



Briar Hill
Primary School

Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 8

Friday 5th April 2019

Dates to Remember

APRIL

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

End of Term!!

Well another term has just flown by with Easter fast approaching! Term 1 holidays is always a nice time to kick back and catch up on the family things. The children always look forward to this break and are still fresh and ready for some activities also. This term we have talked a lot about our kindness framework. It would be wonderful to see the children take this home. So over the holidays Mr Kayll would like to see that students do something to help and show kindness each day at home. Mums and Dads need some kind kids in the house and deserve to have some kindness shared with them. So please ask everyone to remember how it feels when we share an act of kindness every day. This is always a nice discussion over dinner.

On Thursday the 25th all students are invited to attend the Anzac Day ceremony at the Monty RSL. Last year we had a small group of students attend and it was a beautiful ceremony and well received by our leaders. This year we have asked some of our new leaders to lay the wreath. If you would like to be a part of our school community, meet down at the Monty RSL and look for Mr Kayll, Bridy and our school leaders.

This term has been a real celebration of events. The grade 6 performance last week was commendable on so many levels. The students have worked really hard alongside Rin and Robin and showcased such a polished performance. The grade should be congratulated on their achievements. I am sure all the parents would agree, it was hilarious in some parts! I wasn't too sure about Robin being better looking than Mr Kayll though, although Paige's presentation and rebuttal was convincing to say least!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish teachers of Briar Hill a wonderful break. Teachers work so hard every day to make their environments welcoming, tend to the individual needs of the children and create a curriculum that is engaging and creates a curiosity that sparks learning. The teachers have worked so hard on planning and documenting this term with some great gains. We have had successful school camps and wonderful events. So a big thank you to my staff who work many extra hours to make Briar Hill what it is today. To all our families, thank you for a great start to the year. Briar Hill just keeps getting better and better. The community event raised some funds for Sally to do what she does best and begin creating our little Prep area. These events are all possible because of the commitment of many. A big thank you! Finally to the students.....you have all started the year as such engaged learners, you share the traits of the kindness framework and our leaders have gone from strength to strength, developing their confidence along the way. Such a great start to 2019. So as we close term 1, here is to a happy, safe and relaxing term 1 break. Enjoy some family time and relish in the kindness and care of your children!

Have a great Break!

Bridy Fitzpatrick

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

BHPS Parent and Community Talks - "Growing Children, Thriving Children"

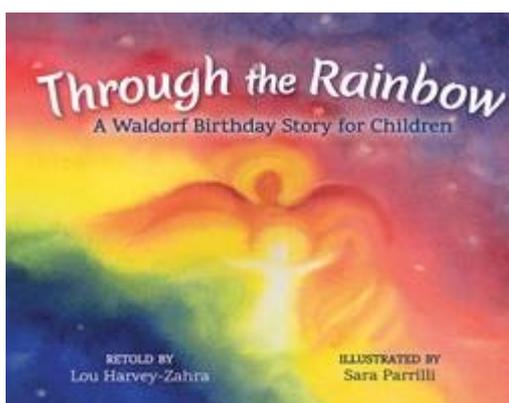
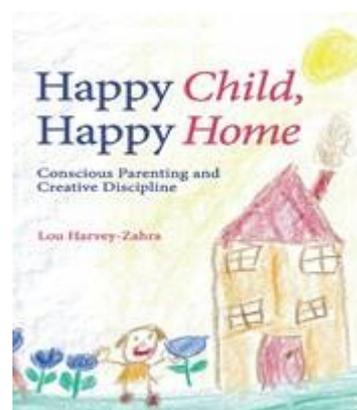
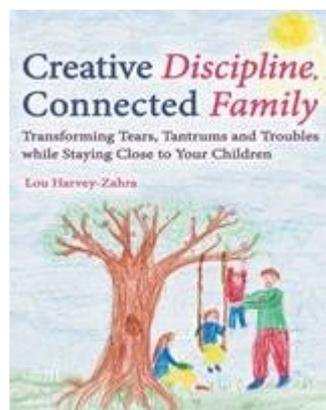
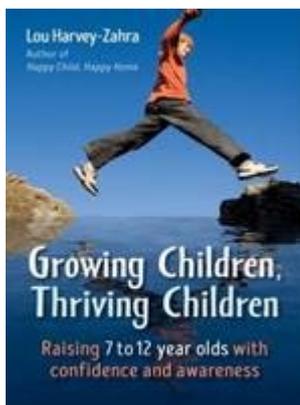
We are thrilled to have Lou Harvey-Zahra presenting her new book "*Growing Children, Thriving Children: Raising 7 to 12 year olds with confidence and awareness*" at BHPS on May 14th 2019 @ 7.30pm. Lou Harvey-Zahra is a popular parenting author and teacher who has taught in a number of different kindergarten, primary, special needs and Steiner-Waldorf school settings. She runs conscious parenting workshops throughout Australia, UK and LA and is the author of the bestselling *Happy Child, Happy Home*; *Creative Discipline, Connected Family*; and *Through the Rainbow: A Waldorf Birthday Story for Children*. Lou has long been a parent, teacher and community member at Briar Hill Primary.

Lou's talk will aim to empower parents to navigate the middle years with confidence.

Children in the primary school years (between seven and twelve) face big emotional, social, psychological and physical changes.

Inspired by the Waldorf approach to child development, Lou Harvey-Zahra explains the three major transitions of middle childhood at ages seven, nine and twelve. She offers practical tips and guidance to help parents through the challenges of the middle years, including:

- What to Know: What changes occur to better understand children and provide a 'thriving' home life?
- What to Do: How to strengthen family bonds in busy households, and how to develop creative thinking when children say, 'I'm bored!'
- What to Say: Creative Discipline ideas - suggested responses to tricky childhood questions.



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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