School Calendar Dates:

Mon 22 Aug  
Class 4 Excursion  
Melbourne Zoo  

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

Fri 26 Aug  
Spring Fair Meeting  
Staffroom 10.00am  

Class 5 Excursion  
Hellenic Museum (re-scheduled)  

Sun 28 Aug  
Working Bee  
9.00am-12.00pm  

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

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  

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Class 5 excursion to the Hellenic Museum has been re-scheduled to Friday 26th August due to the inclement weather predicted for tomorrow.

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Principal’s Report:

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The results of the 2016 Student Attitudes to School Survey have been returned to the school by the Department of Education. Each year this state wide instrument measures the opinions of students in Years 5 and 6 on a wide range of factors focussed on student relationships, wellbeing, and teaching & learning. Our school results are as follows:

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These results will enable us to plan for the remainder of the year and for 2017 year in the school strategic plan areas of Engagement and Wellbeing.

Benji Bear Out and About

Benji is enjoying visiting Helen's class one and a fabulous journal is being created by our families as Benji visits their homes. Thank you for supporting this new project and creating such great memories to share. Jasmin, Riley and Marlee happily join Benji for a photo.

Managing and re-cycling our trees.

On Tuesday Nick from GVP Arbor and his team came into our school and removed dead trees, pruned dead branches and generally tidied up our trees. Nick also provided interesting material for our children to use in their play from the wood removed.
Our children very quickly found the re-modelled tree trunk near the environmental science classroom and are using sections of wood as seats in their cubby houses.

**Spring Fair**
Make sure that you mark Saturday October 22\textsuperscript{nd} in your diary and come along to enjoy all of the fun of our fair!

**Thank you!**
Thanks to Sophie and Martin Walsh for doing some quick repair work on our playground equipment last weekend. Our children can now use all of the equipment again.

**Tuck Shop delights.**
Deb’s ‘1000 cheesies pasta’ was certainly a very tasty and nourishing meal last Thursday. We are very lucky to have Deb’s home cooked meals here every week. I hope that your children are enjoying the delicious lunches from our Tuck Shop.

Thank you for your support.

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

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Spring Fair Meeting.**
A meeting to discuss arrangements for this year’s Spring Fair will be held in the staffroom on Friday August 26 at 10am. Please come along and support this fundraising event. All of the money raised at the Spring Fair will be used to re-surface the oval for our children.

The School Council invites our families to a special community event: **The Briar Hill Breakfast!**
On Friday September 2\textsuperscript{nd} we will be offering a delicious breakfast prepared by School Councillors and Deb our Tuckshop manager. There will be a small charge to cover the costs of the food. This information will be sent to everyone next week. Our teachers will be opening their classrooms from 8.30 to enable children to share their great learning.

**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.
**BOOK DAY**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2016.**

Come dressed as your favourite book character and bring along the book to share. Book Day Parade will take place on the basketball court at 9.15am and families are welcome to join us.

Following the parade, children will be in mixed groups with activities for P-2 classes and 3-6 classes running up until 1.30pm. These activities will focus on the joy of books and provide an opportunity for artistic response.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Sports Day at Willinda Park**  
*Tuesday 30th August*

We are very excited about the upcoming Sports Day at Willinda Park. Please remember to return your permission note to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. For the day to run smoothly we will need some parent helpers on the day so please let your classroom teacher know if you are available.

**Please note:** if your child is selected for the Briar Hill Primary School athletics team from the Sports Day they will be competing in the District athletics competition. This is on Tuesday the 6th of September at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. I have organised a bus to take the team to and from the venue which will incur a small fee. We will also need parent helpers to assist on that day.

Thanks everyone.

*Georgia Bhandari*
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**GREENSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB**

**JUNIOR CRICKET**

Milo Cricket - Sunday mornings $75
T20 Blast - Sunday mornings $99
Under 10 Development side - Wednesday nights $100
Under 12 to Under 18 - Friday nights $100

- Girls & boys welcome
- Accredited coaches
- Family friendly club
- Online registration

War Memorial Park
McDowell Street
Greensborough 3088
Contact: Lauren Cleary
0402 224 409
greensboroughccjuniors@yahoo.com.au
Click HERE to Register

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**DONCASTER DRAGONS BASEBALL CLUB**

**Come ‘n Try Day**

**Sunday 11th September 10:00 - noon**

Deep Creek Reserve
Warrandyte Rd, East Doncaster
MEL REF: 34 F3

Aussie T-Ball
Juniors
Men’s
Women’s

www.doncaster.baseball.com.au

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**DIAMOND VALLEY UNITED**

**Soccer Club presents....**

**2016 Summer Squad**

**Date:** 9th Oct-Dec 11th
(No MELB Cup Weekend Session 30/10)
**Time:** 10:30am-11:45am

**Cost:** $90 (cash/Cheque payments at 1st session)
*** Includes 2016 DVUSC Summer Squad Training Top
*** Open to all current + NEW Junior Players
*** Boys and Girls aged between 5 – 15
*** Coaches open for Branch !

VENUE: DVUSC HG - Footscray Field
Kalgoorlie Ave Greensborough

ONLINE RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL BY 2ND OF OCT via: https://www.trybooking.com/MJQF
For more info contact Chris Dimaio at 0412004071 or cdimaio1627@gmail.com

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**NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE**

10 SEPTEMBER 10am-4pm

Senior Citizens Centre
903 Main Road, Eltham

A ‘Spring Outdoors’ event
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Leap into Learning!

Open Day

Celebrate Adult Learners Week by discovering the learning opportunities available to you and your family in Nillumbik.

See classes in action, join in activities, meet tutors and participants, and find out about local organisations that support learning across the region.

Join us for lunch and discover the possibilities!

Tuesday 6 September, 11am-2pm
Kids art activities: 11am-12:30pm
739 Main Road, Eltham

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au
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ALU Adult Learners Week 2016

Nillumbik Youth Theatre’s Production of

Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE!

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie
Music: Matthew und Doing
Book and lyrics: Cheston Goff reigns
All performance materials supplied by
Disney Enterprises, Inc.

BOOK NOW
lycooking.com/EFMU
Thursday 3 September, 7PM
Friday 2 September, 7PM
Saturday 3 September, 7PM & 7PM
Eltham College Performance Centre

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