

BULLETIN



East Bentleigh
Primary School

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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.

Hello everyone,

I always feel excited at the start of a year and I really enjoyed welcoming all of our students this week. What a fantastic start to the 2017 school year we have had. The positive energy around the school was palpable.

We begin this year with 18 classes, two more than last year and with 74 new preppies starting their school life and quite a number of new students throughout the other classes.

On Tuesday morning amidst much excited chatter and expectant faces with shiny eyes, we began our first day back with a welcome assembly on the basketball court. It seemed like there were almost as many parents as there were children. At this assembly we welcomed everyone, making special mention of the many new students who have joined the EBPS family throughout the school. Welcome everyone - I know our wonderful community will help you to feel at home very quickly.

Our 74 new preppies were welcomed directly into their classrooms by their teachers and support staff in the morning and it was wonderful to see how quickly they settled into their new environments and by the time I made it to the welcome morning tea in the hall all 3 classrooms were well settled into their work. The very few tears we had were not coming from children's faces 😊

Our 'new' parent morning tea was well attended again this year. Thank you to those established parents who also attended to help us welcome our new families to the East Bentleigh PS community.

As I said at the assembly there have been many improvements made to our school facilities, including painting, new carpeting and new skylights. These improvement works are still in progress with new fencing and external walkways due to be installed soon.



Advance Notice - Student Free Day (Monday 13th Feb)

The first of our student free days for the purpose of teacher professional learning will be quite early this year - Monday 13th February in fact. On this day the teachers will be working on deepening their knowledge of our whole school 'writing' framework VCOP, which stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. No students at school on this day.

Welcome BBQ/Picnic

In order to welcome in the new year and our large number of new families this year, we will be holding a BBQ dinner on **Tuesday February 14th from 5-7pm**. BYO picnic rugs/baskets etc. We will supply the sausages/ vegie burgers. Look out for a separate note in your child's bag next week with all the details. All welcome.

Please refer to the Term 1 School Calendar - which includes our upcoming events. These calendars are updated regularly to include all events as they are planned throughout the term/year.

Additionally this year we will also be sending home an Annual Calendar of Events to assist our families in planning for extra events and programs. More news next week in our first newsletter...

Until Next Time.....Maria Shearn - Principal

