School Calendar Dates:

SEPTEMBER
Thurs 8
Musical Soiree MP Room 7.00
*Whole School Photo (Rescheduled to Term 4)
Thurs 15
Dress Up Day – House Colours
Class 5 play 6.00pm
Friday 16 Sept
End term 3
1.30 Dismissal
OCTOBER
Mon 3
Start Term 4
Wed 12
Whole School Photo

8 September 2016

On the final day of Term 3, Friday 16th September, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

WORKING BEE THANKYOU!
The Briar Hill school community working bee was very productive last Saturday.
A very big thank you to Merinda Gallagher and Sally Koster for taking all of the old metal to
the recycle depot. This saved the school a very substantial amount of money in tip fees. The
skip that was filled the previous weekend weighed 2.48 tonnes!
I would like to acknowledge the following families who gave their time so willingly last
weekend:
Judith Endries-Hoffmann (Luca), Merinda Gallagher, Sally Koster, Annalise Visser (Gabe) for
last week too®, Sandro Conzato (Oli, Moni & Tabi), Tina Bruce (Lottie & Eartha), Natalie
Simpson (Saxon), Jeremy Sager (Aaleaha), Maggie (Natasha & Christopher), Tiffany Bryant
(Raj), Jared Sproule-Carroll (Paige), Kaspar Visser, Finn Endries, Jodi Lanyon (Ben) and Rick
Bohan (Fynn, Mitchell and Asheon).
Thank you to teacher Janet Patterson who gave her time on Saturday.

FROG POND UPDATE.
Scientist Robert and his very willing team began planning for the Frog Pond in our school
garden last Friday. Robert was very impressed with the ideas of the children. This week we
will be commencing the first stage of the Frog Pond with rock, stick and flotsam and jetsam
removal and a little digging. It is great to have Tilda’s dad Al join us for our project. Dad
Jared Sproule-Carroll has also offered to support our pond by supplying suitable plants to
protect and promote a healthy environment for our frogs.
NEW VISITOR SIGN IN REGISTER
In line with the new VRQA Child Safe Standards, our school now has a new Visitor Register at the Office. Please sign in and wear the visitor lanyon when you are helping in our school. Our new Child Safe Policy is currently being written and will be ratified through our School Council before the end of the year. We take the safety of our children very seriously and thank you for supporting the new procedures.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS
Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition for 2016. The results were fantastic:

High Distinction
Casey Mathieson

Distinction
Huon Charlton, Benjamin Lee, Freya Oretti, Cinoo Lee

Credit
Elias Anastasiou, Arlo Charlton, Grace Murphy, Zack Patton, Obi Jordan, Crusoe Bishop, Jasper Brown, Brianna Gonella, Rueben Heuzenroeder, Edie Carroll, Connor Callec

Participation

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GREEN TEAM!
A very successful day was experienced by our Year Five Green Team students at Edendale Farm on Tuesday. Thank you to teacher Rhonda King for supporting Grace Allan, Cady Andrianopoulos, Narayan Ball, Luca Endries, Peter Gallagher, Time Goebly, Amina Graydon, Tilly Jenkins, Callan Marshall, Ahren Nolan, Orlando Pierce and Lucia Symonds.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS SUCCESS
Congratulations to all of our young athletes who participated in a very positive way at the District Athletics carnival this week. Special mention goes to:

Ethan Saunders - shotput
Alex Johnson - 100m
Jasper Brown - 1500m

They will now go on to the Division Athletics Competition held in Term 4.

Thank you to Georgia Bhandari our PE teacher and Roger Richards Year 6 teacher and to all of the parents who supported our children on the day.

PREP ENROLMENT FOR 2017
Planning has begun for the school for next year. If you have a child beginning school in 2017, please collect an enrolment form from Karen in the office and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Young
Acting Principal
Book Day was exciting and full of fun. I dressed as Catwoman.

There were four activities for the 3-6 children, all connected to books. Roger read ‘Ride, Ricardo Ride’ and we made pipe cleaner bicycles. Kate read a beautiful book called ‘Platypus’ and people did oil pastel drawings.

In our room, we made plasticine piranhas with fruit platters after reading ‘Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas’. Natalie and Rhonda read us ‘The Island’ and we did oil pastel drawings of the monster.

There was also a parade in the morning, which was interesting to watch and be a part of. Everyone’s costumes were great and really creative.

Book Day is so much fun!

By Grace  (Class 4)
BHPS Sports Day

On Tuesday last week we went to Willinda Park for a 3-6 Sports Day. We all walked there together and when we got there we had some brain food and then started racing. It was nice because everyone was caring for each other even if they did not win. Once we had finished the track races, we went on to the hurdles, which was more fun than we expected as there were four more hurdles than we have at school. After that we did discus and shot put and I came first in both. The shot put was a bit hard. Then last but not least, we did long jump and that is probably my favourite event, you run as fast as you can and jump legs first into the sand. It was a fun day and I hope to do it again next year.

By Scarlett (Class 4)
Dear Families,
With the spring fair coming up we thought it may be nice to create some decorations to hang around the school. We would like to make some of these mandalas. Because they will be made on hoops we can store them so they stay beautiful for future Spring Fairs and other special occasions.
To make these we need yarn, preferably acrylic yarn. If you have some 10 ply, or Aran weight yarn and you are able to donate, you can leave it in the basket in the foyer or give it to me. If you would like to make one of the mandala’s please let me know, the more people the better.
Love, Renska
Email: renska@happylearning.com.au

**Dress up in your school colours!**

The House Captains invite you to dress up in your house colours on **Thursday, the 15th of September**, the second last day of the term.
This is going to be a fun fundraiser for all grades from Prep to grade 6. **All of the money raised will go towards buying the materials we need to make** a special sculpture that the House Captains will be creating next term. So please bring a **gold coin donation**. The sculpture will be installed in the front garden of the school and will show us the different house names, colours and plants.

Please join us for a fun day and come dressed up from head to toe in your house colour – the house captains will be on the lookout for the most creative and fun dress up!
Get out the face paint and start collecting clothes in your colour! How about a Banksia Banana? Or a mighty Waratah Warrior? Who will be a Sollya Superstar? A Correa ... Cucumber even??
Briar Hill Primary School OSHC Program: Before School Care:
5th September 2016 – 9th September 2016:

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Thank you to all the students who performed in the recent Oxfam Concert. Your contribution helped to raise $1,500 to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan. It was great to see many schools come and perform. Briar Hill Primary School and Greensborough Primary School have been attending these concerts since its inception 6 years ago. It is now part and parcel of our musical calendar.

There is one more Soiree before the end of year concert.

**8th September – Soiree No. 3 - 7.00 p.m. in MP room**

The Friday Trillers will be giving their first performance of the year.

All children, regardless of which instrument they learn are welcome to come and play as soloists, duets or small groups, but need to put their name on the list. They can come and see me at school. This is the final Soiree where children can perform as soloists.

**THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER.** is the end of year strings concert and will take place at Montmorency Secondary College, Performing Arts Centre at 7.00 p.m. This is a major fundraiser for the music department of the school. Entry is $10 per Adult. Children (as well as participants) are admitted free.

There are still a number of outstanding fees for term 3. Please have these accounts paid before the end of the term. Next week I will be issuing reminder invoices.

If you have any questions feel free to come and see me. I’m at school from Wednesday to Friday.

Mary
ENRICH YOUR GARDEN

Diamond Valley Library
Saturday 10 September
11.30am – 12.30pm

Join local author and horticulturalist AB Bishop to explore how to incorporate Australia’s incredible flora in to any gardenscape. Books available on the day.

Please RSVP to Natalie Manser at nmr@sthelena.vic.edu.au before the 12th of September

DR RICHARD EISENMAJER: ASD TALK...

Please RSVP to Natalie Manser at nmr@sthelena.vic.edu.au before the 12th of September

Date: Wednesday 14th September, 2016
Time: 3pm - 4.15pm
Venue: St Helena Secondary College, Wallowa Road, Eltham North

During the presentation Richard will cover the following topics:

- Brief introduction to Asperger's Syndrome and Autism
- The common difficulties that children with ASD face at school and at home
- Insights into what it would be like to have ASD
- Understanding of behaviour
- Behavioural strategies to help with challenging behaviour
- Tips on making the school and home environments more "ASD friendly"

Richard Eisenmajer (PhD) is a Clinical Psychologist with over 15 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Richard is Director of The ASD Clinic and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.
COMMITTEE NOTICES

COME AND PLAY
NORTHERN SOFTBALL @ MILL PARK
SOFTBALL TEEBALL
Girls, Boys, Women & Men!
All Ages Welcome!

FREE COME & TRY DAY
Saturday
10th September 2016
10 AM - 1 PM

Northern District Softball Association
Morang Drive, Mill Park
Next to Mill Park Leisure Centre
Contact Cathy Ferraro on 0418 338 270
or Anthony Bradstreet on 0400 852 116

www.northerndistrictsoftball.org.au

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STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 28
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For boys and girls aged 5-12 years

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