Welcome to Week Three.

**Winter Festival Delight.**
Our Winter Festival was held last Thursday evening and despite the chilly conditions the event was a huge success! It was wonderful to watch the children carrying their lanterns so thoughtfully and with so much purpose. I am so glad that this special event was held this term.

Thank you to all of our families, children and teaching staff, particularly Roger Richards, who made last Thursday evening one to remember!

**Around the School.**
It was great to meet with an enthusiastic group of parents last Friday to discuss the revival of the Buildings and Grounds team. We discussed many things including preparation for the Spring Fair which will be here before we know it.

Two working bees have been planned, one on **Sunday August 28** & the second on **Saturday September 3**. First on the list will be cleaning out under the deck to make room for storing tools for the Buildings and Grounds team. Everyone is welcome to help fill the skip with old materials from under the deck that no longer have a use here. Please put the date(s) and time **9.00am – 12.00pm** in your diary.

I also met with the Class Carers and thank you all for making the time to discuss the role of the Class Carers and share your experiences. We will be meeting again on Wednesday August 17 at 9.10 (after drop off) in the staff room.

Eric, our school cleaner, does a terrific job keeping our school environment clean and inviting. Eric has limited hours to clean all of our school and works under Department of Education guidelines. If you see Eric busily cleaning a classroom, please wait until he has finished before entering. If you are in a hurry, please let Eric know that you need to enter and I’m sure that he will accommodate you. Children may not enter the room without an adult with them. Thank you for your support.

**School Visitor**
Jim Poulter provided a wonderful experience for our children on Tuesday including teaching the Marngrook game. Jim also spoke to the children about his interesting books and our aboriginal heritage. Thank you to teacher Kurt Shean for organizing this visit. We have purchased a range of Jim’s book for our Library collection.
German Breakfast
Delicious delights were served to our children on Wednesday thanks to Languages teacher Catherine Menyhart and her parent helpers. This wonderful experience brings language learning alive for our children.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Young
Acting Principal

MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Welcome back to another term of music making. There are a number of music activities both in school and out occurring this term, but firstly I must thank the Briar Hill Trillers for a magnificent performance during the recently held mid Winter Celebrations. Unfortunately I could not be in attendance, but the orchestra was ably led by Jasper Brown (Class 5). Many thanks and congratulations.

The next important music date on the Calendar is the annual Oxfam Concert. Briar Hill Primary School has been a supporter of this fundraiser since its inception 6 years ago, and the Briar Hill Trillers will again perform for this worthy cause. The concert is on Thursday 1st September at Montmorency Secondary College’s Performing Art Centre, and starts at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are $10.

There is one more Soiree before the end of year concert.
8th September – Soiree No. 3 - 7.00 p.m. in MP room
The Friday Trillers will be giving their first performance of the year.

All children, regardless of which instrument they learn are welcome to come and play as soloists, duets or small groups, but need to put their name on the list. They can come and see me at school. This is the final Soiree where children can perform as soloists. The end of year concert is groups only, and this concert will take place on Thursday, 1st December.

Budding Pianists and Clarinettists may be interested in attending a concert featuring Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1 and Crusell’s Clarinet Concerto. This Concert is performed by Surrey Hills Orchestra, of which I am the conductor at Methodist Ladies’ College, Tatoulis Hall on Sunday 7th August at 2.00 p.m. Solos are performed by musicians from within the orchestra.

If you have any questions feel free to come and see me. I’m at school from Wednesday to Friday.

Mary
(Slightly Sensational) Newspaper Articles by Class 5.....

RATS INFEST SUBURB

Lately rats have overtaken Eltham. People have been getting frightened, scared, terrified and worst of all they have been fleeing. Eltham has been a growing town for some years now, starting as a small country town and developing into a caring community. Lots of families have pets including chickens. The chickens are attracting rats which are then spreading across neighbours. We have met up with Professor Robinson to see if there is anything he can do. He says “Rats are a big problem and we need to stop it. I have some rat poison that can wipe out all of them!” Families are staying inside waiting for results, hoping for the best. For more information, visit www.ratpoison.com.au

By Vienna

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Lady Lucia has lately been in hospital from an attack by Nana Mimi. The attack was held in the famous five star restaurant Au de Claire La Lune. Lady Lucia had threatened Nana Mimi with a butter knife when Nana Mimi swung her handbag at Lady Lucia for protection. Dr Berry has said that Lady Lucia has not broken any bones but has a fierce case of concussion. For more information go to www.DrBerry.com.au/LBYL or for bookings at Au de Claire La Lune to www.audeclaire.com.au!

By Wanda, Amina and Lucia

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

A horrifying accident occurred last night. Jack and Jill had fallen down the hill! The local residents were shocked. They rushed the two to hospital, no one slept that night, everyone was praying. We interviewed Professor Ramsbottom from the Fairy Tale Land University he said that it was obvious from the foot prints on the ground it was clear they were getting a pail of water. Jack leaped for his crown and Jill came tumbling after. ‘You should always look before you leap,’ Ramsbottom reminds us. Since 1936 Fairy Tale Land had been a safe place and none of these type of incidents have happened. For more information, visit www.FAIRYTALEDISASTERS.COM.AU

By Tilly Mya Jenkins

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

The Royal Sky Diving Association of Victoria is shocked by the terrible incident which has occurred lately. The association has been running since the 1950s, and no accidents as bad as this have ever happened. A training flight was out on 28th of May 2016 ... until a bird flew into one of the jets causing it to malfunction and they had to make an emergency exit. At the time the crew did not realise that they were directly above a pointy telephone tower and they landed on the antenna like lamb on a skewer. ‘Research shows that the parachutes had not been inspected since 1942 and that could have been the reason they hit the antenna at such high velocity,’” said Professor Callando Parshall. For more information go to www.rsda.vic.au.

By Callan and Orlando
LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Dr Sherbit Porrig has said that 70% of people who go to hospital are sick in their hearts because of pollution, which is caused by people dumping stuff in the sea.
Dr Sherbit Porrig says the sea that surrounds us is very dangerous because of the rubbish in it, which makes the water toxic.
People should be more aware of the danger and help by picking up rubbish to make our sea safer. We need to make sure there is no pollution in the sea as it is dangerous for fish and is effecting the reefs.
Everyone should be kind to our sea and take care of it. You could become sick from swimming in the ocean. Make sure you look before you leap off a pier!
For more information contact www.saferseas.com.au

By Tay and Brianna

EVENING POST  03-06-26
RATS INFEST ISLAND

An infestation of rats has been a hold-up for the evacuation of the Atlantic split, as the ‘rats’ are doing very strange things...
Android No#1068-MB-3.0, a 6th generation model, was bitten by a ‘Terminator Rat’ early this morning and has since been attacking its own kind.
Upon further inspection, all memory before the bite has been exterminated completely, and the only thing that stopped it blowing things up was destroying its computer chip.
We have all Computer Experts designing a new android that is immune to the Terminator Rats’ venom and finding a weakness in the Terminator Rats’ bodies.
An update will be coming in a few hours, but until then, stay alert for rats or people acting strangely.
The venom works on humans, as we discovered when we found out that the venom activates on touch.

By Peter
Last term we did astronomy for our main lesson. We learnt soooo much! My favourite parts of astronomy was when we learnt about eclipses and when we went to the Melbourne Observatory. We looked into a telescope and learnt more on the stars. Roger also projected a star map onto the roof for us to see all different signs as of the zodiac.

Over all I have enjoyed astronomy very much.

Grace Grade 6R

My picture is of Saturn from our astronomy main lesson. I learnt that Saturn has 26 moons; its rings are made of many different materials like comets. We also learnt that you can't stand on it because it isn't totally solid.

By Roman, Grade 6R

Last term we did astronomy, it was very exciting. I learnt a ton of things that I never would have thought about like the cycle of the moon. The Moon cycle was one of my favourite things to learn. Now every night I look at the moon and see what stage it is at and how long to the full or new moon. I also learnt a lot about the lunar eclipse and how it works. We also went to an after school excursion at the Melbourne observatory in the city. I learnt a lot, although it was a cloudy half windy night so we couldn't look through the telescopes, but we looked at a slide show and lots of other things.

Isla Grade 6R

Last week we moved all the tables and got our sheepskins while Roger projected a star map on the roof. We saw all the zodiac signs from Leo to Pisces, planets like Mars and Venus, the moon and the sun and the Southern Cross. It was so much fun. Roger told us stories about the constellations and the moon. Everyone loved it, I know I did.

By Isabella grade 6R
**WHATS HAPPENING AT OSHC**

Program 25th July to 5th August 2016

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**Menu:** Children may select from the following options:
Choice of cereals: Weetbix, porridge, or corn flakes. Served with milk.
Toast, Muffins or Crumpets with Butter, vegemite, honey or jam.

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**Menu: Week One**
Fruit Platter
Cooking Choc Chip Cookies
Fruit Platter
Tuna Bake
Fruit Platter

**Menu: Week Two**
Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup
Bake Potato with various toppings
Fruit Platter
Chicken Stir Fry
Fruit Platter

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Illustrated by Ava Papas Grade 3N**

This delightful story takes the young reader on a journey with musical characters and experiences how music is in the “doing” not to passively sit by and listen, but to be engaged and participate.

The Story is extra special as Ava, from Grade 3N has illustrated the book beautifully and brought the characters to life.

*Book Launch Sunday 14th August @ 2.00pm Preston Library*