School Calendar Dates:

**OCTOBER**
- **Mon 17**
  P-2 Swimming
- **Mon 24**
  P-2 Swimming
- **Wed 12**
  Whole School Photo
- **Thurs 13**
  Walk To School
- **Fri 14**
  Fancy Hat Day (mystery bottle donation)
- **Wed 19**
  Year 6 State Library Excursion
- **Sat 22**
  Spring Fair
- **Wed 26-Fri 28**
  Year 3 & 4 Camp
- **Mon 31**
  Curriculum Day

**NOVEMBER**
- **Tues 1**
  Melbourne Cup Day
- **Wed 2**
  Whole School Photo

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

**Spring Fair**
The countdown is on! It is only 7 days until the Briar Hill Community celebrate the annual Spring Fair. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank everyone who has been working tirelessly to make this day a big success. I would like to especially mention our School Council President Sophie Walsh who has been organizing and managing all of the wonderful events that will happen at the Spring Fair. All money raised will go to re-surfacing the school oval with turf.

**Spring Fair – Working Bee**
Please join us this Sunday between 9 and 12 to tidy up the school grounds ready for our special event. A short meeting will be held at 9am on Friday morning in the staffroom to plan the tasks for the working bee.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**
Catherine Menyhart our German teacher applied for a 4 week language intensive course run by Goethe Institute, which promotes German language learning and teaching and culture, throughout the world. Catherine has been successful in obtaining a scholarship in 2017 and will be away in Term 3 in 2017 to study and visit many cities throughout Germany. I know that you will join with me in congratulating Catherine.

I would like to congratulate Freya Oretti in Class 3 for winning third place (Primary School category) in a national song-writing competition, “Change the World with Your Song”, for her song “Shopping for Love”, about what the world would be like if only you could buy love at the supermarket. (How original is that?) This competition aims to generate discussion on issues that matter to everyone. One comment on her song was: “Highly original concept, delightfully expressed in the lyrics and well supported by the melody”

**SCHOOL REVIEW**
The Department of Education and Training has planned a Priority Review for our school. The review will take place this term and will provide the school community with the opportunity to participate and give feedback in regards to the learning opportunities provided for our children. From our review we will develop our next strategic plan that will guide much of our day to day whole-school planning. It is very exciting to be at the helm as we go through this process. More details regarding this will be in the newsletter in coming weeks.
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY BACK IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
From Wednesday the 12th of October the whole school assembly at 3pm will be in the multi-purpose room. The Prep children will be joining us each week.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The results of the Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey have been made available to schools. Further details regarding our results will be in next week’s newsletter.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO
The whole school photo could not go ahead today due to the rain. It has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 2nd November (the day after Cup Day).

I look forward to seeing you at the Working Bee on Sunday.
Thank you for your support.

Sue Young
Acting Principal

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday the 7th of October the House Athletics were held. In the morning Prep, Grade One and Grade Two came down to the oval to play 6 different games. There was a giant egg and spoon race, a relay, Frisbee, cricket, sprints and space hoppers. Everyone rotated around the activities. Everyone had lots of fun and House captains had a great time running it.

After morning tea, the older kids took part in House Sports. The different events were 100 metre, 400 metre and 1,500 metre races. There was also long jump, discus and shotput. The scores were very close but in the end Banksia won.

From Hana and Edie Class 6.
We need a volunteer/s to coordinate the Mango Fundraiser for 2016. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with this.

Next Friday the 14th of October we will be having a Fancy Hat Day at School. Please wear a fancy hat next Friday and bring a mystery bottle or two donation for the Mystery Bottle, Spring Fair Stall.

Be creative, have fun, it will be fantastic to see all the amazing hats.
Spring Fair Opp Shop News

It's time!!! Spring is here and it is time to clear out our houses. The Opp Shop will start collecting good quality second hand goods for the Spring Fair from Friday, the 9th of October onwards.

Please drop goods off in front of the hub in the mornings after drop off. We are also looking for big cardboard boxes. If you have any at home, please drop them off as well.

Due to unforeseen private and work commitments we are also looking for one person to join our team and help us with the sorting prior to Spring Fair. If you have time after drop off or before pick up a couple of times a week for the next 2 weeks, please contact Judith on 0416005958. This involves no commitment on Spring Fair day!

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!

Cake stall bags will be distributed this week so keep a look out for them 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.

Donations could include 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. If you are unable to attend on the day of the Fair, goods can be left at the office on the Friday before.
RAFFLE NEWS
Tickets are selling fast! All ticket books have been allocated! If you are unlikely to sell all your tickets, please return unsold tickets by ASAP, as there are other families able to sell more.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

For sale: 3/4 size viola with bow and hard case. $200
Please call Hannah 0410 258 401

For sale: half size cello, with bow and soft case. $40!
Please call Hannah 0410 258 401

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Greenhills Primary School Spring Fair
23 October, 10am to 4pm
Rides • Live Music • Food
Entertainment • Art & Craft • Market Stalls
Games • Books • Plants
Science Zone • Art Show
Animal Farm • Raffles
Something for everyone!

Greenhills Primary School
Mine Street, Greensborough, ph: 9435 4181

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Collingwood College
Spring Fair
10am - 4pm
Sunday October 16
Circus Q2 workshops
Preloved clothes & books
Cakes & more cakes
Plants & seedlings
Student art show
Live music incl. Cookin’ on 3 Burners
Children’s activities
Battle of the bands
Open classrooms & school tours
Delicious food & drinks
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden preserves

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ELTHAM MUDBRICK TOUR 2016
SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, OPEN HOUSE 10AM–4PM

Join us on a tour of five beautiful and individual Mudbrick houses in the Eltham area. Nillumbik’s Mudbrick houses, always architecturally creative, are part of an alternative housing movement ahead of its time, built with environmentally sustainable and recycled materials in natural harmony with the bush landscape.

The tour maintains a 50-year tradition pioneered by Alistair Knox and is run by Eltham High School community volunteers to help support its renowned music program. Eltham High School ensemble musicians will perform in The Barn Gallery at Montsalvat on the day between 10am and noon.

Tickets at www.trybooking.com
Adults: $25 (Children under 16 free)
Concession: Seniors/Students/Health card $20
Tickets may be available on the day if not sold out

- Tour starts from Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham
- Photo ID required
- Free parking with regular shuttle buses between the houses
- Allow two or more hours, some walking is required
- Enjoy homemade cakes and drinks at one house

For more information: www.elthammudbricктour.org
Facebook: Eltham Mudbrick Tour