Briar Hill Primary School

Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 3

Friday 22nd February 2019

Dates to Remember

MARCH

11th Labour Day Holiday
21st Soiree MP Room 7pm
26th-29th 5/6 camp

APRIL

1st Parent Teacher Interviews
2nd Parent Teacher Interviews
5th Last Day of Term
23rd First Day of Term 2
25th Anzac Day holiday

MAY

15TH 2020 Prep Information
16th 2020 Prep Information
29th May Open Day

Principal Report

Working Bee THIS SUNDAY @ 9am

Don't forget this Sunday will be our first Working Bee. Our focus is for all of the P-2 families to attend but we will welcome all!!! We do need some help putting up a shed for our Play Pod!! This will be exciting for the children!! If you would like to know what a play-pod is hove a look at tis link….

https://theconversation.com/one-mans-trash-how-using-everyday-items-for-play-benefits-kids-105851

AIP Directions

Last week at school council I shared our Goals and targets for 2019. All schools have a Strategic Plan that covers four years. We are in the second year of our plan. Each year we create an Annual Implementation Plan based on the 4 year Strategic Plan. It is this planning and implementation cycle that keeps our school "moving and improving."

I have included in the newsletter the Annual Implementation Plan actions. This what we are doing. There is much greater detail than this in the whole document and many hours go into its development. When the document is finalised I will upload it onto the school website.

Swimming Carnival

I attended the swimming carnival for our sports district at the Northcote pool last week. It was fantastic to see our children trying their best. They were extremely well behaved and had a great time. They were positive and supportive of each other. We actually won the district "Spirit" award for the most improved school who tried their best and competed with enthusiasm. We finished 5th which isn't bad out of 8 schools who attended.

Class Meetings…..

Thank you to all the Parents who attended the class meetings on Wednesday night. There was a warm positive buzz around the school. The teachers were extremely pleased with the levels of interaction and support. The home school partnership is very important to us.

School Leaders Kindness and Environment Captains

Congratulations to the Kindness and Environment Captains for 2019.

We will be handing out Badges to the children on Monday 25th February at Assembly in the Multi Purpose room at 2.50pm.

Environment Captains

Asha

Jade

India

Kindness Captains

Micah

Paige

Have a great weekend!

Rowan Kayll

Principal

Annual Implementation Plan Briar Hill 2019 - Actions

Key Improvement Strategy	Develop clarity and shared understanding of what is precisely meant by a Steiner-influenced model and its value, including regular evaluation of this understanding - Documenting the teaching model as a Steiner Inspired School - Further develop the Steiner practices that support and enhance Curiosity leading to greater Student Engagement
Actions	Complete the "Steiner Child at each level" document Complete the Steiner Influenced Scope and Sequence Document Document the Briar Hill model of teaching Teacher Performance Plans to include one goal on the implementation of the "Steiner influence" in their classroom
Key Improvement Strategy	Consistent implementation of the whole school approach to the management of student behaviour - Implement the student behaviour policy consistently - track student behaviour on Compass
Actions	Staff to consistently implement the Student Management Policy All staff to use Compass to record student behaviour issues
Key Improvement Strategy	Create opportunities for student voice in school decision–making, in taking responsibility for learning, in providing feedback to teachers and leaders about concerns they may have, or in negotiating what and how they are learning - Use the Professional Learning Communities to explore student voice in providing feedback to teachers and negotiating their own learning
Actions	Staff to increase their knowledge of what student voice is and how it can be used to improve their teaching
Key Improvement Strategy	Implement Essential Assessment to further develop evidenced based planning and practice in Numeracy
Actions	Develop staff to increase their skill in targeting their teaching using the results from Essential Assessment in Numeracy
Outcomes	Staff will be confident when designing learning activities for their students Staff will measure their impact and then adjust learning activities when needed Students will be more engaged
Key Improvement Strategy	Develop a school wide approach to teaching writing and Spelling
Actions	Develop teacher capacity and understanding to analyse and use student data to plan for effective teaching in Writing and Spelling Develop teacher knowledge and capacity to plan for and implement differentiated teaching practices in Writing and Spelling Develop teacher knowledge and capacity to work as effective teams utilising a PLC process, to improve writing outcomes through collaborative planning and assessment practices, including moderation
Key Improvement Strategy	Establish a culture of high expectation related to student attendance Reward student attendance across the school
Actions	Change the attitude towards attendance for parents and students
Key Improvement Strategy	Establish a more consistent process for late arrival Conduct a deeper analysis of late arrival as an action research project linked to School Council
Actions	Change the attitude towards late arrival for parents and students
Key Improvement Strategy	Continue to Build leadership capacity, including the development of a distributed leadership model through the Professional Learning Community initiative
Actions	Develop staff leadership capacity through the implementation of a distributed leadership model

Tuckshop News

Icy poles sales!

The tuckshop will be open at lunchtime on Tuesday for icy pole sales.

On the menu

Thursday 28th Feb
Chicken Curry
Vegetable Curry

Thursday 7th March
Sausage Rolls—both meat and vegetable options

Swimming Team

A big congratulations to our swim team for 2019. Everyone had a great day on Wednesday at the Northcote Pool and Briar Hill were awarded the SPIRIT AWARD for their continual improvement every year and the wonderful school representation at this years event. We would like congratulate the following students who received a place.

Freestyle

Ginger Jordan – 3rd

Audrey Barratt - 3rd

Breaststroke

Audrey Barratt – 3rd

Mitchell Bohan – 2nd

Backstroke

Ginger Jordan – 1st

Butterfly

Ginger Jordan—1st

Congratulations to Mitchell and Ginger on qualifying for the next round and all the best in the Division Competition

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BHPS Summer Working Bee – this Sunday 24/2/19 9-1pm

Our first working bee for 2019 will be held this **Sunday February 24th, 9-1pm**. This working bee is specifically for classes Prep to 3 families. We hope to see a big turnout from classes P-3. Come one, come all.

We need all hands on deck. There are jobs to suit everyone including; Replacing a sleeper step, oiling the decking, Sweeping, painting, mulching, mowing, fixing, weeding, and pruning .

Please come along and bring some tools (a whipper snipper would be very useful).

Merinda Gallagher (Buildings and Grounds extraordinaire) will be the master of ceremonies and will be at school from 9am. Merinda will be able to provide guidance around what jobs need doing. BYO gloves.

Please note, children must be accompanied by their parents / carers.

See you there & bring a plate to share for morning tea ☺,

BHPS School Council

CONNECT, GROW, EAT, ENJOY

Join us for a delicious community picnic in the beautiful surrounds of Edendale Farm. A talented chef and local students will prepare an amazing picnic spread for you - using the home grown produce received from local growers.

Date: Sunday 31 March 2019
Time: 4.30pm - 8.00pm
Venue: Edendale Community Environment Farm
Bookings essential for all options

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

OPTION 1. REGISTER AS A GROWER - Free
Supply some of your home grown produce for the Home Harvest Picnic 2019. Registering as a grower is your ticket to the event and you will receive a prepared basket for you and up to three guests.

OPTION 2. PURCHASE A PICNIC BASKET - $10 p/p

If you're not a grower but still want to be involved, a limited number of prepared picnic baskets are available for purchase online. Your picnic basket is your ticket to the event for you and up to three guests.

OPTION 3. BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC - Free

Register for free online and bring your own basket. Let us know how many tickets you would like then come soak up the atmosphere with your own picnic lunch.
To register for any of the above-mentioned options, please visit the *event page* on the **Edendale Community Environment Farm website.**