

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.

Hello everyone,

Glen Eira SC Visit

This afternoon, along with teacher Tanja Boxelaar and ES staff member Mandy Millar I had the pleasure of visiting Glen Eira Secondary College to catch up with some of our last year's grade six students and learn about how they were going in the big world of high school. What struck me more than anything, apart from how much they had grown and how smart they looked in their uniforms, was the warmth with which we were welcomed with lots of hugs and excited chatter all around. This was a very different picture of youth that we are often fed in the media and it made me reflect on how important the relational part of the work of teachers and support staff, particularly our staff who do so well at this. It was wonderful to catch up with Essie, who spoke to all the visitors so well about the instrumental program, Ella, Louie, Maiya, Grace, Caoimhe and Dahlia who came in later after representing GES in a softball final. They are growing into fine young people and we were all very proud of how well they have transitioned into this new chapter of their lives.

Story Dogs Fundraiser - Friday 5th May

I encourage all our families to support the wonderful Story Dogs volunteers who do such great work in supporting children in lifting their literacy confidence. We are extremely lucky at EBPS to have 3 volunteers working with children at our school so I am only too happy to encourage everyone to participate in their annual fundraiser by either, dressing up as a cute puppy or wearing something orange, along with a gold coin donation.... now I wonder if they make dog onesies in my size???

Working Bee

We have scheduled our next working bee for the families of Grades 5 and 6 for Saturday 20th May between 9am and 12 noon. At this working bee we will be completing many maintenance tasks to make our grounds spick and span for the next week which will be Education Week where we experience a high volume of visitors through the school, all culminating in our combined Open Morning and Bentleigh Farmers' Market on Saturday 27th May. I encourage as many of you to come even if only for an hour or so....many hands make light work.

Reminder - the School Cross Country is on tomorrow for the Year 3 - 6 students from 9am - 11am. Please come along to support your children and encourage them to dress in their house colours.

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

