School Calendar Dates:

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER
Thurs 1
Oxfam Concert
Montmorency SC
7.00pm-9.00pm
Fri 2
Hooptime
Sat 3
Working Bee
9.00am-12.00pm
Tues 6
District Athletics
Wed 7
Class 2 Excursion La Trobe
University Sanctuary
Thurs 8
Musical Soiree MP Room 7.00
*Whole School Photo (Re-scheduled to Term 4)
Thurs 15
Dress Up Day – House Colours
Class 5 play 6.00pm

OCTOBER
Mon 3
Start Term 4
Wed 12 (re-scheduled)
Whole School Photo

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Spring is here!

THANK YOU.
Our working bee last Sunday morning was a HUGE success!!! It was fantastic to see so many families here working together to make our school a safer environment for the children. A ten cubic metre rubbish skip was filled to the brim with old bits and pieces that have been stored under the school for several years. Another truck load of metal will be sent off to the recyclers in the near future and I believe several op shops received some interesting things to sell from our clean out.

I would like to acknowledge the following families who gave their time so willingly last weekend:
Megan Myers (Cil & Remi); Sophie Walsh (Abi & Heide); Zoe Smith (Abi & Ezra Callec); Andrea Himmelspac (Rosa); Michelle Collins (Poppy); Sally and Andrew Koster (Banjo); Angela Zimmermann (Rania); Elizabeth Sager (Aaleaha); Lisa-Marie Robinson (Chelsea); Mark Oretti (Freya & Riley); Steve and Allison Marshall (Callan & Isla and Orlando Pierce); Anna Ferro (Lucia); Christian Kuhlman (Toby), Tim Cattermole (Liv); Chris Ray (Jamie); Judith Endries-Hoffmann (Luca)
And….there’s more…..

We have a gardening working bee this Saturday from 9 – 12. Please come and join us. Bring your gardening gloves and weeding tools as this weekend we will focus on the school garden. We will also be doing quite a lot of sweeping and general garden maintenance.

WELCOME
I welcome Margaret Doucas to our teaching team here at Briar Hill. Margaret will be with us on Tuesday mornings supporting our Graduate teachers in their Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) accreditation requirements.
**OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE**
Our school offers a great before and after school care program under the guidance of our Coordinator Jodie Hector. It is a really happy and comfortable place for children to stay when their family has commitments early or late in the day. The rebates offered by the Government make this service very affordable. I encourage you to use this program.

**Supervision in the school grounds before school is from 8.45 – 9.00 and after school from 3.30 – 4.00pm.**

**SPORTS DAY SUCCESS**
A great day was had by all at the athletics day on Tuesday. Thanks to Georgia Bhandari for organizing the event and to the teachers and parents who supported this sporting occasion.

**BOOK WEEK 2016 Theme: Australia! Story Country.**
Celebrating Book Week this year was great fun with many children (and teachers) dressing up as their favourite book character. We have purchased all of the short listed books in the categories of Early Childhood and Picture Book of the Year. These books are available for the children to borrow from the school library.

**PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2017**
Planning has begun for the school for next year. If you have a child beginning school in 2017, please collect an enrolment form from Karen in the office and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

**Sue Young**  
Acting Principal
CLASS 3 FARMING PROJECTS

All students have researched a different farm of their choice. Students had to read information and answer key questions.

Some examples of farm projects were horse, coffee, wheat, trout, berries and flower farms.

All students did an excellent job on their first project. Please come and look at them outside our classrooms!
Matilda Sinfield-Jones and Jasper Brown competed in the district 1500 metres competition on Friday the 26th of August at Willinda Park. Congratulation to both students for this wonderful achievement. Matilda came 5th and Jasper came 2nd qualifying him for the division cross country championships. Well done!

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OSHC…..

Briar Hill Primary School OSHC Program: Before School Care:  
5th September 2016 – 9th September 2016:

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Dress up in your school colours!**

The House Captains invite you to dress up in your house colours on **Thursday, the 15th of September**, the second last day of the term. This is going to be a fun fundraiser for all grades from Prep to grade 6. **All of the money raised will go towards buying the materials we need to make** a special sculpture that the House Captains will be creating next term. So please **bring a gold coin donation**. The sculpture will be installed in the front garden of the school and will show us the different house names, colours and plants.

Please join us for a fun day and come dressed up from head to toe in your house colour – the house captains will be on the lookout for the most creative and fun dress up! Get out the face paint and start collecting clothes in your colour! How about a Banksia Banana? Or a mighty Waratah Warrior? Who will be a Sollya Superstar? A Correa ... Cucumber even??

*From your House Captains* 😊

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Spring Fair is approaching..... and Class 4 are making lemonade again.**
If you have a lemon tree and can spare some fruit, please drop it in the basket in the Class 4 room
Thanks.
Class 4.

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**DONCASTER DRAGONS BASEBALL CLUB**

**Come 'n Try Day**

**Sunday 11th September**

10:00 - noon

Deep Creek Reserve
Warrandyte Rd, East Doncaster
MEL REF: 34 F3

Aussie T-Ball
Juniors
Men’s
Women’s

**www.doncaster.baseball.com.au**

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**GREENSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB**

**JUNIOR CRICKET**
Milo Cricket - Sunday mornings $75
T20 Blast - Sunday mornings $99
Under 10 Development side - Wednesday nights $100
Under 12 to Under 18 – Friday nights $100

Girls & boys welcome
Accredited coaches
Family friendly club
Online registration

Contact: Lauren Cleary
0402 224 409

**www.greensboroughcricket.com.au**

Click HERE to Register
Please RSVP to Natalie Manser at nmr@sthelena.vic.edu.au before the 12th of September

**DR RICHARD EISENMAJER: ASD TALK…**

**Date:** Wednesday 14th September, 2016  
**Time:** 3pm - 4.15pm  
**Venue:** St Helena Secondary College, Wallowa Road, Eltham North

During the presentation Richard will cover the following topics:

- Brief introduction to Asperger's Syndrome and Autism  
- The common difficulties that children with ASD face at school and at home  
- Insights into what it would be like to have ASD  
- Understanding of behaviour  
- Behavioural strategies to help with challenging behaviour  
- Tips on making the school and home environments more "ASD friendly"

Richard Eisenmajer (PhD) is a Clinical Psychologist with over 15 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Richard is Director of The ASD Clinic and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.

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**SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**  
HARMONY PARK, COBURG, 191 GAFFNEY ST.  
SUNDAY 18TH OF SEPTEMBER  
STARTING 12 NOON

FREE BBQ, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:  
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS, RENEWALS AND MORE.  
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND THERE ARE PLENTY MORE OPPORTUNITIES, HERE IS A LINK TO OUR VERY ACTIVE WEBSITE:  
http://www.singleparentactivekids.org/  
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Girls, Boys, Women & Men!
All Ages Welcome!

FREE COME & TRY DAY
SATURDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER 2016
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Northern District Softball Association
Morang Drive, Mill Park
Next to Mill Park Leisure Centre
Contact Cathy Ferraro on 0418 338 270
or Anthony Bradstreet on 0400 852 116

www.northerndistrictsoftball.org.au

T-BALL SMASH
STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 28
at Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty

For boys and girls aged 5-12 years

Learn more and register:
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baillargeon_aj@hotmail.com
AJ on 0423 782 970