School Calendar Dates:

SEPTEMBER
Friday 16
End term 3
1.30 Dismissal

OCTOBER
Mon 3
Start Term 4

Tues 4
“I Am 11”
Class 5 6.00pm

Mon 10
P-2 Swimming

Mon 17
P-2 Swimming

Mon 24
P-2 Swimming

Wed 12
Whole School Photo

Thurs 13
Walk To School

Wed 26 - Fri 28
Year 3 & 4 Camp

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

Assembly performance roster

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

EXCITING NEWS! REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE YEAR 5 & 6 RELOCATABLE.
I am very pleased and excited to inform our school community that the very old classrooms that our current year 5 & 6 classes are occupying are going to be removed and replaced in the near future. This has been one of my goals this term and I am really happy that all of the phone calls and emails have resulted in such a positive result for our children and teachers.

WALK TO SCHOOL IS COMING…..
There is no better way than to start the day with a walk!

What’s so good about walking?
The Australian Department of Health and Ageing recommends children accumulate at least 60 minutes (and up to several hours) of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Not surprisingly, children who walk, cycle or scoot to and from school have higher levels of physical activity and improved cardiovascular fitness compared to children who don’t.

Walking time is also talking time for parents and children: when the stress of driving and keeping your eye on the traffic is taken away, it’s easier to talk to your children about what’s happening at school and in their lives.

Walking’s also great for the community and the environment. Choosing to walk instead of drive helps reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and associated environmental impacts.

Our Briar Hill Walk to School program will begin in Week 2 of Term 4. Every Thursday morning we will meet at the Briar Hill Community Hall in Mountain View Road Briar Hill and walk the short distance to school. Thanks to parent Fiona Haasz and teacher Georgia Bhandari for initiating this great, healthy, community program.

Please see more details regarding this healthy initiative later in this newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER.
I warmly welcome Bridy Fitzpatrick to our teaching team for 4th term. Bridy comes to Briar Hill Primary School with a very rich background in teaching and providing professional learning for teachers. Bridy’s vision and teaching philosophy is a perfect match for our Briar Hill community. Bridy will begin her teaching role with us in the Prep class for the first three weeks of term 4 while Mara takes some well-deserved long service leave. I know that you will make Bridy feel very welcome.
**BENJI OUT AND ABOUT.**
Benji our roving bear has been enjoying a fabulous time in Ingrid Kleinhenz’s Year 2 class. The children have been great hosts ensuring that Benji shares in all of their great adventures. Photos below show Gabe, Eve, Eros and Cil making Benji feel very welcome in their classroom.

**SPRING FAIR...HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**
October 22nd will be here before we know it...and our only fundraiser for the year, The Spring Fair will be upon us. All of the funds raised from the fair this year will go towards the re-surfacing of the oval. This project is so important for our children. A regenerated grassed oval will provide a safe and inviting surface for our children to play on and it will also be used for Physical Education lessons. So if you can help in anyway at all, please contact Sophie Walsh our School Council President on 0408 524 679. If you can’t attend the fair, there are many ways in which you can help to make the day a huge success. Please contact your child's Class Carer or Sophie Walsh for details.

**LOST PROPERTY...HELP NEEDED**
During the term I have watched the pile of lost property growing at the end of the corridor. I met with our wonderful classroom carers last week and we have come up with a plan to return all of the clothing to their owners...that is if there is a name on the item. Help is needed to go through the lost property on a weekly basis. If this is something that you think you could help with, please let your classroom carer know.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**
Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and safe holiday. Thank you for all of your support this term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday October 3rd.

*Sue Young*  
*Acting Principal*
These are three examples of the Wurundjeri calendar that students in Class 2A&B have been working on. We have been learning the eight seasons of the Wurundjeri calendar that tell about all the many things happening during each season and what the People did during that time. The season we are moving into now is Wintoonth Wootanbaj Jumbunna - the season for Regeneration and Women's Business. It is the time when everything starts to come out in bloom and when the babies were being born and when the women did their ceremonies.
Class 1

The Little Clay Hut.
Crayon drawing with a wash of water paint.

Completing our recorder bags.

Wax figures of Tilly Times, Addy Plus, Magnus Minus and Dolly Divide from the land of Nu-merry-acy which is ruled over by the Empress/Emperor Equals.
On Friday the 2nd of September the interschool sports basketball team had hoop time. Unfortunately the girls and boys lost every game but we still had lots of fun. St Marys primary girls won the grand-final against Holy Trinity. Briar Hill Girls got in the semi-finals against Holy Trinity and we lost. I’d like to thank Melissa for scoring, Paul for being our coach and Georgia for being our amazing sports teacher.

By Tahlia

**District athletics**

On the 6th of September Briar Hill went to the Montmorency district athletics day everyone had a great day everyone was encouraging each other, even the other schools. Congratulations to Ethan Saunders for coming 1st in shotput and Jasper Brown for coming 2nd in the 1500m run. These people will be going to zone. Holy Trinity came first on 232 points, SFX came second on 226 points, Montmorency south came third on 186 points, Sherbourne came forth on 151 points, Lower Plenty came fifth on 116 points, Montmorency came sixth on 92 points and one point behind them on 91 points is Briar Hill P.S. The school spirit award went to Montmorency South and the most improved award went to Lower Plenty.

The two sports captains from grade six were James and Mali.

*By James*
The Briar Hill Primary House Sports Day will be held at the school on Friday the 7th of October which is in week 1 of term 4.

From 9:15am to 11 am the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 children will be participating in games in their house groups guided by our house captains. We will require parent helpers to assist with the running of the activities. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are available to help out.

The Class 3-6 children will be doing more traditional athletics type events and games and these will run from 11:30am-1:30 pm. For this event to run smoothly we will need parent helpers to assist. The day will be about fun and participation and we would like all children to come dressed in their house colours. Please come down and join in the fun!

Thanks
Georgia Bhandari ☺
WE ARE GETTING EXCITED!!
Preparations for Spring Fair are well under way.

Events organised!
Animals of Oz, Scouts, Rock Climbing, Mini Golf, Facepainting and Pony rides.
Lots of new external market stalls including our favourites returning.
Class Stalls include Raffle, BBQ, Café, Nachos, Cake stall/preserves, Nursery, Chai tent, Wood fire pizzas, Mini pancakes, Ticket tent, Children's tent, Opp Shop.
We expect all families to contribute one way or another to Spring Fair. It’s our biggest fundraiser of the year and we cannot do it without your help.
Rosters will be out in the next few weeks, we encourage everyone to please put their name down to help out on the day.

PLEASE HELP: CAFÉ needs a COFFEE MACHINE. Megan Myers can’t find anyone that will hire a commercial coffee machine to us without committing to use their coffee. A last minute call out to anyone who may have access to or have family and friends that may have access to a commercial coffee machine they could commit to us hiring on the day of the spring fair. Please contact Megan or Sophie ASAP if you have any leads.

PLEASE HELP: Need someone to help with the Advertising boards ASAP. Could you please ring Sophie on 0408 524 679 if you can assist.

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

Spring Fair is approaching….. and Class 4 are making lemonade again.
If you have a lemon tree and can spare some fruit, please drop it in the basket in the Class 4 room
Thanks.
Class 4.
Spring Fair Raffle News!

Class 1A have organised the Spring Fair raffle this year, and we have collected some wonderful prizes which have been bundled into 3 prize packages – **Head, Heart, Hands**

The raffle books will be distributed to the eldest child in each family. The raffle books contain 10 tickets and each ticket costs $2. We have arranged for 2000 tickets to be printed out, and were hoping to sell all the tickets – which means a possible $4000 raised for our school! Please ask friends, family, neighbours, sports club and work colleagues. Once you sell your book, please see Karen in the office for extra tickets.

They will be easy to sell at $2 each and the prizes are quite exceptional! Plus there is a mystery seller’s prize for most tickets sold. Woohoo! **All tickets (sold and unsold) need to be returned to the office by October 19th (the remaining tickets will be sold on the day)**

Thank you to everyone for your support. Please see attached for details about some of the prizes in the Head, Heart and Hands packages.

Thank you to the generous businesses who have donated towards the raffle – keep your eye out for more information about these businesses in the coming week’s newsletters.

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Spring Fair Cake Stall

Each year, our cake stall is very popular and raises valuable money for our school, however this could not happen without everyone helping out through the donation of yummy homemade treats!

As every little bit counts, we need your help to start thinking about what you and your family could make for the stall. (kids love cooking!!)

At the beginning of term 4, keep a look out for the cake stall bags in your child’s school bag. There will also be extra cake stall bags, labels and small cellophane bags just outside the office in the school corridor if you need them or if you have family or friends who would like to bake too.

As an example of donations can be cakes, biscuits, gingerbread men, toffees, lollipops, pastries, sweet breads, muffins, scones, chocolate balls, honey joys, chocolate crackles, slices etc.

Gluten free items would also be much appreciated.

All baked goods must be free from peanuts. We cannot sell items with uncooked eggs or uncooked dairy produce (butter, butter icing, milk, cream, cheese etc.) due to food handling restrictions from the council however you can include these ingredients if they are cooked into the product.

**Please drop off your baked goodies to the cake stall on Fair Day.**
RAFFLE PRIZE LIST 2016

HEAD, HEART & HANDS

All Prize packs valued at over $1000!

**Head**
1. Children's Book Pack $50
2. 12 bottles Avanmore Estate Biodynamic Shiraz / Chardonnay (Bendigo) $180
3. Skaterz voucher $200 party
4. Pro Health $50 voucher
5. Mickey's Fitness 1 month's membership $80
6. Yarra Glen Hotel voucher $25
7. Wakiti Caravan park voucher – 2 nights Tee Pee stay $160
8. 1 child's hair dressing voucher $15 (Libby Shaw)
9. Little Drop of Poison 2 free coffees and a breakfast for 2 (approximately $50)
10. Api Wraps – Cheese Lover Pack $20 / Kitchen Basics Pack $30
11. Gluckskafer Wooden Rainbow Puzzle $90
12. Friendship Tree $20 voucher and pyjama bag
13. $45 Kinesiology voucher Melissa Gonella
14. Hypnotherapy session $60
15. Eco toys – Hape Quadrilla Marble run $140
16. Scaffidi Hair Design Voucher $85
17. Museum voucher

**Heart**
1. Ceres food voucher $50
2. Epoche Store - Nanchen dolly (handmade in Germany) valued at $180
3. Catherine Mazotta - interior design consultation $200
4. Yellow Dance Spot voucher $60
5. 1 child's hairdressing voucher $15 (Libby Shaw)
6. Rocklyn Ashram Voucher $160 (one night's personal retreat)
7. Circus Oz Family Pass $72
8. Yarra Glen Hotel voucher $25
9. Gluckskafer Wooden Bear Puzzle and Natural Wooden Castle Puzzle $90
10. 12 bottles Avanmore Estate Biodynamic Shiraz / Chardonnay (Bendigo) $180
11. Clay Oven Restaurant Voucher $50
12. 6 Yong's Yoga Classes $90
13. Intuitive Palmistry and Astrology Reading voucher Juliet Gauci $60
14. Run to The River Hamper $160
15. Bulleen Art and Garden $40 Voucher for Sustainable Gardening & Living classes
16. Urban Grooves Voucher $50
17. Museum voucher

**Hands**
1. Balance Gymnastics 1 terms fees $250
2. Sisters of Merci Voucher $100
3. Auman's voucher $25
4. Maison Vale Free Form Patchwork Kit - Cot Bundle - $125
5. Ceramic Art work $40
6. Terrariums by Ella – terrarium $50
7. Fairyfields - one pair of slippers and a fairy crown $20
8. Espresso 3094 – Voucher $100
9. Watercolour Sketch Pad and 48 Lyra Water Colour Pencils $80
10. Wakiti caravan park voucher – 2 nights tee pee stay $160
11. 12 bottles Avanmore Estate Biodynamic Shiraz / Chardonnay (Bendigo) $180
12. Who Gives a Crap Toilet Paper Carton 48 rolls $48
13. Switch Funky - Spa and Dadi hand products $100
14. Bulleen Art and Garden $40 Voucher for Sustainable Gardening & Living classes
15. Eltham Wildcats Basketball Club $80 voucher for a free term of Wild Cat Club sessions
16. Manicure and Pedicure Voucher $65
Wakiti Creek Resort is a picturesque, secluded holiday park on over 90 acres of beautiful natural bush land on the banks of the Wakiti Creek just 20 minutes east of Echuca. Cabins, Teepees, Camping, Pet Friendly, Family Friendly, Camp Fires allowed. (03) 5867 3237

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**Commumity Notices**

**esafety Talks for Community parent groups**

**Diamond Valley Library**  
**Thursday 6 October**  
**1.00pm-3.00pm**

This presentation is aimed at parents, carers and grandparents and has practical information to support conversations and safety measures for today's youth. Strategies for safe use of the internet will be explained and useful links to the Office's esafety resources.

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**Your ultimate guide to Banyule & Nillumbik for kids!**

Looking for fun family activities in and around Banyule and Nillumbik?

From child-friendly venues, playcentres, markets, sports, festivals and free things to do you will find it all in one spot on your favourite guide to the best the area has to offer!

NEW WEBSITE NOW LIVE!  
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Banyule Nillumbik Kids is a FREE service that makes looking for things to do with the kids easier for you!

Our goal is to connect parents and carers with child friendly businesses/services or products and provide them with the information they need to make the right choices for their families by using a multi-platform approach.

Stay up-to-date with specials, giveaways, events, school holiday activities and more!

Feeling lost? We’re here to help!

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**T-ball Smash**

**Starts Friday October 26th**  
**at Glenelg Park, Lower Plenty**

For boys and girls aged 5-12 years

Learn more and register:
- Roadrunner TBall Smash
- www.tballsplash.com.au
- ballargeon_aj@hotmail.com
- AJ on 0423 782 970