TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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CLASS MEETINGS

Class meetings for all year levels will be held in Week 4, between **Monday, 16 February - Friday, 20 February**.

Please note any changes to the date/time of the meetings, as follows:

**Prep** (Mara & Rachel): Wednesday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Class 1** (Ingrid, Kath & Claire): Monday, 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Class 2** (Natalie & Dionne): Tuesday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Class 3** (Alison & Rachel): Wednesday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Class 4** (Kate): Wednesday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Class 5** (Roger): Monday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Class 6** (Cathy): Monday, 6.00pm – 7.00pm

These meetings will allow teachers to speak about their programs and their aspirations for their class, and will enable you to ask questions and clarify your understandings.

Please note that the meetings will not provide the opportunity to speak to teachers about individual children. Rather, separate meeting times should be scheduled if you wish to speak to teachers in more depth about your child’s learning needs.

We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will occur each Friday, throughout the 2015 school year.

More information about a sign up day will soon be available for those families wishing to start school bank accounts with ‘the Bendigo’.

With warm regards,

Meron Drummond
Principal

From the Principal...

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

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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.

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My Favourite Place
In my house we're getting ready to go camping. We get in the car and drive down the road. It's made of gravel and it hits the car as we drive.

When we get there it's just stupid rain and the mud squishes through my boots. We get to the cabin and I go in. It smells musty. We go to the playground. There's a big bouncy hill. I bounce on it. There's a tunnel. When I speak it echoes. There's a cubby house as well. I climb the ladder.

The wind blows through my hair. It sings to me and it tastes like cake. We play on go carts and the mud splatters up on my face. I love this place.

Moni (Class 3)

My Favourite Place
The sun is shining through the clouds as I walk on the soft sand. I feel the water rush through my feet. I see the crabs scuttle through the sand as I build a sand castle. I walk through the rocky caves. I feel the stone walls. I love this place.

Natasha (Class 3)

My Favourite Place
One of my favourite places is Lawn Hill. The water is a greeny aqua colour. I can see small fish and parrots with bright red wings. I can smell the dirt and the dust. The water is cold but it's a hot day. I can hear splashing in the water. I can feel the soft dirt under my feet. I can taste the fresh water in my mouth.

Matilda (Class 3)

My Place
My place is on a beach. I smell the salted sea below. I taste the fresh fruits I picked from the tip of the trees earlier.

I hear the laughter of my big brother below my legs having lots of fun. I see the angry waves crashing and bashing my dad.

I feel the comfortable seat I put in the cave, a nice soft section where my head is.

Xavier G (Class 3)

My Favourite Place
I went blackberry picking with my family. I felt 21 cuts. I picked 200 blackberries. I felt the breeze pushing against my face. I can feel the thorns cutting into my legs. The blackberries in my mouth explode.

Yoshi
Musically Speaking

Welcome back to another year of making music at Briar Hill Primary School.

Lessons have started with great enthusiasm, and much is planned for 2015. The first important date is **Thursday 26th March for the Term 1 Soiree.** Soirees were introduced last year to provide students with an opportunity to perform solos or in small groups. As this was very successful, I propose to run them again this year. All instrumentalists can come and perform.

In order to perform the children need to come and see me and put their name on the list. The performance starts at **7.00 p.m. and will be held in the MP Room.**

Invoices will be sent home with your child next week for payment of lessons. Instruments for Year 3s will also be handed out. If you are hiring, this fee will need to be paid to the school. If your child is no longer interested in learning an instrument please let me know immediately.

Happy 2015 Music Making!

Mary

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**LITTLE SHE-WOLF**

The preps, grade ones and twos, 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.littleshecyewolf.com.au](http://www.littleshecyewolf.com.au).
A Celebration Day for Girls

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

“For 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-
esteeem, 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

Hanging out, having fun, sharing life

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month (except school holidays)

A bunch of blokes loosely connected to BHPS & Yandell Kinder

Enquiries welcome:
Richard Rees Mbl: 0490 015 866
E: richardrees.au@gmail.com

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Banyule Hawks Basketball Club

Open Day 21st Feb at the Macleod YMCA 9:30am - 10:30am

Macleod YMCA Boys & Girls Teams Ages 6 - 19

Winter 2015 Season

Winter Registration opens 7/2/2015 & starts from $95 per season
Visit: www.banyulehawks.org

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Briar Hill Steiner Playgroups

Meeting at
Briar Hill Primary School,
25 Gladstone Road, Briar Hill

Children aged between birth and four years two-hour sessions include:

Imaginative play inside and outside
Crafts, singing songs,
Rhymes and lullabies
Shared morning tea, magical story time
Friendships and support

Enquiries to Katherine 0430 388 750
Craft Classes Term 1

- **Autumn Woodland Friends:**
  
  Sunday March 1st 1:30 - 4:30pm. Cost $35
  
  Come and make an echidna and autumn gnome 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. 04033038750
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Total Enclosed $
Please drop this order, with the correct money, into the box in the classroom by 3.30pm on Wednesday.