Our school has partnered with DET and Foodbank to begin a school breakfast club which will operate daily from our school in the new year. Look out for more details as to the when and how to access this exciting new addition to our school in coming newsletters.

Fun in Prep M

What fun the preppies had as they wrote their newly learned words of the week in such a fun way. The delight on their faces as they showed me their messy 'shaving cream' hands was wonderful to witness. Some even managed to keep their shaving cream on their tables, although many of them were wearing more of it on themselves than on the table. At least they all smelled lovely 😊



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Friendship Web in Prep A

Prep A completed a lovely collaboration during this week by making a 'friendship web'. They were very proud of their efforts.



Class 3 House Building Projects

I was most impressed with the work of students in 3A and 3L as they made their house models as part of their main lesson. Their models which have been on display in the senior gallery are a delight to look at. The level of intricate details in so many of them was stunning. Well done to you all.



New Oval

The refurbishment of our oval space is now complete and how wonderful it looks. We will let it rest and settle for the remaining 3 weeks and look forward to opening up this popular space again in the new year.



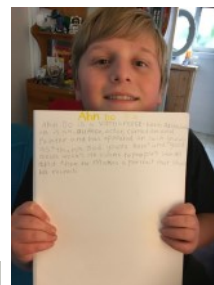
Congratulations to Duke -6L

As you will already know I love sharing the successes of our students. Recently we heard that Duke B from 6L had been successful in gaining a place at the Rowville Institute of the Arts in 2021 to pursue his dream of immersing himself in the arts. I also heard that Duke had written to author/artist Ahn Do (the following letter - reprinted here with his permission). Duke was delighted to receive a response from Ahn in the form of his new book 'E-Boy'. How wonderful for you Duke.

Dear Anh Do,

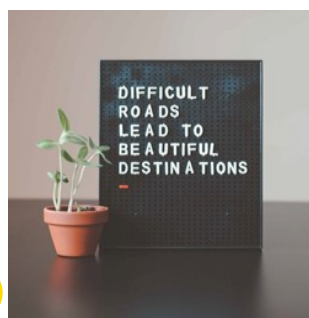
My name is Duke. I don't usually paint, so this is my first time doing it, (technically)... I am studying Grade 6 online in Melbourne and this week the teacher asked us to choose someone who has a good quality and we write about them and do an activity. This is what I wrote about you and how you show respect. Hope you enjoy the painting and writing. I enjoy your shows they inspire me.

Yours Truly Duke (age 12)



U-Turns It has been pointed out that a number of parents are doing U-turns from the 'Kiss'n'Go' area and other spots along Bignell Road, causing traffic issues. Please refrain from doing this - it is dangerous!

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



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Psychology for Young People

East Bentleigh Primary School has acquired the counselling services of Registered Psychologist **Kathy Astrinakis**, from Engage 1on1

Psychology. Kathy is a private Psychologist who will be providing a bulk billed counselling service to the students at East Bentleigh PS who have a **referral letter** and a **Mental Health Care Plan** (item No. 2715 or 2717) from a referring GP.

The Mental Health Care Plan will entitle students to 8 bulk billed counselling sessions each calendar year. The counselling service will take place at East Bentleigh Primary School allowing ease of access to the service.

Please contact **Sue Jackson (or the school office)**, once a referral letter and Mental Health Care Plan have been obtained from your GP. We will then liaise with Kathy to set up an appointment time for you to meet.

REMINDER to bring in your paper cranes!

Can you please bring your paper cranes to the box in the office by next Monday 30th November. Thank you!

Senbazuru - a group of one thousand paper cranes tied together by strings,

a whole school project which was initiated by our student leaders.

For those last minute cranes! Instructions below

Instructions

1. How to create the crane - go to the link below <https://origami.me/crane/>
2. Size of paper needed is 15cm x 15cm
3. Students can use any type of paper that they can find around the house (it doesn't have to be origami paper)



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POSITIVE PARENTING

Unearthing kids's strengths

by Professor Lea Waters (PhD)



Personality strengths – our character – play a big role in helping us build our our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. Imagine Einstein without curiosity, The Beatles without creativity, Mother Teresa without compassion or Neil Armstrong without bravery.

Yet for decades, scientists were blind to character strength. We focused on talent, often on physical strength and skills. In fact, when I first ask young children what they think a strength is, they almost always point to their biceps or talk about being able to lift something heavy.

Once you get familiar with the language of strengths and a framework for seeing them, you'll see character strengths easily in your child. In fact, you may find your child calls on their character strengths more often than on talent to meet life's challenges.

Three key elements of a strength

You've probably seen a child joylessly perform at a piano recital. They may hit all the right keys, but there's no energy or enthusiasm. It's as if they don't want to be there. On the flip side, we've seen the child onstage who's clearly motivated and energised and who fearlessly flails through every mistake – of which there are many.

It turns out that three elements come together to form a strength. For purposes of strength-based parenting, we need to keep our eye on all three:

1. Performance (being good at something).

Watch for when your child shows above-age levels of achievement, rapid learning, and a repeated pattern of success.

2. Energy (feeling good doing it)

Strengths are self-reinforcing. The more we use them, the more we get from them. They fill us with vigour. You'll notice your child has abundant energy when using a strength.

3. High use (choosing to do it)

Finally, look for what your child chooses to do in their spare time, how often they engage in a particular activity, and how they speak about that activity.

For true strengths, these three elements form a beautiful feedback loop: great performance provides the child with a shot of high energy, so the child naturally chooses to do more. In turn, high use – also known as effort or practice – improves performance levels. So, for example, if you notice that your child is energised when they play

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the piano, and you provide enjoyable opportunities for them to play, if they're mining a true strength they will likely practise more, which improves their performance, which then energises them ... and so the loop continues.

Keeping this triad in mind will help you avoid pushing your child into an area that seems like a strength just because your child is good at it. It will also help you differentiate between whether your child is bingeing on an activity in an escapist way or expressing a true strength.

For example, when a parent asks me, 'My son is great at computer games and wants to play all the time. Is that a sign of a strength?' I reply, 'Observe his energy levels at the end. Is he drained and cranky? Or energised and full of life? Are you seeing the full triad?' Computer games can tap into a child's strategic and problem-solving skills or stimulate creativity (in some games, you invent whole new worlds). Or they might just be about filling time.

So look for all three signs. When you see your child do something well, with energy, and repeatedly, you'll know you've unearthed a strength.

Professor Lea Waters (PhD)

Lea is the best-selling author of *The Strength Switch*, the President of the International Positive Psychology Association, and the founding director of the Positive Psychology Centre at the University of Melbourne. For further details visit leawaters.com.

Community Information



GAMES MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE!

NEW

\$40/YR LETS YOU BORROW FROM OVER 100 BRAND NEW GAMES!



Browse our collection online
moorabbinareatoylibrary.com

Moorleigh Community Centre
90-92 Bignell Rd, Bentleigh East
Wed 7-9pm
Fri 10-11.30am
Saturday 10am-1pm



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Looking for unique handmade gifts this Christmas?

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Or have some of your own handmade goods you would like to sell?

Please visit

<https://handcraftn.melbourne>

Your online community craft market run by Kristelle & James (Max's parents 2S)

All creations are made with love and right here in Melbourne

Handcrafted by locals, for locals



TRADEMARK TENNIS



ABN 33 620 995 351

92 Bignell Rd, Bentleigh East 3165 (behind Moorleigh Community Centre)

School Holiday Program

What's on @ Maccabi Tennis Club?

Join us, keep active, & fit between

Monday 21 to Thursday 24 December 2020

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 January 2021

Junior Holiday Program:

Petite Tennis: 9.00 – 11.00 - \$30 per day - \$100 for 4 days

Junior Tennis: 9.00 – 13.00 - \$55 per day - \$200 for 4 days

Squad program: 9.00 - 15.00 - \$70 per day - \$250 for 4 days

Designed for children to maintain individual attention within the group environment.

The program includes: warm-up, technical drills and fun ball games.

Make Up Lessons:

A good opportunity to do make up lessons during school holidays if you missed lessons during term 3. We don't transfer make up lessons to the following term.

PLEASE NOTE: if you missed 45min, 1 hour or 1.5hrs lesson during the school term, you are only entitled for 45min, 1 hour or 1.5hrs free during the holiday program. NOT a full day!

Early drop off available from 8.30am / BYO lunch

Booking / Enquiries: E:info@trademarktennis.com.au / M: 0417 301 357

