TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

There has been two reported cases of Impetigo (School Sores) at Briar Hill Primary School, and the class group has been notified.

As a result of Victorian statutory requirements, I am mandated to inform you of the following information, which can also be downloaded from the Department of Human Services web site at: [http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook.asp](http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook.asp)

Children with impetigo should be excluded until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic therapy has commenced at which time most cases are no longer infectious.

On return to school, all exposed sores should be covered with a watertight dressing.

Many people have had close contact with the child, so please remain vigilant for signs of impetigo and seek treatment if necessary.

This applies to all who have had direct contact, and includes family members, playmates and staff.

Please refer to the link above, or contact the school or the Department of Human Services if you require further information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Briar Hill Primary School council is made up of a total of ten members of the school community: six parent representatives, three representatives of the Department of Education and Training (DET), one of whom is the principal or executive officer, and one seconded community representative.

Each of the elected members serves a 2 year term. Therefore, each year, we see a turnover of 3 parent representatives, as they are replaced by 3 new, or reelected members.

This year, two members of the current school council are retiring: Lisa Watson, our current president, and Peter Wiendl, our current treasurer. We will greatly miss each of them, and their commitment to our school. Each has contributed amazingly to the school and its governance during the past four years. Thank you, Lisa and Peter. Nick Vandenberg, our current vice president, has been renominated.

As we have three vacancies, and the number of vacancies equals the number of nominations, we do not need to hold an election.

Therefore, our new school councilors for the 2015-2016 term of school council are:

- Martine Sproule Carroll
- Katherine Blackman
- Nicholas Vandenberg

I wish to congratulate each of these parent members, and look forward to working with each of them.

ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT

By now, you will have received a letter from the school, outlining our updated anaphylaxis management strategies.

Until further notice, ALL FOOD RESTRICTIONS WILL BE REMOVED. The school will implement its own classroom and program-based controls, including no food sharing and the encouragement of regular hand washing. We ask you to discuss the benefits of these habits, at home.

However, NUTS, LEGUMES, FISH and SHELLFISH continue to be common, life threatening allergens at this school. Therefore, I ask parents to be thoughtful of the needs of others, and to refrain from sending these foods in children’s snacks and lunches, where possible.

The school will continue to provide a safe and supportive environment, where all children diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling.
Interschool Sport
Briar Hill Primary School students in Years 5 and 6 began their first round of the interschool sports competition, when they played against Montmorency Primary School last Friday. This week, Briar Hill Primary School has a bye.

This summer season the teams we have are mixed volleyball, mixed softball, boys’ and girls’ cricket and boys’ and girls’ basketball. We are very pleased with the enthusiasm that the students have shown towards the interschool sport program this year.

Our Team Captains and Vice Captains for the summer season are:

**Basketball**
- **Girls**
  - Captain: Liliana Perucic
  - Vice-captain: Lily Koster
- **Boys**
  - Captain: Mungo McTigue
  - Vice-captain: Eraskus Shean

**Cricket**
- **Girls**
  - Captain: Indigo Brown
  - Vice-captain: Maja Gillan
- **Boys**
  - Captain: Finn Clayton
  - Vice-captain: Byron Jones-Kelly

**Mixed Softball**
- Captain: Niccolo Harper-Balsamo
- Vice-captain: Isla McCormick

We wish all the teams the best of luck for the season.
Most of all, have fun! 😊

**District and Region News**
Briar Hill Primary School have started their cross country training earlier this year, and training occurs on Tuesday afternoons thanks to Scott Patton. Go Scott!

Basketball coaching will be starting on Tuesday lunchtimes with Rick Le Gassick. Thanks Rick!

Our Briar Hill teachers are very excited to be able to facilitate an excellent sporting program this year, with many district and regional sports competition opportunities for our students.

Watch this space for more information on the upcoming sporting trials and events.

Be sure to fill out and return the appropriate forms that are sent home with your child.

Check out our sports reports, on page 4. We’ll try to include these each week..

**ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT**
As part of the Department of Education and Training’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school.

The labels, which will resemble the diagram below, remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register.

Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition.

The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe.

Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.
School banking will occur each Friday, throughout the 2015 school year. More information about starting up a school bank account with ‘the Bendigo’ will follow.

With warm regards,

Meron 😊
Meron Drummond
Principal

SUSHI ORDERS START NEXT WEEK!

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to assist with the sushi program this term. As I say often, these programs don’t just run themselves – it takes lots of commitment, planning, liaison, and hard work.

PLEASE USE THE ORDER FORM PROVIDED AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

All sushi orders should be brought to school by 9.30am on Tuesdays. No late orders will be taken, as orders are submitted to Maki Sushi in Eltham as soon as they are collated.

Sushi lunches will be served each Wednesday.
Here’s to a good sushi year!

And a note from our sushi volunteers…

ALL ABOARD THE SUSHI TRAIN!

Final arrangements are being made, so that weekly sushi lunch options will be back on track as of next week (hopefully…)

Orders must be in by 9.30am on Tuesday mornings (starting Tuesday Feb 24th). There will be a calico sushi order bag hanging on a hook inside every classroom door. Ideally these are collected in classrooms first thing that morning, and brought to the staffroom to be collated.

Each hand roll costs $2.50 with a portion of every order going towards school fundraising.

Menu options again include: avocado, teriyaki chicken (contains gluten), prawn with mayo, salmon and avocado, tuna with cucumber, and vegetarian hand rolls (avo, carrot & cucumber).

This term we are also trialing a plain rice roll (on request) to gauge interest. This has not yet been added to the order form, but if you’d like to try one, just write “plain rice” on your order slip.

Orders and cash can be submitted in recycled envelopes, re-usable pouches, zip-up pockets, purses… whatever suits! As long as it holds the cash and the order form, together, so money doesn’t spill into backpacks and pockets. It must also be clearly marked with a name and class – especially if you would like your lunch delivered to your room & you want to get the container back to use again next week!

Correct money must be included. We don’t do change.

Anyone who forgets to bring their order to school can fill one in on the back deck each Tuesday morning. We have a small wooden writing box (pictured) that will be out on the tuckshop window ledge on Tuesdays for sushi and Wednesdays for “De Tuckshop”. We’ll try to keep this stocked with order forms, recycled envelopes and pencils. Anyone with extra order forms at home from school newsletters or used envelopes to add to the stash is welcome to make a contribution!

Money and orders are NOT to be left in the box. These still need to go into the classroom bags, or go direct to the staffroom if you’re running a little late. Any orders left in the box will belong to hungry, sad children the next day…

Once collated these orders go to Maki Sushi, a Japanese restaurant in Eltham Mall, where they are made up fresh on Wednesday mornings, for collection, packing & distribution here at school.

If you would like to join the small band of volunteers providing this service, or have any questions, please contact Cap Oretti on 0458 671115, or tag her or Gemma Mathieson hanging about the Prep portables or Class 2 around pickup & drop off times.
**SPORTS REPORTS**

Friday, 13th February, 2015

**GIRLS’ BASKETBALL**

On Friday the 13th of February Briar Hill Primary School played basketball against Montmorency Primary School. The scores were 8 to 26 our way. The sports award went to Lily and Jade. It was a fair and fun game.

Liliana scored 7 goals = 14 points
Jade scored 4 goals = 8 points
Lily scored 1 goal = 2 points
Temma scored 1 goal = 2 points
Mali and Sarah scored nought but they played amazingly well for their first time and we all worked really well as a team.

*By Liliana and Lily :)*

**BOYS’ BASKETBALL**

On Friday the 13th of February, Briar Hill Primary School played against Montmorency Primary School. The score was a 14-13 LOSS 😞. The sports award went to MUNGO!

It was a great game and everyone had fun! We all worked really well and there was lots of teamwork, sportsmanship and assists.

Points/player
- 5/Mungo
- 4/Raski
- 2/Grayson and Jaden

Luke, Harry C and Harry R all helped us get these points.

© From Mungo/Captain & Raski/Vice Captain

**VOLLEYBALL**

This week Briar Hill Primary School played Montmorency Primary School in Volleyball and we won all games! In round one the scores were 25-19, in round 2 the scores were 25-9 and in round 3 the scores were 25-18 all our way.

We had a really great game and the sports award went to Holly. We all played really well (both teams) and we all had loads of fun!

*Holly and Kayli (Volleyball captains)*

**MIXED SOFTBALL**

Last week Briar Hill Primary School played softball against Montmorency Primary School. The score was 9 runs to 3 runs, their way. They smashed the ball out of the park, but we tried our best. Niccolo knighted a player from the other team as he was putting on the backstop gear. Nikolas won the player award.

Overall it was a good game.

**CRICKET**

On Friday the 13th of Feb we played cricket against Monty PS.

The scores were 106 to 61 our way. The sports award went to Jimmy on our team and to Eve on their team. We all had fun and worked well.

GO, BRIAR HILL!
LITTLE SHE-WOLF

The Preps, Class 1s and Class 2s will be having a visit from a children’s book author over the next few Fridays.

Chloe Twohig is the mother of a Briar Hill Prep student and the author of 'Little She-Wolf'.

She will read the story and help the Preps and Year 1 students to make their own animal masks. The Year 2s will have a talk about creative writing.

The book will be available at the office for $15.00, or via the website www.littleshewolf.com.au.

Have your say and win!

We would like to hear your thoughts about our school newsletter.

We’ve put together a survey, so you can have your say.

Don’t worry – it only takes a few minutes to complete.

Just go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RW2P9RC

Don’t forget to enter your email address at the end – one lucky family will win a special prize!

Thanks ☺
Meron

Stentor Student
½ size Cello for sale

Includes bow, padded bag, & 3 X cello instruction books.

Call Claire - 0432 588224

PLEASE CHECK LOST PROPERTY.

IT’S RESEMBLING MT EVEREST.
IT WILL SOON BE DISPOSED OF, IF NOT CLAIMED!
Mother’s session
Thursday 19th March
7.30-9.30pm

Celebration Day for Girls
Sunday 22nd March
10am-4pm

Venue
Briar Hill Primary
25 Gladstone Rd, Greensborough

Cost
$125 per mother and daughter pair

For enquiries and registration:
Melissa Gonella
0418 990 619
melissa@melissagonella.com
www.melissagonella.com/events

“Since the Celebration Day Sophie has been so chatty and open - asking questions about menstruation and talking about all the changes and experiences of puberty. I’m so pleased.”

At the Celebration Day girls enjoy lively discussion, fun activities, women’s stories and gentle celebration of the magical threshold of puberty and menarche.

Menarche is a signpost of the beginning of a girl’s fertile years and the menstrual cycle is an intrinsic aspect of womanhood. Extensive research has shown that for young girls who experience menarche well-prepared, with a positive introduction and emotional support, the result is higher self-esteem, fewer negative cycle related symptoms, favourable overall menstrual perception and easier subsequent births.

As such the positively presented information, activities and conversation around these topics at the Celebration Day can have a profound and lasting impact on girls, in conjunction with the ongoing support of mothers, families and other carers. By enabling a healthy and grounded experience of the changes of puberty we deeply nourish girls’ self-esteem, self-awareness and positive body-image. In this way we can support a physical and psychological integrity that underpins healthy decision making around relationships, sex and fertility when that time comes, as well as other life choices.

At the Celebration Day girls are warmly invited into the time-honoured, nurturing connection and support women have long shared with each other. Many participants report that their mother-daughter relationship is enriched and enlivened as the doors of communication in this key area of female experience and development are opened wide.

The first part of the day is spend with the girls on their own and, just before lunch, the mothers/female carers will join us for the rest of the day (and grandmothers who are available and wish to participate).

To learn more about Celebration Day for Girls go to www.celebrationdayforgirls.com
BRIAR HILL
MEN’S
GROUP

A bunch of blokes loosely connected to BHFS & Yandell Kinder

Enquiries welcome:
Rich Rees Mob. 0490 015 866
E: richardsnese.au@gmail.com

Learning with head, heart and hands
Craft Classes Term 1

- **Autumn Woodland friends**
  Sunday March 1st 1.30- 4.30pm. Cost $35
  Come and make an echinacea and autumn gnomes from all natural materials.

- **Parent/Child Workshop** - Sat 14th March
  Spend an afternoon creating a dry felted garden and woodland home together. (ages 7-12) $45 for 2.

- **An introduction to Doll Making** - 2 sessions
  Sunday 22nd March 1-5pm & Thurs 26th
  (9.30am or 7.45pm for 2 hours) $70. Includes most materials.

For more information on these or other classes contact Katherine ph.0430389750
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(Insert date)

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