



# Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 1, 2017

Friday 3rd February

## Dates to Remember

Mon 20th February  
Parent Teacher Interviews

Wed 22nd February  
Parent teacher interviews

Mon 27th February  
School Photos

Monday 13th March  
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th March  
Curriculum Day—  
School Closed

Friday 31st March  
Last Day of Term 1  
Early Finish @  
2.30pm

## Principal Report

### Welcome to 2017

It was wonderful to see all of the children from Class 1 – 6 return bright and refreshed on Wednesday. Yesterday, our new Prep children arrived ready to start school full of excitement and expectation. We warmly welcome all of our new families to Briar Hill Primary School. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year of learning.

### Staff News

We welcome our new Business Manager Michelle McBean to Briar Hill Primary School. Michelle has previous school experience at Laurimar and Greenhills Primary School and will replace Mary Butterworth as she retires in early February and Karen Hatfield who returns to her role as an Integration Aid supporting our children in their classrooms. Please come into our temporary office in the Library and introduce yourself to Michelle.

### The Briar Hill staff team for 2017 is:

<b>Principal</b>	Sue Young
<b>Assistant Principal</b>	Margaret Doucas
<b>Business Manager</b>	Michelle McBean
<b>Prep</b>	Lauren Somerhayes
<b>Prep / One</b>	Bridy Fitzpatrick
<b>Two</b>	Lisa Bernado
<b>Two</b>	Alison Butterworth & Kurt Shean
<b>Three</b>	Aphrodite Loizou
<b>Three /Four</b>	Janet Patterson
<b>Four</b>	Ashley Lubicz
<b>Five</b>	Melinda Rankin
<b>Six</b>	Juliette Keam, Natalie Will & Kurt Shean
<b>Science</b>	Rhonda King
<b>PE</b>	Georgia Bhandari
<b>Languages</b>	Catherine Menyhart
<b>Integration Support</b>	Deanne Geddes & Karen Hatfield

## **Thankyou**

Many teachers spent their personal holiday time at school preparing for the year. It demonstrates the commitment our teachers have to your children and their learning.

Thank you also to all of the parents who helped us with the huge move at the end of 2016 and with the setting up this year. We really appreciate your ongoing support.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the term, the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Interviews will be on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February or Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February after school. The online booking system will be available next week and information regarding the booking system will be sent home. We will be asking you to consider the goals you have for your child both academically and socially to share with your child's teacher at the interview.

## **Communication with teachers**

This year the main form of communication between teachers and parents will be through email. The Department of Education has provided each teacher with an edumail address. Your child's teacher will provide their email address for you in the Class Newsletter which will be provided next week. If you would like to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment which suits you both. Please remember that your child's teacher is busy preparing to teach the class in the morning and will not have adequate time to discuss matters with you then. All of the teaching staff will have meetings on Monday and Tuesday afternoons this year. These meetings will be Professional Learning and Team meetings.

## **A smooth start to the day**

All classrooms will be open at 8.45am in the morning for your child to organise themselves before learning begins. The day will commence at 9am with Morning Circle. Some classes will have specialist subjects at 9am. Please make sure that your child is at school on time...no one likes to enter a group after it has commenced. This year, as we move to the COMPASS online role marking system, any child who comes to school after 9am will be marked as a late arrival. Thank you for supporting your child by getting them here before 9am.

### **Compass is coming**

This year we are implementing the COMPASS online communication platform for our school. All of our school information will be accessible to you and this will be our main form for communication to our community. Newsletters from the whole school and classes will be provided eliminating the need for paper copies. You will be contacted regarding your login details in the near future.

### **Tuckshop is back next week**

Deb's delicious delicacies return next week. Thanks Deb we are all looking forward to your cooking.

### **School Fee Payments**

We would really appreciate early payment of the school fees this year. All of the money you pay goes towards the materials that support your child's learning program. Reminder notices will be sent out next week. Please contact Michelle in the office if you have any queries.

### **School Assembly**

Our whole school assemblies will now be held on Monday's at 2.45pm in the multi-purpose room. Each week we will enjoy musical performances by our very talented students. Our School Captains and Vice Captains (who will be elected next week by their peers) will run our assemblies in conjunction with Margaret Doucas our Assistant Principal. You are most welcome to join us.

Thank you for supporting our school.

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

# Assistant Principal Report

Welcome everyone! What a fantastic start it has been.

My role this year as Assistant Principal at BHPS involves the development of a learning environment for students and teachers that is scaffolded by the Victorian Curriculum in line with FISO which is the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes. BHPS is led by the Victorian Government Curriculum with influences derived from the Steiner Curriculum. I will be assisting in the development of consistent documentation and supporting the direction set by the Department of Education in relation to the outcomes of the School Priority Review held in December last year. The Review findings will be available to us all later this term. I will be supporting teachers through professional learning, development and coaching which will in turn will drive student learning.

I'm looking forward to a great 2017.

Margaret Doucas  
Assistant Principal



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