



Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 27

Friday 7th September 2018

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

7th Green Team Edendale Farm

10th Prep Walk to Yandell

11th Prep 2019 come and play

11th Parent Teacher Interviews

12th Parent Teacher Interviews

13th Spring Soiree 7pm MP

17th Prep Walk to Yandell

19th Class 6 Circus Performance

21st Last day of Term 2.30pm dismissal

Principal Report

The term is flying by and we are now entering into the later part of the term as we prepare for our holidays and a nice break where we will hopefully have a rest some lovely weather! Parent teacher interviews are approaching and this is nice time to celebrate student learning and success. Letters went out last week explaining the procedure for booking interviews, this was a yellow note with the instructions.

The staff at BHPS have focused their learning in the past few weeks around dealing with children from trauma backgrounds. The needs of children from trauma backgrounds can vary slightly in the classroom to varying immensely. At times you may notice children in your child's class who have a very different program to other children. This is because their capacity for concentrating may be impaired or they don't have the self regulation to sit for long periods of time. Just as we adjust the classroom for a child who has a sight impairment, we adjust the classroom for children from trauma backgrounds as well. This professional development for staff sits nicely alongside our zones of regulation which the children have been working well with this term. We encourage families to have regular conversations with your children at home about what zones they are in and how they can bring themselves back to their green zone.

Having a strong vocabulary around emotions and discussing these with your children when they are not angry or regulated helps them to use the resources when they are needed in times of stress. Teachers are seeing a strong vocabulary being used in junior grades and even the preps are using the charts to talk about their feelings. Some of our mums were saying that it really helped them after they listened to the way we use the zones.....even adults need help with regulation!

FAIR IS NOT ALWAYS EQUAL.

Teaching is a lot like Doctoring

Kids go to a doctor **with different needs:**

- I scraped my knee!
- My stomach hurts!
- I think my arm is broken!
- I have a cough!

What if the doctor said the **same thing** to all of them?

Here's some cough medicine!

Only **one kid** would get what he needs. **And that's not fair.**

It's the same thing in a classroom.

Every student has **different needs:**

- I have trouble focusing for more than 10 min.
- I think better when my hands are busy.
- I can talk about what I know better than I can write about it.
- I can't grip a pen or pencil.

So **different students** should get **different things** to help them succeed.

- Classroom breaks; tests taken over multiple days
- Fidget toys and tactile activities
- Creating a video instead of composing a paper
- Modified writing utensils; writing on a computer instead

And that's what makes a classroom fair for everyone!

Adapted from Teaching Everyone by Whitney Rapp and Katrina Arndt and Universal Design for Learning in Action by Whitney Rapp. www.brookespublishing.com | 1-800-638-3775

We have a wonderful new team behind the school fair this year and the excitement is starting to build. The students have been busy helping Caroline mixing the clay and even sharing some fun with the teachers! The students below were mixing the clay down in the garden to help make the round ball gardens. It is such a community effort that brings the fair together. Thanks Caroline and all the other parents who have already started contributing to the success of the 2018 school fair.

Our grade 6's have been working really hard this week on a special song to be performed with their buddies in the last week of school. The bond that is shared this year and the way the grade 6's have nurtured and cared for their buddies is remarkable. It is a testament to the relationships we share at Briar Hill and the grade 6's have allowed the preps to grow in their own individual way. It is so lovely to watch these relationships forming. As the preps develop their wings over the course of the year and have the guidance of the grade 6's, we know next year the cycle starts again. The grade 6's then become the little ones again at high school and will use the experience of being a leader to navigate their high school years and grow their next set of wings.

Last week the grade 4 students went on their Shield making Excursion to Mont De Lancy in Wandin. They returned with a sense of achievement, pride and all smiles with their shields. When interviewed Eros explained the process of making the hooks which included placing a piece of metal in the forge and heating it up. They then shaped the hook with special tools and when it was done it was placed in water to cool down. Lottie enjoyed watching the hot shards coming off the metal as she was banging it. It is lovely to see their work of art and incredible finishing touches that go on the shields. The designs are so unique and show the students individual flair and style. Well done class 4!

The green team visited Edendale farm on Friday with Rhonda. They spent the day investigating fire stick burning with Uncle Ian and discussing the impact of environment from a cultural perspective. The also worked on designing sustainable farms. Rhonda was having a lovely day with the students and has some goodies to bring back to school for us to plant. Well done green team!

Working Bee Thanks

A huge thankyou to the following parents who gave up their time to help out at the school working Bee On Sunday 26th August

- Michael Cole Sincliar
- Caroline Avila-Stanes
- Brown family
- Bohan Family
- Paulina Mardes
- Christian Kuhlmann
- Suzie Bragulla
- Tina Bruce
- Oretti Family
- Tiff Bryant (Raj, grade 3 and Arlo, prep)

Have a great Weekend!

Bridy Fitzpatrick

Prep-3 Team Leader



Jars Wanted for Spring Fair Preserves

We are looking to upcycle jars for preserves,
can you assist?



Contact Angela 0417 740 906

OP SHOPPING HELP WANTED

The Spring Fair garden stall is looking for donations of cute vintage tea cups for planting succulents. We would love any contributions! A basket will be kept at the front office area for donations.

OP SHOP CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME NOW!

Sick of clutter? Bored with bric-a-brac? Starved for space?

We'll weep no longer! The Briar Hill Spring Fair Op Shop is now collecting GOOD QUALITY, USEABLE ITEMS that you think someone else might buy. Clothes, toys, books, bric-a-brac all welcome! Thankyou!!

(PS Please only bring items in good condition as it is a lot of work to sort the op shop goods, and disposal costs our little school money \$\$)

Please collect the key from the school office to the shed, where all donations will be kept!

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.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

With just 8 weeks to go until Spring Fair we really need your support! The Silent Auction / Raffle is one of THE biggest elements to our school's fundraising success...

So if your hairdresser, massage therapist, favorite restaurant, artist friend, next door neighbour or another contact may support us please ask them. It does not hurt to ask - and it really supports outcomes for our kids!

It is preferable to have all items / vouchers in to the school office (we can collect if need be) **by 10 September**. Please ask them to complete our donation form so we can promote them - www.briar-hill-ps.vic.edu.au/donate

Warm Regards,

Angela, Linda, Claire and Olivia

Spring Fair Donation Team

District Athletics

District athletics

On Tuesday 4th of September some of the 3- 6's went to represent Briar Hill at District athletics. Everyone did really well and we think everyone had a fun time. We came 6th out of 7 schools and the following students made it in to the next level (Division);

Lottie Bruce - Long jump and triple jump

Alex Johnson- Triple jump and 200 meters

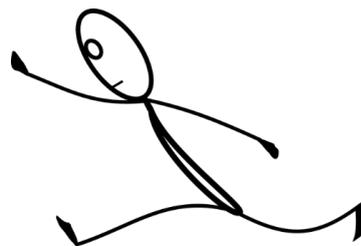
Eros Addamo—Triple Jump

Thank you to all the parents and teachers that made this day possible

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Silent Auction: Bluesfest Touring have kindly donated 2 tickets to see Supertramp's Roger Hodgson at the Palais Theatre in Melbourne February 2nd 2019. See shows at: www.bluesfesttouring.com.au



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OSHC at Briar Hill Primary School

We have had so much fun in OSHC recently. Last Friday, Bricks 4 Kidz visited us in after school care. The children enjoyed learning, playing and building unique Lego Brick creations – it was loads of fun.

Throughout the week, the children have also enjoyed playing basketball outdoors as well as competing in a fun-filled jigsaw competition.

Benefits of registering an account

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet?

Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- ✓ A stress-free back up plan for “just in case”
- ✓ Flexible access to our programs
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We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Camp Australia Team at Briar Hill Primary School.

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