



# Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 30

Friday 11th October 2018

## Dates to Remember

### OCTOBER

19th Chai Friday

20th Saturday Working Bee

28th Spring Fair

31st 3-4 Camp 3 days

### NOVEMBER

1st Outdoor Classroom Day

5th Curriculum Day

6th Melbourne Cup Day

12th P-2 Swimming commences

13th Parent Talk—TBC

15th 3-6 Swim Carnival

16th Chai Friday

22nd Strings Concert 7pm  
Montmorency Secondary

## Principal Report

### Welcome Back

I hope you all had a great Holiday break. Spring has sprung and the children all looked ready to go after their break. It has been a very settled start to term. Term 4 is a busy one! We have a few tasks to complete to organise the school for 2019. Firstly is the grade structure. Where possible we will try to have straight grades. We have the following numbers "pencilled in" for 2019. They need to be divided amongst 8 classes so you can see that there will be a composite somewhere.

Prep 30  
Ones 25  
Twos 30  
Threes 21  
Fours 29  
Fives 28  
Sixes 25

If you are a mathematical person and love to play with numbers see if you can work out 8 classes from these numbers. Feel free to email me any suggestions.

After the grade structure is worked out we then go about allocating teachers. At this stage we are keeping all of our current classroom teachers and Ingrid Kleinhenz will be returning from leave. It's great that we will maintain our team of teachers into 2019.

If your family is not returning in 2019 please let us know as soon as possible as we need to know that information to finalise our grade structure.

### Science /Curiosity Centre!

You may have already read this in the local paper. The Liberals if elected have committed to spend \$400 000 to upgrade our current Science Room. An upgrade of this room would be a HUGE boost to our school. I'm also working feverishly to try to get Labour to match this...or at least some of it! I know we have tagged the Fair money to the Kids Kitchen in this room but we will be able to spend this money elsewhere if we are successful in getting the upgrade.

### **Working Bee**

We have changed the date of the working bee to next Saturday the 20th of October from 9.00 to 1.00pm. It's basically a "spruce up" before the Spring Fair. Please bring along wheelbarrows and shovels as we have a large mulch pile to spread. Rin is coordinating the morning so report to her on the day for a job!

### **Spring Fair**

If you are not already involved – get involved!! Now is the time...it's not far away!! Thank you to all who are starting to appear out of the woodwork...like worker bees....making chutney....collecting prizes...the work is happening. This year the money will go towards a kitchen for the kids! It will be located in the upstairs floor of the Science/Curiosity Centre. What a great way to bring our garden program alive!

### **David McKenzie Award winner Micah**

David McKenzie was the Federal Member for Diamond Valley from 1972-1975, as well as an educator and passionate advocate on social justice issues. During his time in parliament David worked tirelessly to care for vulnerable people and for a more compassionate society. David continues to be a champion of education, social justice and passionate advocate for people in our local area.

Micah was nominated by her teachers as this year she has shown a commitment to social justice, to looking after fellow students and who has always displayed compassion and kindness. In particular her work with the children from the Diamond Valley Special Development School children has been amazing. The award was presented to Micah at Monday's Assembly by Vicki Ward, State Member for Eltham.



### **Swimming**

This year's swimming will be a Prep to grade 2 program. There has been a change in the way swimming is being implemented this year in schools. As swimming is a part of the Curriculum we can't charge the parents for instruction as we have done, and most schools, in the past. We can only charge for bus costs and pool entry. This change was announced after we had completed our budgeting process for this year. If all 174 from Prep to 6 children were to attend 8 classes of swimming the cost for instruction would be \$6748.00. The government has given us \$1800.00 in extra money targeted for swimming instruction. At School Council we decided to target this money to the Prep to 2 area and provide them with 6 lessons later this term. A notice will come home shortly.

### **Vanuatu – Principal Mentoring**

I will be working with a group of three Principals in Vanuatu next week as part of a mentoring Program for the Vanuatu Education Department. It's also sponsored by a company called Pacific Assist that helps small Island nations across the Pacific. I have been working with a Principal, Haward Mala at Vila East School in Port Vila. We have skyped, emailed and phoned so it will be great to see the school in which he works. Pacific Assist has worked for a number of years and realise that to truly make a difference, beyond donating pens and books, building the skills of the school leaders will have a greater impact. I am flying back on Thursday afternoon so I'll be at school on Friday. I will let you know how we go.

Here is the weblink to Pacific Assist and their latest projects. <http://www.pacificassist.org/latest-news>

### **Simone Mitchell Nolan....**

Did you see the Age this week....our own Simone making the paper with a further push for decodable readers in very school!

Click here.. <https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/coalition-pledges-to-overhaul-the-repetitive-books-given-to-preps-20181009-p508p0.html>

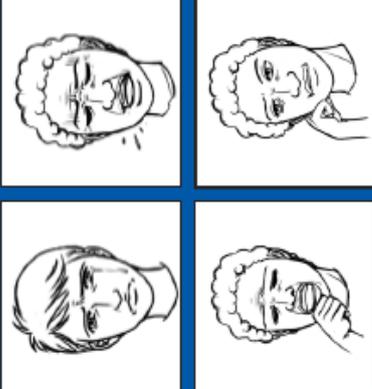
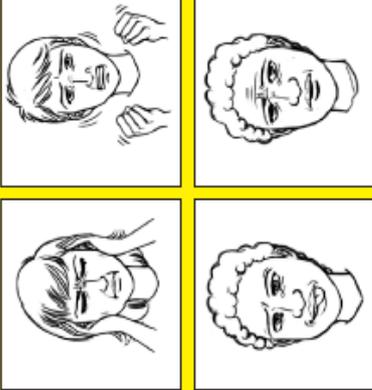
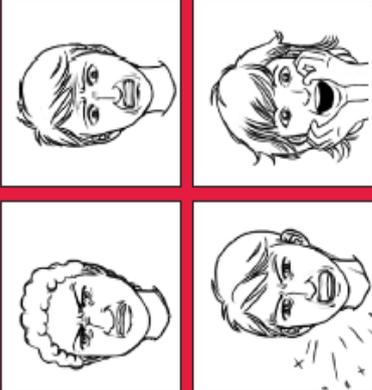
Have a great weekend everyone

Rowan Kayll  
**Principal**

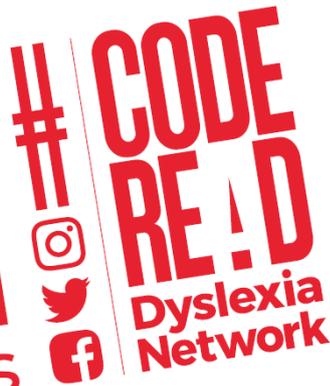


**Grade 6 Circus Performance**

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For Dyslexia Awareness



## **DYSLEXIA FACTS**

- Dyslexia affects up to 1 in 5 people
- 20% of Children are at risk of reading failure
- There is a no greater prevalence of Dyslexia in boys than girls
- Dyslexia is Genetic and runs in families
- Dyslexia ranges from mild to severe
- Dyslexia is not related to IQ, nor does it affect IQ
- Coloured Reading Lenses do not help with dyslexia as Dyslexia is not a problem with eyes
- A Behavioural Optometrist cannot diagnose or fix Dyslexia
- Diet supplements, brain training or bone manipulation will not help Dyslexia
- Dyslexia is not curable, however with appropriate accommodations all students can soar



### **OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH**

Get Onboard with Code Read Dyslexia Network by joining our campaigns for greater awareness:- Host a Paper Plane Challenge Day or 'Light it Red for Dyslexia'.

For more information, visit: [www.codereadnetwork.org](http://www.codereadnetwork.org)



## **MANGO FUNDRAISER**

In Term 4 we will be doing our mango fundraiser again. It is a very popular one that raises lots of money for the school. The mangoes will be \$30 per 10kg box (\$5 of this goes to the school). They are super yummy.



Now is the time to start asking friends and family to jump on board.

The order forms will go out at the end of term and orders will be due by October 30th with delivery 1-2 weeks later.

Any questions please contact Jodi on 0413 582 183.



# BERRY STREET

We're for Childhood  
SINCE 1877

It's hard to think about, but neglected and abused local children need safe and loving homes. Please consider enquiring about foster care. ***A little of your time could change an entire life.***

Berry Street is hosting information nights for people considering foster care. All welcome.

Each session runs from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at the Berry Street Northern Office, 677 The Boulevard, Eaglemont.

- Wednesday 3 October
- Thursday 8 November
- Tuesday 4 December

For more information please contact Lauren Riddle or Donna Lynch  
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Thursday 18 October  
6-8pm  
Mister Morris  
20 Junction street Preston  
Showcasing the work of the  
NCAT visual Arts Immersion  
class of 2018

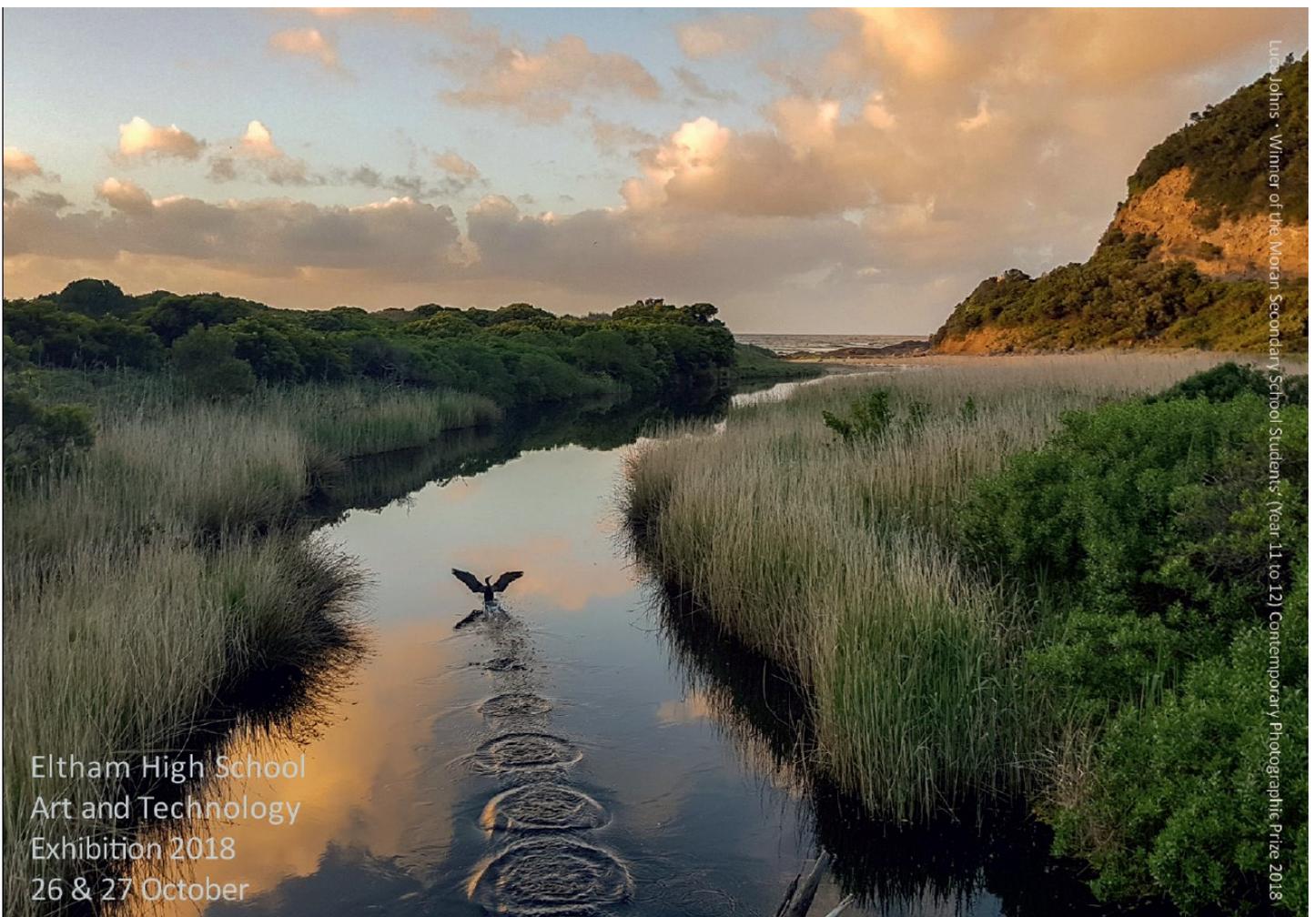
# Family Camp Eureka

CUP WEEKEND

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
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affordable accessible accommodating

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or call 0409 955 779



Eltham High School  
Art and Technology  
Exhibition 2018  
26 & 27 October

Lara Johns - Winner of the Moran Secondary School Students' (Year 11 to 12) Contemporary Photographic Prize 2018