

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,

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. A special welcome to those new children and families who are joining our fabulous East Bentleigh community for the first time. I know that you will all be made to feel part of the community in no time. Term 3 has started smoothly after quite a cold but predominately dry July holiday. I hope you managed to stay warm and had a good rest ready for the rigours that the new term will bring. It was great to see the expectant smiling faces of our students on Monday happy to be back at school and ready for the exciting learning challenges that this term will bring.

Raphy Hennequin Ruske

It is with great sadness that I inform our community of the passing of Raphy Hennequin Ruske one of our precious children who was in Class 1D this year. Raphy passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday 17th July. Please read below a message from Raphy's parents Nadine and Paul and younger sister Aurelie.

Dear Friends,

Our angel Raphy passed peacefully in our arms on 17.07.2017 before 11am.

It was an honour to experience this with him and surrender to his highest will with unconditional love & compassion.

We prayed for a miracle till the end but he wanted to be free.

Thank you for all of your love & support.

Our new chapter begins. Let us heal and grow together. Love Nadine, Paul & Aurélie 🌸🌸



As you will well imagine this news has come as a considerable shock to all who know Raphy and his family. In order to support the family, at their request, **a memorial service to celebrate the life of Raphy** will be held in our school hall on **Tuesday 25th July beginning at 2.00pm**. This venue was sought as in Nadine's words, 'we would like to celebrate Raphy's life in a place where he was so happy'- what a beautiful gift the family has given our community in the midst of their grief.



In order to make this happen, our **students will be dismissed at 1:00pm next Tuesday**. Camp Australia will be available from 1.00pm- 6.00pm on this day for those families who use this service. If you are not a regular user but would like to use this service on the day please call **1300 105 343** to book your child in. Bernadette and Ros our regular carers have kindly made themselves available to care for children attending on this day. We ask that parents, carers and students who will not be attending the memorial service leave the school promptly next Tuesday in order to clear the space for those attending. Please note, any children attending the service **must be accompanied by their parents or carers**.

I often say what a wonderfully supportive and caring community the East Bentleigh Primary School community is and once again over the last few days I have seen strong evidence of this as community members have rallied around to support the Hennequin Ruske family and each other during this incredibly difficult time. For those of you who did not know Raphy, I thank you for your empathy and understanding.

Student Free Day

A reminder that **tomorrow- Friday 21st July is a student free day**. Our staff will be spending the day updating their knowledge of Digital Technologies.

Bentleigh Farmers' Market

A reminder that our next Bentleigh Farmers' Market will be held on THIS Saturday between 8:00am and 12.30pm at our school. I encourage you all to come along to source the freshest and best of our Victorian winter produce.

Please note: We have been advised of three confirmed cases of Chicken Pox.

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