Briar Hill Primary School

Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 7

Friday 29th March 2019

Dates to Remember

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

HELP WANTED

Are you able to water the garden in the school holidays? If you are able to help out, pop your name onto the timetable that is in the office

Principal Report

Hello Autumn Chai Friday – What a Great Night!!

A great night was had by all at the Hello Autumn Chai Friday. We had many acts perform with some very talented children and also some very talented parents showcasing their acts! Unfortunately I had a sore throat so I was unable to perform which was lucky for everyone! Congratulations to the Prep parents on organising and baking many varied and yummy treats for sale. There was so much provided that we actually gave some away at the end of the night. We raised over $700 which will go towards beautifying our outdoor teaching space outside the Junior school classrooms.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Don't forget Parent Teacher Interviews are on in the last week of term on Monday and Tuesday after school. You will be using Compass to book your interview time. The details are in the Newsletter.

Camp

I ventured down to Tynong North to Mill Valley Ranch on Tuesday and spent the afternoon and evening on the 5-6 camp. It is a fantastic venue. The "Huts" where the children stay are actually old shop fronts…Children get to stay in the bakery, or the cob and co office or the bank. It looks a bit like Sovereign Hill. The facilities are first class and I stayed for dinner and the food was better than mine!

I did Archery where I won the title as the best archer on staff after I beat Robin in the final. You would think that with a name like Robin he would have been better! I jumped on the horses and with my light weigh the horse was happy to have me aboard. "Sammy" the horse was so well trained I didn't even have to steer! The children were having a fantastic time.

Camps are a great opportunity to "cut the apron strings" and let children face the world on their own. No technology and no parents to pick up their underwear off the bathroom floor. (I think there may be a few boys coming home in the same underwear that they left in!) I thank the effort of the staff, Bridy, Taylah and Robin who leave their own families behind so that we can provide such a valuable experience for the children. I would also like to thank Mark and Simon the parents who attended. Not only were they a fantastic help but it also helps us to keep the cost of the camp down to a reasonable level for all families.

Melbourne Play Therapy

Each newsletter will now contain an advertisement for Melbourne Play Therapy. Sometimes all families need assistance with emotional or family issues that the school psychological service doesn't deal with. If families are requiring support feel free to make contact with them. We have established a referral service for us to use to make recommendations but you can also make direct contact with them.

Assembly Performance Roster

No Assembly Monday 1st April

29th April	Class 5
6th May	Class 6
13th May	1-2 IK
20th May	P-1 L

Before School Care and Yard Supervision

Looking across the cold, lonely and windswept school yard as I arrive each morning I am sometimes shocked to see one or two students already dropped off at school. Apart from the fact that it is cold there is also no supervision for these students in the morning. Supervision of students does not start in the yard till **8.45am.** Before School Care is the best alternative for early morning drop offs. The children are fed breakfast and cared for until close to class time. The cost is cheap as most families, pay a maximum of 50% of the fee. It's a small price to pay to keep your children warm and safe.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews have been scheduled for Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd April from 3:40pm – 6:30pm for all parents.
Each interview time will be allocated 10 minutes. Bookings will open on Monday 24th March at 4pm. Interview times can be booked through **Compass**

Login to the Compass Parent Portal

Across the top are several tabs, select the tab with two people entitled Community

From here select Conferences. This will open up the booking page. There is an option to select 'Show me how to book' if you would like guidance on how to proceed

If you have more than one child at the school, please allow at least 10 minutes between teacher interview times.

If you have any queries regarding this process, please contact Michelle in the school office on 9435 1633. If you have any queries regarding compass or logging in, please send an email to briar.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Have a great weekend!

Rowan Kayll
Principal

SPRING FAIR NEWS

Silent Auction / Raffle Coordinator Required

After several years at the helm, Olivia will no longer be coordinating the silent auction / raffle at the Spring Fair. We desperately need someone to take over this role. You might even want to share the role with a few friends!

In recent years, the Spring Fair has raised valuable funds that allow us to update school facilities with a huge part of this profit coming from the silent auction / raffle.

Olivia is more than happy to provide as much support to the new coordinator/s as needed. All marketing materials are ready to go and the ground work is already done.

Please consider taking up this role— we cannot run the silent auction/ raffle without a coordinator!

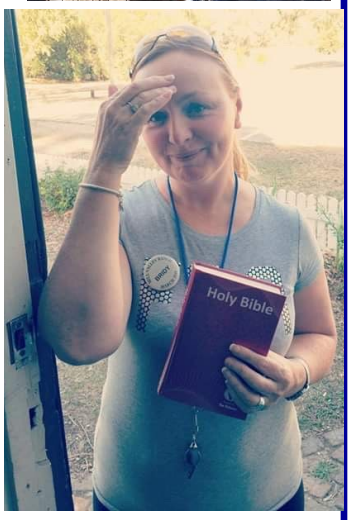
If you are interested, please call Michelle in the office or email mcbean.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au and she will put you in touch with Olivia

TUCKSHOP

On the menu Thursday 4th April:

Pasta Bolognese—$5

Custard Cups—$2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General Store
ICE CREAM & CONFECTIONERY

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Musically Speaking

Congratulations to all participants at the recent Autumn Soiree. Already the children are learning lengthy pieces, with most of the Class 6 violin students already on Grade 3 AMEB Violin, which makes for a very high standard Thursday Trillers orchestra. Thursday Trillers performed their compulsory piece which is a requirement for the Victorian Schools Music Festival in June.

Many thanks also to Mia Herrick, a past student of Briar Hill Primary School who came to perform Czardas by Monti for the children. Mia will also be performing this piece with the Eltham Orchestra on Sunday.

Many opportunities exist for children and adults who want to keep up music after school. Eltham Orchestra is just one of many orchestras around Melbourne covering this niche. This Sunday, 31st of March, The Eltham Orchestras Inc. will be performing at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Main Rd. Eltham from 2.00 p.m. featuring not only the orchestra, but 2 string orchestras as well. A number of current students and past students of this school will be performing with the orchestra. Tickets will be available at the door.

Eltham Orchestras Inc.

Presents

SOIREES MUSICALES
Rossini/Britten
Conductor: Marie-Louise Wright

Also on the programme
Overture – Coriolanus - Beethoven
Czardas - Monti
Symphony No. 1 Bizet

Plus more from Eltham Strings
Eltham Beginner Strings

2.00 p.m. Sunday 31st March 2019

ELTHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
Main Rd. Eltham

Tickets: Adults $25 Concession $20
Children 16 and under $5.00
For further information Contact Derek or Mary on 9434 214

From the Office…..

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2) For further information see attached. Application forms are available from the school office.

THE EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

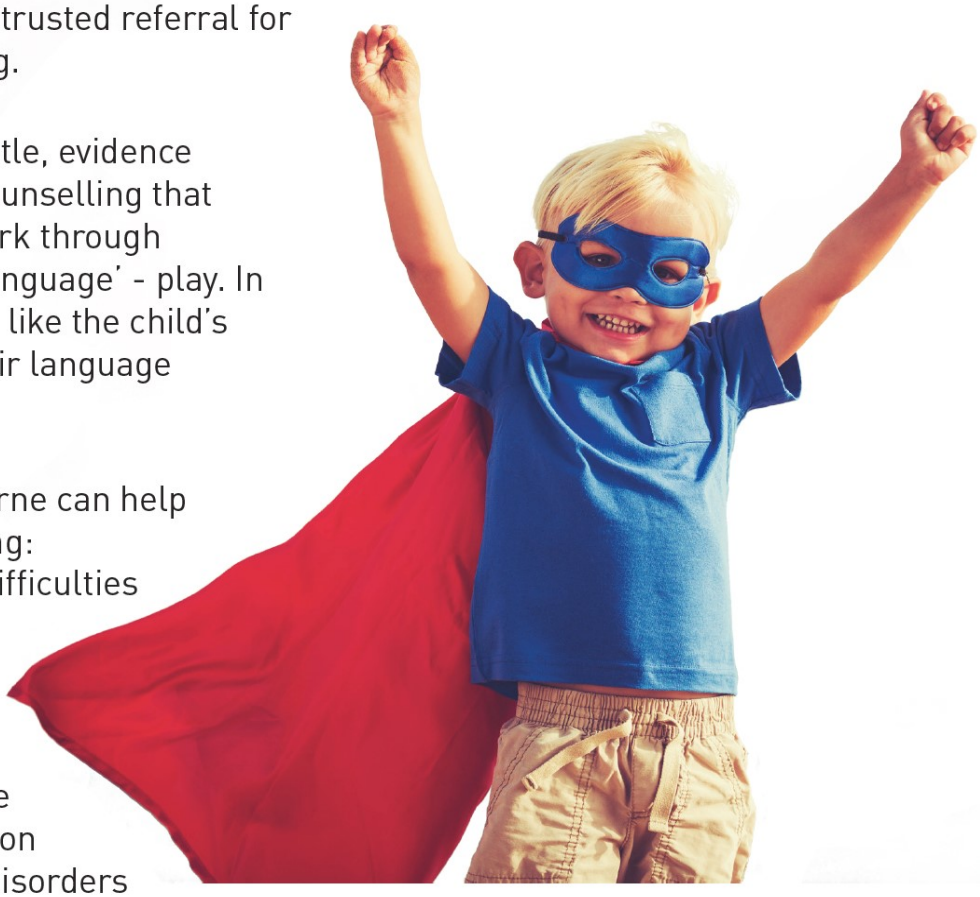
- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

IS YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES?

Briar Hill Primary School has partnered with Play Therapy Melbourne to offer parents and carers a trusted referral for children's counselling.

Play Therapy is a gentle, evidence based approach to counselling that allows children to work through difficulties in their 'language' - play. In play therapy, toys are like the child's words and play is their language (Landreth, 2002).



Play Therapy Melbourne can help many issues, including:

- School and social difficulties
- Anxiety
- Family breakdown
- Grief and loss
- Low self-esteem
- Low self-confidence
- Anger and aggression
- Autism Spectrum Disorders

If you are interested in play therapy for your child, please see Mr. Kayll for a referral.

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info@playtherapymelbourne.com
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playtherapy melbourne
psychological healing through play

Friday 5th April 7.15pm

A *SPECIAL* SCREENING

The Monthly Mind Food Project

The CONNECTION

Mind your body.

Tickets $5 - inc popcorn, snacks and drinks (soft)
Bookings essential -

Please email us to reserve your place
info@myhappystar.com.au

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Community Dr, Greensborough, Victoria 3088

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