

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,

NAPLAN

Our participating Year 3 and 5 students have received the results of the NAPLAN assessments held in May this year. We ask that you please ensure that these results are kept in a safe place as we do not keep copies - only aggregated data. Also remember that these results are from testing that occurred in May of 2017 and that growth will have occurred since then.

On analysing our results which in most areas in Year 3 are above the state average; what is also apparent that our whole school strategies (VCOP) in literacy are really taking hold culminating in very good results in writing, grammar and punctuation in both years 3 and 5.

Should you have any questions regarding any part of your child's NAPLAN results please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher in the first instance or to Sue Jackson or I for further clarification.

The following quote from Barrowford Primary School in Lancashire, UK (which was sent home to students with their test results), resonates strongly with us at EBPS:-

" ... We are very proud of you as you demonstrated huge amounts of commitment and tried your very best. However, we are concerned that these tests do not always assess all of what it is that make each of you special and unique.

The people who create tests and score them do not know each of you...the way teachers do...and the way your families do. They do not know that many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you can play a musical instrument or that you can dance or create. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them or that your laughter can brighten the dreariest day. They do not know that you write poetry or songs, play or participate in sports, wonder about the future, or that sometimes you have to take care of your little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you have travelled...or that you know how to tell a great story or that you love spending time with special family members and friends. They do not know that you can be trustworthy, kind or thoughtful, and that you try, every day, to be your very best...the scores you get will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. So enjoy your results and be very proud of these but remember there are many ways of being smart."

For more information about NAPLAN please visit: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

Glen Eira College- FAME JR

On Tuesday night I was privileged to be invited as a VIP to the opening night of the GEC performance season, where the students performed in 'Fame Junior', and what a delight it was. There were a number of our ex EBPS students in the cast, across various different year levels performing with grace and gusto. It was wonderful to watch our EBPS alumni spreading their wings and growing into such confident engaged teenagers and I can't help but think that seeing so many of them in the cast does say something of the opportunities they have had at our school to develop these skills. As mentioned in the NAPLAN piece, we celebrate the many ways that our students can be 'smart'.

Congratulations Ilay, Maayan, Mieka, Sasha, Essie and Clea on a wonderful performance - I was very proud of you. Congratulations also to the dedicated team of teachers who guided the students through the performance processes.

Please note: We have had another case of Chicken Pox confirmed this week.

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

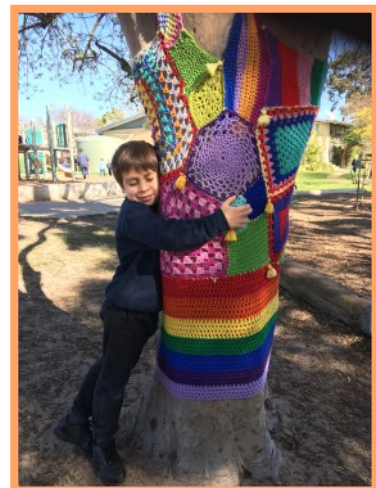


Photo: Agustin (3K) enjoying a hug!