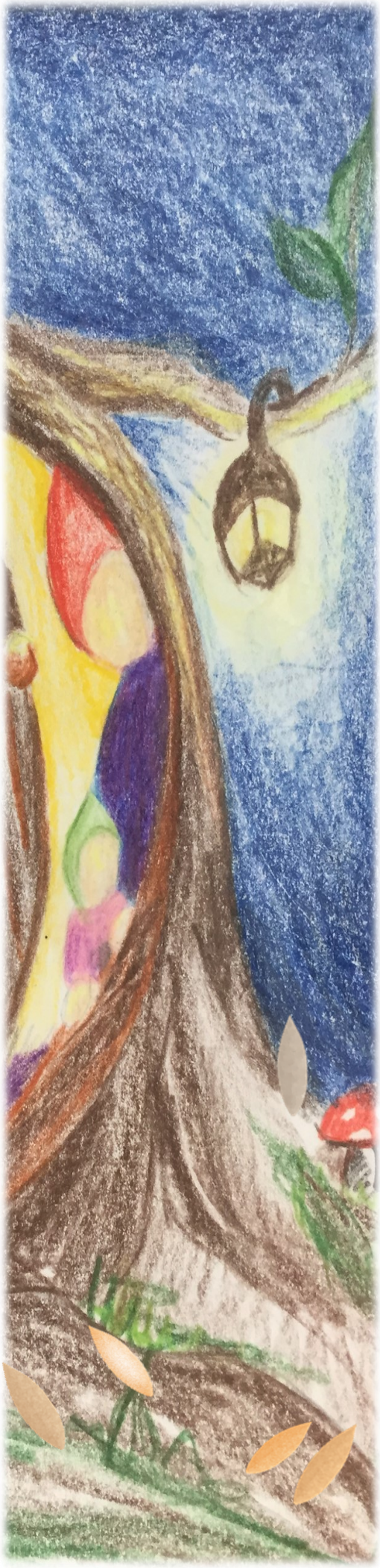

Briar Hill
Primary School

Newsletter

29th January 2021

Welcome Ceremony

Our beautiful welcome ceremony kicked off today by our grade 6 leaders. I am sure you will agree that the level of care they have shown already indicates that they will lead the school with such pride. We couldn't have asked for any more – they were outstanding for their first presentation. Our visit from Uncle Ian allowed for a laugh and to further connect to our local history and lands. It was great to see all of our new parents and beautiful little ones. The archway symbolises the children stepping into their next chapter at school and their parents presence symbolises the trust and extension of themselves into a wider community. Our preps have started their journey with us on such a positive note and have really come together so quickly to form their little school family. Our teachers are getting to know each little one and their families, we hope you feel welcome and part of the journey at school. Our other classes have settled beautifully and they are all working on their class norms and discussing what makes a good friend and a good learner. The conversations are rich and the class agreements are reflective of our kindness framework. It is always a wonderful feeling to feel the buzz of the new school year…….but 2021 is an extra special one for many reasons and we have so much to be grateful for.

Welcome Morning Tea

This was held straight after the Welcome Ceremony on the deck and I must thank our School Council for hosting and our class 6 parents for providing the goodies (our new tradition) . It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new families.

First Assembly – Friday 12th Feb at 2.45

Our first school assembly in the Multi-Purpose room will be on Friday 12th Feb at 2.45. You are all welcome to attend. We may hold it on the deck if we need to for heat or COVID reasons…!

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COVID Information Update

Parents and visitors on site

Parents and visitors will be permitted on site for Term 1. You ARE permitted to enter the buildings but ONLY through the front doors and you **MUST** sign the visitors Register located on the table in the front doors. Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and practise good hand hygiene.

Masks are now compulsory in all public indoor spaces. All parents who enter the school buildings (including the office) must wear a mask. Don't forget to sign in. Teachers have an exemption whilst teaching.

There should be no need for a parent to enter the buildings before or after school. Our corridors are very narrow and don't allow physical distancing.

This year we are encouraging parents to drop off at the gates in the morning as this was a great success last year. Each gate will have a teacher on the gate as per last year as part of their Yard Duty. They will help with any separation issues. You are encouraged to use the assigned gate but you may enter from anywhere .The gates will be as follows….

Preps – Basketball Gate
1-2s – Back Gate
3-4s Front main Gate near office
5-6s Front Gate near front Car Park

Prep Drop Offs 2021

Prep Starting school:

You can drop your children off to the Prep Teachers on the basketball court. They will take them to the Classrooms from there.

Prep Pick up:

At the end of the day we will walk the children up to the basketball court to meet you. From Monday 8th finish time will be 3:30.

First Semester Class Meetings! Tuesday 16th February Via Zoom

Class Meetings will be held on the evening of Tuesday 16th of February. You will receive an invite directly from your classroom teacher as we still have to conduct these sessions via zoom due to COVID limitations. They will run for approximately 30 minutes.

Classroom Teachers and Appointments

Classroom teachers have commitments every morning and two nights a week after school. At other times it is possible to make a time to see them. Meetings take place every Monday and either a Tuesday or Wednesday night at school and teachers are expected to be there as they start at 3.45pm. Also each morning is an important time for teachers to set up their classrooms. As the children enter the classroom isn't a great time to catch up about an issue that may require further discussion.

Try to make a time with your classroom teachers so that a discussion can occur where the teacher is fully present and not thinking that they should be somewhere else or trying to manage the children as they enter the classroom. We value your input and communication is important so an email or a phone call is often a good way of touching base as the classroom teacher can then return the phone call or email with due consideration, or arrange a face to face catch up.

Book Packs – Nearly all Paid!

Book packs have now been delivered to the children of families who have paid their fees.

All families who have paid for the book packs or who have contacted the office regarding a payment plan have had the book packs delivered to their children. The Prep to 2 book packs will be kept in the classroom and distributed as required in the rooms. The 3 to 6 book packs will be named in the classrooms. As soon as your fees are paid we will supply the book pack to your child. Thank you to most of you who have already done this.

Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.
Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [add link to your school's collection statement].
For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Have a great weekend!

Rowan Kayll
Principal

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Bookings for Outside School Hours Care are now open for 2021.
So we can care for all students at your school, we do recommend families register an account with us and always book in advance.
Why register? To attend our care, parents/guardians must register their child with us by completing an online enrolment form via our parent portal. It's very important that parents/guardians fill out all compulsory enrolment documentation for their child and notify us of any medical conditions, illnesses and other, to ensure the health and safety of all children in our care.
Families can register for free at https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-contacts
Kind regards, Camp Australia

Dates :

February

12th First Assembly – Class 5 Performance

12th School Swimming Sports Diamond Creek Pool

16th Class Meetings times TBA

19th Assembly - Leadership Badges Presentation - 4 AB Performance

17th District Swimming Carnival

26th Assembly 2.45pm 4MN Performance

March

3rd Preps here full time!

5th Assembly 2.45pm Class 1-2P Performance

8th Labour Day

12th Assembly 2.45pm Class 1-2C Performance

19th Assembly 2.45pm 1-2 JR Performance

23rd Parent Teacher Interviews

April

1st Last Day of Term 2.30 Finish