



Briar Hill
Primary School

Briar Hill Broadcast

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Principal Report

Our Week

It's strange running a school without all of the children. It's been quieter than normal but those who are attending are still enjoying their day. We are all a bit on edge. The constant hour by hour news cycle keeps us up to date but makes us more anxious than ever before. It's hard to strike a balance between being informed and ignoring things that are less important.

The Department has provided us with a "day cleaner" to wipe down all high touch surfaces and clean all areas throughout the day. We have been told to practice safe distancing with the children which does make some sense until the prep child runs up and cuddles you. We are attempting to sit children with a distance between them in the classroom and our new advice says that we shouldn't be doing any "group work" inside the classroom. It's been a bit easier now that half the children are absent. Thank you to all who have been so positive and thankful.

Chai Friday

We had a great Chai last Friday with a large number of attendees. Gryff was the entertainment and I did see the irony in his opening song "Mad World" by R.E.M. For those families who haven't heard him sing, he is amazing! Thank you to the class 5 parents who contributed and as a result we raised about \$450 for the school.

Next Term and Planning

Next week for teachers is planning week. In these meetings we will be discussing how we can support your children remotely, if needed. Included in this will be the production planning documents that teachers use. We will be making sure that they are also "parent friendly" as we may have to email them to you as well as links to resources and suggested activities if schools are closed. The department has advised us to be ready for this so more news on this will follow next week.

Illness

If your child is ill please keep them home as per normal. There is no extra advice about this except when someone has had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. 'Close contact' is defined by DHHS as someone who has had at least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case, or shared a closed space with someone for more than two hours with a confirmed case. If this was the case you would need to report this to DHHS.

Dates to Remember

March

27th Last Day of Term 2.30
Finish

FEE INSTALMENT

If you have not yet paid your second instalment, prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou to all families who are up to date with payments

Working Bee

A note from Simon Bird...

The working bee is going ahead. All the things we are prioritising are outside and we will be practicing social distancing.

Some of the jobs include:

1. Weeding the property
2. Building a chicken coop enclosure (lots of digging/hammering)
3. Sorting out the Red Shed with Rowan
4. Clearing the back entrance (brooms etc.)
5. General clean up

Fixing additional outside benches

Please remember to bring your own tools including gloves.

The working bee starts at 9.00am and plans to finish at 1.00pm.

Hope to see you there.

Thanks

Simon

See you at the working Bee

Rowan Kayll

Principal

