Welcome Back to Term 3!
Welcome back everyone to what is going to be a very exciting term. I hope that you have all had a very restful Winter break and enjoyed the chance to re-energize. Having spoken to many of our children much time was spent catching up with friends and enjoying time to watch movies and relax. I am very much looking forward to joining the Briar Hill Primary School community and leading the school. Please pop in and say ‘hi’. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Our Newsletter will be coming to you every week for the rest of the year. There are many great things that we will be sharing with you all.

Staff News
We welcome Juliette Keam to Class 2 where she will partner with Natalie Will to teach the children for the remainder of the year. Juliette will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in Week 3 on Tuesday July 26 and Wednesday July 27 from 3.45 – 8pm. The on-line booking system will be available for you to select your time next week. Details will be in this newsletter.

Student News
I would like to welcome Orlando Aquilina in Class 2 and Reuben Evans in Class 4 to our learning community. It is wonderful to have you joining us.

The Junior School Council are organizing the Briar Hill’s Got Talent fundraising competition this month. What a wonderful opportunity for our Junior Councillors to demonstrate their leadership skills. I am really looking forward to watching the performances and finding out who is selected as the winner of the competition. All funds raised will go to CARE Australia and cover costs of the event.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WINTER FESTIVAL RE-SCHEDULED**

Our Winter Festival has been re-scheduled to Thursday 21st July 5.00pm. Let’s hope that the weather elementals are on our side this time! Can you bring some greenery (bush prunings, ivy, wattle etc.) to school by Wednesday next week to help make a large winter spiral. Greenery can be left behind the multipurpose room near the staff carpark in Beaconsfield Rd. The more the merrier, please give generously!

**Important WINTER FESTIVAL safety notes:**

*Safety is of the utmost importance for this event. Please read this carefully:*

- Non-students must remain with their parents at ALL times
- Students are to remain within their class group
- The playground equipment is closed and out of bounds
- All attendees will walk only, there will absolutely be no running.
- Please be respectful and considerate toward our local residents with regards to car parking. Enjoy walking that extra distance with lanterns as you quietly leave the school grounds and local streets!
- Wear non-combustible clothing, any long hair should be tied back, hat and gloves are good too, and boots or sturdy shoes that protect the feet are recommended!
- At least one parent is asked to follow the class of their youngest school-aged child.
- At the end of the festival, students are to wait in their class groups on the oval, for parents to collect them. Start with the youngest please!
- Parents could carry a safe lantern WITH their pre-school children.
- Students whose behaviour is not safe will be placed back into parental supervision for the duration of the festival. Please respect the teacher’s discretion for everybody’s safety.
- Students who arrive late must remain with their parents under their supervision, must not run and not join in with the classes for safety reasons and our duty of care.
School Council would like to welcome Sue Young to our school community and look forward to working with her.

**School Fees**
We currently have a significant amount outstanding on school fees.
School tuition is free however the supplies for the classroom need to be covered.

Any outstanding fees at the end of the year **WILL IMPACT ON OUR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.**

We ask if you, have not made a payment plan with Mary, to please see her as soon as possible.

**Spring Fair**
Sat 22nd October 10am - 4pm.
There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes and we would like to thank everyone who has been involved. The ponies, Animals of Oz, Scouts, Kombucha have all been booked in. External Markets have all received a stall holders form.
Class 1A are well under way organising a wonderful raffle.
This term we ask the community to please help with Class Stall preparations. Please speak to your Class Spring Stall co-ordinator or class carer.
We will update the community on a regular basis.

**Councillors**
Would you like to join school council? Please speak to Martine Sproule Carroll or Sophie Walsh if you are interested.

**Sophie Walsh**
*President*
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*