



# Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 29

Friday 21st September 2018

## Dates to Remember

### SEPTEMBER

17th Prep Walk to Yandell

19th Class 6 Circus Performance

21st Last day of Term 2.30pm dismissal

### OCTOBER

8th First Day of Term

14th Sunday Working Bee

19th Chai Friday

28th Spring Fair

31st 3-4 Camp 3 days

## Principal Report

### Have a Great Break!!

I hope everyone can try to make sure they get together as a family over the break. The children deserve their break as they have been working so well in their classrooms. It's been a busy and productive term. Some of the events have been.....

- Circus Sessions Class 5 and 6
- Class 6 Circus Performance
- Class 3 Play
- Class 6 Debate Night
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Class Meetings
- Class 4 shield excursion
- District Athletics
- Oxfam Concert at Monty Secondary College
- Class 6 Parliament Excursion
- Spring Soiree
- Green Team Edendale Farm Visit

Our grade 5-6 Circus performance on Wednesday night at Diamond Valley Special Development school was an amazing way of celebrating the skills that the children have developed over the 15 weeks of circus skills. The Dreaming Space, Clare and Chris do an amazing job in developing confidence and helping children take risks. If you are looking for a company who can help you with wedding entertainment, corporate entertainment, birthdays etc. click on this link and see what they have to offer.. <http://www.thedreamingspace.com.au/>

Clare and Chris are great people and the children have had a great experience.

Our class 3 play King Og was a fantastic way of consolidating the learning that has been happening this year in the classroom. The children were absolutely fabulous and have set a high benchmark for student performances in the future. In fact if a class performance can be half as good in the future it will still be fabulous! Thanks must go to Rin and Michelle for writing such an engaging script and then matching that to music and songs that enabled the students to shine. Also thanks to Rin for her many hours spent in the classroom to make sure it was a polished performance. Thanks also to Alison and the way she has held class 3 this year...such a great year for the children!

### **Mystery Blower!!**

Thank you to the mystery blower who gave our school surfaces a quick blower vac the other morning...it looks great!!

### **Spring Fair – Kid in the Kitchen!**

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! I also have an exciting announcement about our Science/Curiosity centre early next term...watch this space!

See you all next term!

**Rowan Kayll  
Principal**

### **Next Term we have the following events planned:**

#### **October**

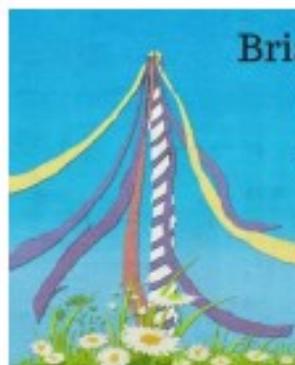
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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Working Bee  
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#### **November**

5<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
6<sup>th</sup> Cup Day  
12<sup>th</sup> P-2 Swimming starts 12.15 1-2s 1.00pm Prep (6 weeks)  
13<sup>th</sup> Parent Talk - TBC  
15<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival 3-6  
16<sup>th</sup> Chai Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> End of Year String Concert at Monty 7.00pm

#### **December**

14<sup>th</sup> Chai Friday + end of year Christmas Carols  
21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term

 <p>Briar Hill Primary School</p> <h1>SPRING FAIR</h1> <p>MARKET ACTIVITIES RIDES CONCERT HOMEMADE FOOD</p>	<p>Sunday 28th October 10am - 4pm</p>
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## School Council News Term 3 2018

**Spring Fair** - Our annual Spring Fair is fast approaching. The Spring Fair committee, Haley, Suzy, Manjari and Katrina are working feverishly. Please chat to them about how you can help, *any tasks we take charge of or contributions we make will help them along the way!*

This year's Fair, **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, is set to be a wonderful family experience with delicious food and new activities that will delight our children. Funds raised from the 2018 Spring Fair will be funding our latest project "**Kids in the Kitchen**" with future plans to install children's cooking facilities at the school. This will enable all students to create their own culinary masterpieces in 2019!

### Winter Festival - Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, Edendale Farm



This year's Winter Festival was a great success. It was a cool clear night, the perfect setting for our festival of "light". The children sang beautifully and we all enjoyed the night creek walk under the stars. The trail of hundreds of lanterns bobbing in the darkness was a sight to behold! Together, we certainly let our inner light shine through the darkness.

**Junior School Council** - BHPS is working on empowering students and improving student voice. Thanks to the class 5/6 Green Team who attended our September School Council meeting. The green team reported on the importance of making sustainable product choices for our school resources. As a result of the students concerns the School Council has committed to purchasing 100% recycled copy paper and bathroom products. Great work everyone!

**Steiner Education Australia-** We are strongly committed to Steiner influenced education at BHPS. This year to further embed the Steiner influence we applied for membership of Steiner Education Australia (SEA). Steiner Education Australia supports, advocates, promotes and represents the free and healthy development of Steiner education in contemporary, diverse contexts. An SEA representative visited the school this year and was very impressed. As a result our application for membership was approved and you can now see our school advertised on the SEA website. Hooray!

PS: SEA's Annual Newsletter is available in the school foyer.

**Working Bee** - On a sunny morning our August Working Bee was attended by a small group of happy helpers. Thank-you to the following families who have become our working bee regulars. The Bohen family, the Barrett family, the Bruce family, the Oretti family, the Gallagher family, the Lloyd Thomas family, Paulina, Suzie & Hannah, the Rowe family, Christian, Toby & Ollie and Caroline. Together we created a new garden above the oval, pruned the fruit trees in the orchard, weeded the vegie garden, cleaned, swept and made the school grounds beautiful for the enjoyment of all.

A very big thank you to Soph and Matt Jones- Kelly from **Acacia Environmental** who donated all the plants, guards and stakes to be used on the day.

Our next working bee will be the bumper **Spring Fair Working Bee, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Save the date! We have much to do to prepare the school for the coming Spring Fair.

If there is something you've spotted that needs doing.... come along and help. BYO Gloves. Moring tea and gratitude provided.

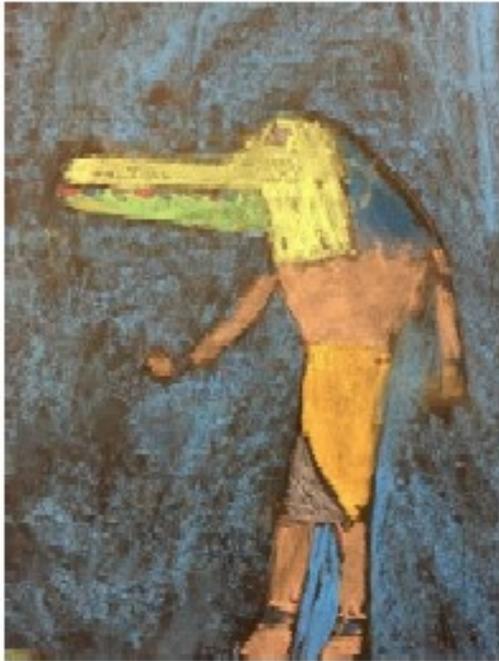
**Community Health and Wellbeing Events** - On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August the School Council presented a talk on Understanding Anxiety: Empowering You and Your Child. The event was well attended by the community with around 50 parents keen to learn practical strategies to build children's self-awareness, confidence and resilience. Stay tuned for more information regarding our upcoming term 4 Community Event on *Cyber literacy and safety*.

**Chai Friday 2018** - Chai Friday is a great opportunity for you to catch up with friends, enjoy the beautiful school grounds and connect with your school community. Congratulations to the Prep parents who raised \$600 at the recent Chai Friday. Well Done! Funds raised from Chai Friday in 2018 will be used to install a "Play Pod" in the playground.

Term 4 Chai Friday dates are as follows, see you there!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Coordinating</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class 3
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 4
Friday 14 Dec	Class 5 + end of year Christmas Carols

**Art & Craft** - Each term we love to walk the halls and admire the wealth of art on display in the school. At BHPS a great emphasis is placed on students creating and learning with their hands. Come in and admire the beautiful works on display in the hallway and classrooms.



Class 5 - Ancient Egypt



Class 3 - Weaving

## Reflections on Winter and the arrival of Spring

At Briar Hill Primary we celebrate the changing seasons. This helps to reinforce the children's identification with nature. Here we see how natural materials are used throughout our school to celebrate Seasons.



Happy Holidays,

BHPS Council

# King Og

King Og has smelly, disgusting and horrible breath.

He has big bushy, feathery eyebrows.

He also has big foam feet and four toes on each foot.

He has tusks in his drooly jaws.

King Og has a big under bite and six teeth that are painted white and mouldy green.

For King Og's eyes, he has eyes, which are made of Christmas baubles and painted white and yellow.

On his chin he has bristles like an old wart hog.

He has arms and he is six feet wide at the shoulders.

He has a bald spot at the top of his head, black hair around his head and cardboard at the top of his head.

Inside him are poles to control his mouth and eyebrows.

**By Saffire Twohig**

**Class 3**

## 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.

## Class 4 Viking Shields

Class Four has spent the two terms completing their Viking shields. We have thoroughly enjoyed the process of designing, painting, hammering on the leather trim and going on a blacksmithing excursion to make and attach the copper boss and leather straps.

It has been a long and rewarding process and we feel very proud of what we have achieved and we are now true Vikings and are ready for battle.

We would like to thank all parents for their help during this process whether it be coming along to the excursion, helping with painting, cutting the leather, hammering the boss and attaching the leather trim. We had many parents volunteer their time which helped us to all create an amazing Viking shield. Thank you to everyone for your help it is much appreciated.

Thank you

Tayla and Class 4





## Baker's Corner

*A savoury option that was a hit at playgroup, catering for the gluten free crowd, or alternatively use wheat flour of your choice for another delicious version.*

### *Lemon Thyme Gluten Free Muffins*

Line a 12-hole muffin pan with a double layer of paper cases.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees.

Ingredients:

265g plain cottage cheese

100g gluten-free flour

150g almond meal

1 large lemon, zested and juiced

1 tsp gluten-free baking powder

75g parmesan, grated

A few sprigs of thyme, leaves picked

3 tablespoons vegetable oil, or another light oil

4 large free-range eggs, lightly beaten

1. Put the cottage cheese in a bowl with the flour, almond meal, lemon zest and baking powder
2. Add 80% of the parmesan and thyme
3. Add the oil, eggs and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice
4. Season then lightly combine
5. Spoon the batter into cases and scatter with remaining parmesan and thyme.
6. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until risen and golden brown

Another option: Push a 1cm cube of marinated fetta into centre of each muffin before sprinkling with remaining parmesan and thyme, and baking.



Brought to you by the Cake Stall @ BHPS School Fair





**Art Adventure Tours  
School Holiday  
Spring Program**

3 October: Thornbury  
5 October: Eltham

All day program

[www.fionahaasz.info](http://www.fionahaasz.info)

*"It was really fun. We went to the library and looked at lots of paintings. We tried to draw each other's faces. Its as really fun to go to the bush and make art out of what we saw in nature." Callista*

**What is an Art Adventure Tour?**

Art Adventure Tour School Holiday Programs are a gentle, creative and exploratory experience for upper primary school children in which mindfulness and creativity are used in everyday locations, giving children a chance to experiment, play, socialise and do what they do best - be creative - in a small group, led by a facilitator who is a registered, experienced and qualified Art Teacher, Artist and Art Therapist (Fiona Haasz)

- A maximum of 6 children per day
- Ages of children are 8 to 12yo
- Flexible drop off and pick up times
- BYO lunch, water bottle, sunhat
- Fruit provided for am/pm snack
- Sketch book to take home
- Art materials provided
- A variety of creative activities will be included such as singing, drawing, sewing, painting, storytelling, photography, movement...

**When and Where?**

Choose from one of the following:

**Program 1:** Thornbury:  
Wednesday 3 October 2018

**Program 2:** Eltham:  
Friday 5 October 2018

Both programs will include a walking adventure with a base for relaxing at the start and end of the walk (Thornbury base is Fiona's studio/gallery, The Launching Pad and the Eltham base is Fiona's art workshop in her garage).

Cost: \$60 per child.

Bookings: Email Fiona:  
[fionahaasz@gmail.com](mailto:fionahaasz@gmail.com)  
Enquiries: Fiona: 0412 099 397

*"I thought it was really good because Fi gave us a notebook and we drew things we found from nature in the middle of the labyrinth. We went in to the bush area full of trees and ate lunch. It was really cool." Eros*

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Make sure you like their facebook page and check out the new and improved store <https://www.facebook.com/thenaturalfoodmarket/>

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or call 0409 955 779

A photograph of a group of people sitting around a picnic table outdoors at night. They are eating and talking. The setting is a campsite with a wooden building in the background.