



# Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 28

Friday 14th September 2018

## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

17th Prep Walk to Yandell

19th Class 6 Circus Performance

21st Last day of Term 2.30pm dismissal

## Principal Report *sponsored by J Swanson*

### One week to go!!

How time flies!! Three quarters of the year gone...one term left. I thought I would share a Michael Grose article around Social Skills. For me it makes sense that we can assist in their development at home. This article categorises the skills necessary for a successful experience with peers.

For those of you who would like to read more please head to Parenting Ideas on this link...Its a great website! One of his latest webinars is about managing video games with children.  
<https://www.parentingideas.com.au/>

### Social skills for children

By Michael Grose

*School brings different types of learning, including social interactions and how to make friends. Parents can lay the foundations at home by teaching their kids these 7 important social skills.*

Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better. More significantly, *positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.* Friendships skills are generally developmental, but they don't develop in isolation. Kids acquire these skills when they play with their siblings and interact with children and adults outside their family.

*Today's children grow up with fewer siblings, fewer opportunities for unstructured play and less freedom to explore friendships than children of even ten years ago.*

Parents can help kids develop important social competencies by teaching them sociable behaviours at home, being good role models and providing opportunities for kids to play with each other in a variety of situations.

## **Here are 7 important social skills to help children to develop:**

### **1. Ask for what you want**

Help children ask for what they want. It means they don't throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what's on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

### **2. Good manners**

Teach kids good manners, in particular the three 'power words'. These words are very persuasive because they have a way of breaking down barriers and people's defences. These three words are: your name; please; thanks. These terms are the basis of good manners, and, when used, will increase the likelihood of getting what you want.

### **3. Sharing**

Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people's feelings.

### **4. Holding a conversation**

Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

Children within conversations need to learn to ask good or interesting questions; to take turns when speaking and to show you are listening by making eye contact and not interrupting.

### **5. Winning and losing well**

Kids need to learn to win without rubbing others noses in it, and lose gracefully without throwing tantrums and making excuses. Wanting to win is natural, but they need to do so in a way that they maintain a relationship with other players so they will play again. Losing may make kids feel bad, but kids need to control their negative feelings so that others will play with them again.

### **6. Approaching and joining a group**

The ability to approach strangers in social situations is valuable skill that opens up many doors, both friendship-wise and business-wise. These skills can be learned and practised during childhood, so that it becomes second nature in adulthood.

## **7. Handling fights and disagreements**

Disagreements happen in families and among friends. The key is to make sure disagreements don't lead to the breakdown of friendships. It's important to get across to kids that having an argument or disagreement doesn't mean that a friendship is over. Strong friendships, like strong family relationships, withstand disagreements. In fact, they only serve to strengthen friendships.

The results of a number of studies indicate that children can be taught friendships skills. The strategies are simple and revolve around teaching children a range of friendly behaviours such as: talking with others while playing, showing an interest in others, smiling, offering help and encouragement when needed, a willingness to share and learning how to enter a game or social situation.

As parents we often focus on the development of children's academic skills and quite easily neglect the development of important social skills, which contribute so much to children's happiness and wellbeing.

Have a great weekend!

Rowan Kayll  
Principal

# OUR SCHOOL

My wonderful school's name is Briar Hill Primary.

My school has a beautiful clay dragon that was built by the mother of a boy in our class.

It has a boring set of toilets that we went through a period of time thinking were haunted (typical us).

There is also a beautiful cosy library and I reckon no other school would have one like it!

I'll usually be found playing somewhere in the fitness. The fitness is a beautiful place down the bottom of the oval. It is full of gum trees, cubbies, flowers, sticks, logs and lots of different plants and grass.

I also really love the deck outside the Grade 4 classroom because it has a huge amount of space and can be used for so many occasions and purposes.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful staff here and I really appreciate it. We also have lots of amazing student teachers come and go.

I love my school.

By Poppy Collins

# 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.

## Vote for The **Banyule Sugar Glider Project**



**Pick My Project** is a community grants initiative, with \$30 million available to fund local projects. This project will fund 300 new Sugar Glider boxes in Banyule, strengthening our wildlife corridors.

### To vote

1. click on the <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/>
2. Register / Log in
3. Search in top right corner
4. Scan projects or directly enter: The **Banyule Sugar Glider Project**

### Voting closes 17 September

The voting process requires you to shortlist 3 projects. Choose those that appeal to you including the **Banyule Sugar Glider Project** (of course!)

**Thank you for your vote!**

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# Spring Fair Support



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## SUPERTRAMP'S ROGER HODGSON

CELEBRATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
BREAKFAST IN AMERICA

SYDNEY  
WED 30<sup>TH</sup> JAN  
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DUE TO HUGE DEMAND  
THU 31<sup>ST</sup> JAN  
STATE THEATRE

MELBOURNE  
SAT 2<sup>ND</sup> FEB  
PALAIS THEATRE  
PERTH  
MON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB  
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**Silent Auction: Bluesfest Touring have kindly donated 2 tickets to see Supertramp's Roger Hodgson at the Palais Theatre in Melbourne February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. See shows at: [www.bluesfesttouring.com.au](http://www.bluesfesttouring.com.au)**



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*We are in full swing this month confirming all the children's entertainment, market stalls and performances.*

***CALLING ALL BARISTAS!!!***

*Are there any baristas out there whom could help us out for the Spring Fair Café please?*

*We would love to have 1 or 2 more people who are experienced in working in a busy environment to help us out making coffees during the busy periods on Fair day (12-2pm or 2-4pm, times to be confirmed).*

*We are happy to send one of our friendly crew to your class stall as an exchange.*

*If you can help us out, please contact Catherine Kato on 0413 325 747 or [cathkato7@gmail.com](mailto:cathkato7@gmail.com)*

*Thanks!*

*Together we can make it!*

*Thank you heaps  
The Spring Fair Team  
Hayley, Suzy & Manjari, Katrina*

- Have an idea to share or want to help but not sure what's involved?*
- Maybe you just want to be delegated a single task?*
- Why not come along to our Spring Fair Committee meetings held every Monday morning at the hub at 9.15am.*
- Hot tea and smiles provided*

Contact Hayley: [hayleyjblack@gmail.com](mailto:hayleyjblack@gmail.com)

Contact Suzy: [susannah54@hotmail.com](mailto:susannah54@hotmail.com)



# MEDITATION CLASSES

FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SOUL

**New Classes.**

**Every Thursday Night**

**7pm - 8.15pm**

FROM 11TH OCTOBER

Join us as we enjoy the benefits of  
meditation and explore different  
techniques

SUITABLE FOR ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS

“Every one of us already has the seed of  
mindfulness. The practice is to cultivate it.”

Thich Nhat Hanh

Greenhills Neighbourhood house,  
Community Drive, Greensborough.

Contact Hayley - 0409640996  
info@myhappystar.com.au

\$15  
per  
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Freshwater Creek Steiner School

# SPRING FAIR

## & Open Day

School Info COFFEE  
CHAI CAFE Food Stalls  
Craft PIXIE PLAYGROUND  
MARKET STALLS live music  
Billycart races

10-3PM SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER NEXT TO FARMERS PLACE  
52 Melitayres Rd Phone 5264 5077

# WAREHOUSE SALE

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER

9.30am-3pm

Unit 2 (Rear Unit)  
123 Merrindale Drive  
Croydon South

- Art & Craft Supplies
- Quality Toys
- School Supplies
- Samples
- Discontinued Lines
- Damaged Stock

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# Family Camp Eureka

## CUP WEEKEND

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
All families welcome

affordable accessible accommodating

visit: [www.familycampeureka.weebly.com](http://www.familycampeureka.weebly.com) for more details  
or call 0409 955 779