School Calendar Dates:

- **Tues 16 Aug**  
  School Council 6.00pm-8.00pm

- **Fri 19 Aug**  
  Hellenic Museum Class 5

- **Mon 22 Aug**  
  Class 4 Excursion Melbourne Zoo

- **Thurs 25th Aug**  
  Class 5 screening of ‘I Am 11’ 6.00pm

- **Sun Aug 28**  
  Working Bee 9.00am-12.00pm

- **Tues 30 Aug**  
  Sports Day Willinda Park 10.00am-3.00pm

- **Thurs 1st Sept**  
  Oxfam Concert Montmorency SC 7.00pm-9.00pm

- **Fri 2nd Sept**  
  Hoomptime

- **Sat 3 Sep**  
  Working Bee 9.00am-12.00pm

- **Tues 6 Sept**  
  District Athletics

- **Wed 7th Sept**  
  Class 2 Excursion La Trobe University Sanctuary

- **Thurs 8 Sept**  
  Musical Soiree MP Room 7.00

- **Wed 14 Sept**  
  Whole School Photo

- **Thurs 15th Sept**  
  Class 5 play 6.00pm

- **Friday 16 Sept**  
  End term 3

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

It has been another busy week at Briar Hill with teachers and children immersed in the enriching curriculum being offered. I am very pleased to let you know that we have a Scientist joining us to add to our fantastic Science program here at Briar Hill. This partnership has been formed through the [CSIRO STEM Professionals in Schools](http://www.scientistsinschools.edu.au/) program. Our new partner has expertise in soil and agricultural science and will be joining us in the coming weeks. I will provide more details of this exciting program very soon. If you would like to find out more about this CSIRO program the details are available at: [http://www.scientistsinschools.edu.au/](http://www.scientistsinschools.edu.au/)

**Benji Bear joins our school community.**  
Benji Bear is a new member of our school community. Benji will be visiting classes and spending two weeks with each class. Benji will be a regular contributor to the school assembly after which he will join a new class. During his visit to the class a journal will be kept by the children and experiences recorded for all to share. Benji will also be visiting children's homes and sharing in family life. Thanks for making him welcome.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**  
Thank you to the more than 16 families who have returned their 2016 Parent Opinion Survey. There are still 24 surveys to be returned by [this Friday](http://www.esafety.gov.au/). Thank you for your support in providing feedback on your experiences. This information is really important for our planning for 2017.

**From the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner**

Are your kids Musical.ly gifted?

Musically is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. The app allows you to record and edit a 15 second music clip and share it with other users. If your kids are using the app visit our [FAQs page](https://www.esafety.gov.au/) for more information.

**School Newsletter**

Our School Newsletter is now also available on the wall near the school canteen. A community noticeboard will soon appear on this wall.

Thank you for your support.

**Sue Young**  
Acting Principal
GERMAN BREAKFAST

*Guten Appetit!*

Class 5 had a taste of Germany last week, by participating in a German Breakfast when they sampled a variety of traditional German foods. A few brave children tried the blue vein cheese called *Edelpilzkäse*, and many enjoyed the smoked salmon with Frischekäse on bread – cream cheese - but by far the favourite of the event was the *Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte* - Black Forest Cake.

We’ve also been exploring the geography of Germany when learning about foods typically eaten in various regions and had fun expressing our likes and dislikes in German too.

My sincere thanks go to the parents who helped prepare the children’s platters: Alison -Callan’s Mum, Jenny – Crusoe’s Mum, Beverley – Vienna’s Mum and Judith – Luca’s Mum.

A huge and grateful *Dankeschön* from Class 5 and from me.

*Catherine Menyhart*
Class 4 have been writing poetry and here are just a few samples from a wonderful collection. Some are acrostic, some are on the theme of winter and others are inspired by Christina Rossetti's poem, titled 'What is Pink?' Leif's poem, 'The Sparrow' is one he wrote at home. The children have also created some entertaining and impressive shape poems this week but these are a little tricky to put in the newsletter!

**What Is …?**

What is green? The trees are green in the meadow patch.  
What is red? Fire is red under the night sky.  
What is blue? The sea is blue under the sun's glaze.  
What is orange? A mango is orange with its juicy skin.  
What is yellow? The sun is yellow in the blazing sky.  
What is violet? The sky is violet in the winter sky.

*Xavia Mitchell*

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**What is …?**

What is red? Blood is red, runny and warm.  
What is blue? The sea is blue, freezing and frothy as it hits the rocks.  
What is white? Ice is white cold and crunch as it melts.  
What is yellow? The sun is yellow glowing down on us.  
What is green? Glass is green, washed over by the shore.  
What is red? The fire is red, crackling and making light.  
What is orange? Carrots are orange, growing in a field.

*Moni Conzato*

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**What is …?**

What is green? Green is an apple with fire seeds inside  
What is blue? Blue is a pencil with a lead all thro  
What is white? White is a face as sick as can be  
What is gold? Gold is a chunk of gold that miners find deep deep underground  
What is red? Red is a fire with colours standing beside it  
What is yellow? Yellow is sand that the sea washes over  
What is orange? Carrots are orange, crunchy all over.

*Leigh Patton*

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**What is …?**

Silver is the moon glimmering in the night.  
Gold is shining, forever light.  
Yellow is wattle in a little furry bunch.  
Orange is juicy with the taste of fruit punch.  
Red is blood running like a stream.  
Purple is a violet glowing like a sunbeam.  
Blue is the water running so fast.  
Green is a kelp forest so vast.  
Altogether in one all these colours make a rainbow.

*Natasha Browning*
What is …?
What is black? A stallion is black with the wind in its mane.
What is silver? A bar is silver glistening in the sun and locked with a chain.
What is blue? An eye is blue glistening with tears.
What is brown? A mouse is brown trembling with fear.
What is orange? An ember is orange glowing in the fire.
What is yellow? The sun is yellow as it climbs higher and higher.

Tilda Foletta

Winter
In winter it rains and snows
Winter is wet and windy
Snow covers the ground like a white carpet
Icicles hang from trees like frosty crystals
Snowflakes drop down from the sky
The wind howls and rivers flood
Covering things in mud

Grace Murphy

My Winter
Winter is snowflakes falling on your nose
Melting fast like a flowing river.
My winter is going outside
And feeling the cold chill of Jack Frost's presents.
Winter is skiing down the mountain
And flowing down like a waterfall.
Winter is building a snowman
And putting on the nose, not so carefully.
Winter is watching the snow fall
And after it has fallen going out and having a snowball fight.
Then holding it just for the right amount of time
Before the snowball freezes your hand.
That's my winter and nothing else.

Scarlett Gillan

Football (acrostic)
Flying through the air I kick the ball higher and higher.
On the field with the team practising speckys on the specky bug.
"Ok team, ready to win", said the coach.
Taking a mark and diving for the ball.
Bright sun gleams on the scores, we're winning!
A silver trophy glowing bright.
Longing for the ball I grab it and kick it in the goal.
Lightning strikes as the game finishes and we've one.

Rosie Clayton

Unicorns (acrostic)
Up in the sky unicorns fly sparkling in the sun.
Nothing can stop them pure as gold.
In rainbow colours white, purple, blue, pink and gold they glimmer.
Cold as the night, hot as the sun, their horns gleam bright in the sunlight.
On the wind they glide like a horse in the sky.
Radiating moonlight, like rain and hail.
Never feels pain in the wind and the rain, lightning is its source.

Jemima Blount

The Sparrow
The sparrow with dark brown eyes
Flies through the forest of the skies.
It knows all the secrets, all the lies,
And has all the tears shed from the cries.
The sparrow with dark brown eyes.

Leif Stoten
## Program 25th July to 5th August 2016

### Before School Care:

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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.

### After School Care:

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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

**Tuesday August 9 is Census night.** It’s the nation’s moment to pause and make a difference. The 2016 Census is the first that is predominantly online. Look out for your household’s Census letter in the mail because it contains a unique login number to complete the Census. It also contains information for requesting a paper form for those that need or prefer it. Should adults need assistance, senior primary students are encouraged to help their parents/carers complete the Census. Alternatively volunteers will be available at Shop 48 (The Harmony Centre) in the Bell Street Mall in West Heidelberg on Census night to provide assistance. For more information on the Census go to [census.abs.gov.au](http://census.abs.gov.au).
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAFEMinds. SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES ENHANCING MINDS

"A sense of connectedness to families and schools is the most significant protective factor for young people."
(Besick et al. Protecting Adolescents from Harm, 1997)

SAFEMinds: At Home

Did you know that mental ill-health is the biggest health issue for young Australians today.
Do you want to some practical tips on how to identify when your child might need support with their mental health and wellbeing?
SAFEMinds At Home parent information sessions can help you with practical tips and resources to support your child through tough times.

SAFEMinds Comes to Greensborough!

headspace Greensborough will be presenting a FREE session for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the SAFEMinds mental health training currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria.
Time: 6:45pm for a 7pm start – 9pm.
Date: Wednesday August 10th
Venue: headspace Greensborough
Level 1, 78 Main Street Greensborough
To register, contact headspace Greensborough on 9433 7200.

SAFEMinds combines a range of targeted training and a comprehensive toolkit of resources, to support whole school communities apply the NIP in the bud: early intervention approach.

SAFEMinds: Online
SAFEMinds: In Practice
SAFEMinds: At Home

Looking for accommodation…..

Rover (grade 4) and Jacinda are looking for a house with at least 2 bedrooms in the local area.
We have a small cute dog and love gardening.
If you have a rental house or room to share please contact, Jacinda.
(see contact details on school noticeboard or leave message at school office)
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NEW MOON MEDITATION

6.00-7.00pm Sunday
Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2 and 30

Eltham members can book up to 7 days in advance.

Relax, reduce stress and enhance personal and spiritual growth each new moon.

Gold coin donation to attend this event.

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$25 for non-members. $15 for youth aged from 9-15. Payment made upon booking at reception.