



Principal Report

Spring Fair

What a lovely day!! The weather was perfect – not too hot and not too cold! The activities were fun and the children had a ball. Lots and lots and lots of volunteers also made the day a HUGE success.

Again our Fair has a different vibe to other school fairs. Ours moves to the beat of a different drum. It's a relaxed pace. It's like a Sunday stroll after a big lunch. The children all had a great time and its such a wonderful opportunity to build a sense of community.

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to work on a stall. Sharing the load always makes a difference. Thanks to all of the staff who get behind these events and also volunteer their time. The dunking machine made a \$600 profit!

To our wonderful fair committee led by Catherine Kato and Giuliana Priolo. They did an outstanding job. The day ran so well. This was simply due to their perseverance, commitment and attention to detail. Thank you!!

Whilst we will raise some great money (in excess of \$18000) the day is more about getting together as a community. The Fair always gives us a chance to showcase our school and promote it in a positive light. The future of our school is assured with such community support. The money will be going towards the Multi Purpose Room upgrade.

Cup Day Monday

This is a Curriculum Day for all students. I hope you enjoy the slightly longer, long weekend!

Outdoor Classroom Day – Next Thursday the 7th

This is happening Thursday!! It's the first time we have participated in tis and have registered with over 1400 other schools. Our 3-4 children will be on camp whilst the rest of the school will spend the day learning outdoors. The only indoor space that the children will be able to use is the toilets!!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day – Wednesday 6th November

A special day on the calendar is the Grandparents and Special Friends Day for our Prep to Grade 2 children. Its in the morning and it will be a highlight for the children to show off their classroom and also their school.

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

1st Woodwork Incursion 1/2K & 2M
4th Curriculum Day
5th Melbourne Cup Day
6th-8th 3/4 Camp
6th Grandparents Day
7th Outdoor Classroom Day
11th P/2 Swimming
12th Prep Transition
15th Chai Friday Class 5
18th P/2 Swimming
19th Prep Transition
21st Collingwood Farm Prep
26th Prep Transition

DECEMBER

2nd P/2 Swimming
3rd Prep Transition
9th P/2 Swimming
16th P/2 Swimming
20th Final Day of School 1pm
Assembly 1.30pm Dismissal

Working Bee Thank YOU!

Thank you to all who came for the working bee on the Friday before the fair. I know there were a few more who participated than who signed in. It was a huge weekend at the school last weekend and we all appreciate the extra effort that families put in.

Jobs completed were.....

- ◆ Loads of cleaning and weeding
- ◆ Planted out the front of the school
- ◆ Mulching all around the front of the school
- ◆ Stained all the stage boxes in the Multi Purpose Room
- ◆ Prepared the 'Fitness' for the spring fair
- ◆ A number of smaller jobs including marking out the oval

2020

Can you believe its 2020 next year...the future has arrived! We have a few tasks to complete to organise the school for 2020. 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 32

Ones 28

Twos 23

Threes 35

Fours 20

Fives 27

Sixes 29

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. If your family is not returning in 2020 please let us know as soon as possible as we need to know that information to finalise our grade structure.

Thank-You

Thank you to all who were every kind to me during my mother's illness and subsequent passing. I really felt supported and connected to the school community during this time. The culmination of the kindness was the wonderful baked goodies that were delivered to the wake and subsequently devoured by all. What a beautiful gesture. My mother loved baking, especially desserts and it would have put a beautiful smile on her face.

Rowan Kayll

Principal

Term 4 Parent Talk – Open to the Community

Topic "Anxiety and depression - the science of feeling better, on a budget"

Duration 90 minutes - plus Q and A

Presenters: Drs Melissa Car and Lauren Darby, Family Chiropractors

Tuesday November 12th 2019 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Where? In The Library at Briar Hill Primary School

How to calm your mind, and live more freely, using gut science and better breathing.

This presentation will share with families the science of how a healthy gut, and dedicated breathing techniques, enhance on our mental processing, thought formulation, and behavioural development.

Further, we touch on the science of how the gut and breath impacts upon immune and cardiovascular system.

German News

Class 4 students have been learning about special calendar events in Germany throughout the year.

One event is called Fasching or Karneval. It is a week-long, street-parade festival where people wear colourful masks and costumes, and watch the many displays on moving floats that travel down the streets. People in these floats often throw sweets to the costumed crowds on the footpaths.

Class 4 students each created a stunning, colourful mask as part of their learning. Another sweet treat during Fasching is eating jam doughnuts, which the children very much enjoyed!

Class 4 students presented their artwork and learning at assembly last week, and their beautiful masks are now displayed in the foyer.

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MUSICALLY SPEAKING

Last Term of Music for 2019, and lots will be happening, beginning with the Spring Fair. Both Friday and Thursday Trillers will be performing. Children will need to be aware of the times and come and have their instruments unpacked and tuned at least 15 minutes before the required time. Thursday Trillers will need to be at school by 9.30 a.m. for tune up and warm up. Thursday Trillers will also be performing at a local nursing home. Time and date yet to be advised.

Please take note of this important date:

End of Year Concert on Thursday 21st November at Montmorency Secondary College, 7.00 p.m. The door charge for audience is \$10 as the hall has to be paid for. Any money left over will be put towards music and/or equipment purchase.

I have just returned from an overseas Orchestra Tour. A most interesting experience and one that I am very grateful to have participated in. Not only did we get to perform in wonderful churches, halls and even a palace, but we were surrounded by music and culture throughout. Our first place of performance was at La Madeleine in Paris, followed by performances in Lindau, Salzburg, Innsbruck and finally Budapest. In Budapest we were treated to some real Gypsy music performed by a fantastic Gypsy music group. In Vienna I saw the opera "Midsummer Night's Dream" by Benjamin Britten and the conductor was Australia's Simone Young.

It is not always that one is in the right place at the right time. But this happened to us on 9th of October in Leipzig, Germany, where 2 celebrations were happening at the same time. The first and most important of these was the 30th Anniversary of the coming down of the wall dividing East and West Germany. Leipzig being in the East celebrated with special enthusiasm, by special services and music. In addition, St. Nicholas church which had been without its proper bronze bells for just over 100 years celebrated the re-installment of these bells. Half way through the service all 9 bells were put into action. It was a very exciting sound and lasted about 10 minutes. The largest of the bells apparently vibrates for a whole 5 minutes, even after the sound has ceased, the bell can still be felt vibrating. This was followed by a concert at the St. Thomas Church, a very important church as far as musicians are concerned. It is also known as Bach's Church, as this is where Bach spent much time composing, performing and training the Church Choir, which is still in existence today: a Boys choir called the Tomanerchor. One of the glass stained windows has Bach's portrait in the middle. The performance of the Toccata and Fugue in D minor by Bach performed on the Organ that Bach used to perform on was a great highlight.

Enjoy the music for Term 4
Music
Mary



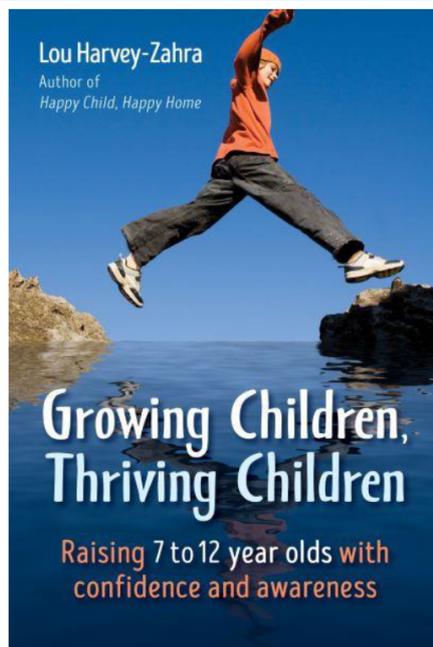
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**Grants available
from 1st November - 18th December 2019
and 6th January - 28th February 2020**

**EFT Payments made direct to school or via North
of the Yara Bookseller Vouchers**

Drop-in (no appointment required) to
Diamond Valley Community Support,
Level 3, Shop 378a, Greensborough Plaza (near Kmart)
For enquiries T: 9435 8282



Growing Children, Thriving Children

Eltham Library

Panther Place
Eltham, 3095

Monday 18 November
7.00pm– 8.00pm

Lou Harvey-Zahra offers practical tips and guidance to help parents through the challenges of the middle years, including:

Creative solutions for common discipline issues, helpful routines for busy households, fun suggestions to strengthen family bonds and sensitive advice to help children manage anger and anxiety.

Conscious Parenting: Three Gifts of Childhood Talk



with Lou Harvey-Zahra, bestselling Steiner author with with 5 books

Date: Friday 22nd November

Time: 9.30 am to 11 am

Venue: Briar Hill Primary School (The Hub)

Cost: \$10 and book on www.trybooking.com/BGJEG

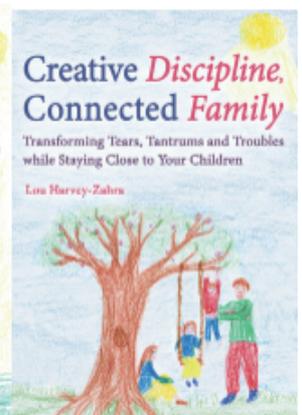
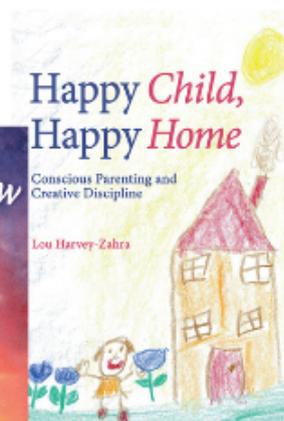
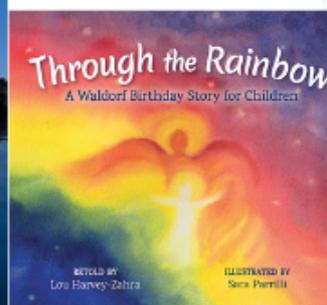
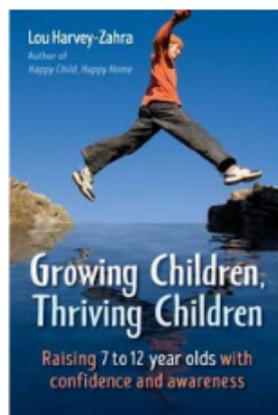
Conscious parenting ideas: find out what young children truly need to flourish and thrive? Ideas to create a happy a childhood and home. How to nourish the 'three gifts' for the best start to the human life! So many easy, practical tips to take home!

Lou Harvey-Zahra is a Steiner teacher and parenting author, her popular books include, the Steiner bestseller 'Happy Child, Happy Home', 'Creative Discipline, Connected Family'; 'Through the Rainbow' and her new book 'Growing Children, Thriving Children'.

Lou presents across LA, UK and Australia

See Lou's website www.happychildhappyhome.com

'I can't thank Lou enough - her ideas have created a much happier home for us all (parent)



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING GROUP THERAPY

Briar Hill Primary School has partnered with Play Therapy Melbourne to offer a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Group Therapy program to children. The program will run once per week, for 8 weeks in Term One 2020.

The program will be run by fully credentialed clinicians and will include the use of a registered therapy dog

The following themes will be covered:

- Managing feelings
- Being resilient
- Managing conflict
- Making friends
- Cooperation
- Relationship skills
- Self-awareness
- Responsible decision making



Costs:
\$400.00 per child
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If you are interested in the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program for your child, please contact Play Therapy Melbourne on the details below.

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