11 August 2016

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 28 Aug**
Working Bee 9.00am-12.00pm

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

**Wed 31 Aug**
Book Day

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

**Fri 2nd Sept**
Hooptime

**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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**Book Day  Wednesday 31st August**

*Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters..........but start planning your costume!*

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

My first weeks at Briar Hill have been terrific and I want to thank everyone for their very warm welcome. The very special Principal’s Day morning tea was an amazing feast with so many delicious treats for us all to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who was involved in providing this morning tea.
While walking around the playground I have certainly noticed how well the students play together and how much they enjoy the environment that the school provides. I am currently working with the Region to plan for improvements to the playground area.

**Parent/Teacher interviews**
Our recent Parent Teacher interviews were well attended and provided an opportunity for our families to share in the learning journey of their children. Thank you to all of our teaching staff who made themselves available over two evenings to provide this opportunity for feedback.

**Scientist in Schools Program Update**
Dr Robert van de Graaff will be joining us to enrich our Science curriculum at Briar Hill. Here is a little about Dr. Robert from his website: [http://www.vandegraaffsoilshorizons.com.au/index.html](http://www.vandegraaffsoilshorizons.com.au/index.html)

Dr Robert van de Graaff is an agricultural and soil scientist with over 40 years varied experience of soil survey, land degradation, assessment of soil quality for plant growth, modification of the soil to suit plant needs, environmental investigations, assessment of land for irrigation, wastewater disposal, geochemical behaviour of heavy metals and trace elements in soils, and of associated environmental risks. He has also been involved in teaching and transfer of skills in both developed and developing countries.

I will be meeting with Dr. Robert in the coming days to discuss our partnership.

**Care More Car Less Collaborative Project.**
In 2015 students at Briar Hill were involved in a project to promote sustainable travel. Through a grant provided by Banyule City Council a short video was created with the support of Fiona Haasz one of our parents and teacher Cathy Yeoman. As spring starts to approach, it is a great time to watch this important message and consider parking and walking to school. Congratulations to everyone involved in this great project which makes learning authentic at Briar Hill.

[https://youtu.be/nNi76cNde9Y](https://youtu.be/nNi76cNde9Y)

**Claymation Help Needed.**
I am keen to begin a Claymation project group with the students but am a complete novice when it comes to this form of storytelling. If you have skills in this area and would be willing to share your expertise with a group of enthusiastic students, please give me a call.

**Flowers in the foyer.**
A big thank you to Hayley from Sweet Pea Florist in Briar Hill for providing flowers for our foyer. The updated lighting, student work and flowers are making the foyer a very welcoming entrance to our school.

**Reminders**
I hope that you can join us for one of our working bees coming up on Sunday August 28 and Saturday September 3rd. The tidy up will begin at 9 and finish at 12 on both days.

Classroom Carers will be meeting on Wednesday August 17 at 9.15 in the Staff room.

Thank you for your support.

**Sue Young**
**Acting Principal**
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.

MUSICALLY SPEAKING

All children should be now have received invoices for this term’s lessons. Please check in your child’s violin/viola case if you have not received an invoice.

Regards
Mary

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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)
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Banyule Hawks Basketball Club**

Join your friends & play with your local club.

**Banyule Hawks Basketball Club**

@ Macleod YMCA

Boys & Girls teams | Ages 6 - 19

Registrations for the 2016-17 summer season are open, 23/07/16 - 28/08/16

FAMILY PRICING: ONLY $60/Season!!

[Web: tinyurl.com/banyulehawks](http://tinyurl.com/banyulehawks)
[Email: banyulehawks@hotmail.com](mailto:banyulehawks@hotmail.com)
[Tel: 1800 BANYULE](tel:1800-BANYULE)

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**Changetheworld withyoursong.com**

Opens June 1 2016 - Closes August 15 2016

A song-writing competition to help change the way people think about important issues.

Social Justice
War and Peace
Political Satire
Environment

For all ages
Great Prizes!
Win a Guitar

Win and have your song recorded on a CD with artists like Kutch Edwards, Kavisha Mazzella, Nicky Bomba, The Melbourne Ska Orchestra, The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra, Daniel Zisin, Jude Perl, Bruce Watson & more

Organised and supported by

Adam Dempsey, Daniel Zhu, James Bunning, Hugh McDonald, Greg Champion, David Adams, Jude Perl, Lisa Cawley, Ralph Williams, Bobbie Glegg, Benham Ramsden, Steve Lindsay, Tim White, Mal Webs, David Fott, Roy White, Lora Reinders, Justin Humphries, Steve Vertigan

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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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**Mindfulness Eating Feast**

1st & 2nd Sat of every month

START A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD!

BOOK AT RECEPTION TODAY!
AUGUST 6TH & 13TH
SATURDAY - 6PM-7PM

*Download menu at Eltham Leisure Centre website*

Enjoy beautiful home-made Indian and Chinese influenced dishes prepared by Chef Abigail Pope & or Yong Koo.

Payment made upon booking at reception.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE
10 SEPTEMBER 10am-4pm

Senior Citizens Centre
903 Main Road, Eltham
A ‘Spring Outdoors’ event

AQUAPONIC GARDENS

Diamond Valley Library
Tuesday 16 August
11.30am – 12.30pm

Join Paul Jonas from Grow Aquaponics as he shares some advice about the plants and fish to use in aquaponics and the exciting future of food production.

NILLUMBIK YOUTH THEATRE’S PRODUCTION OF

Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
ON STAGE!

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie
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Multichoice International (Australia)
All performance materials supplied by
Event Leisure Australia

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TICKETS $15 - $22
Thursday 1 September 7PM
Friday 2 September 7PM
Saturday 3 September 3PM & 7PM
ELTHAM COLLEGE PERFORMANCE CENTRE