

School Council Newsletter

Autumn Edition

Squirrel Nutkin has a coat of brown,
Quite the loveliest in Woodland Town,
Two bright eyes look round to see,
Where the sweetest nuts maybe.

Squirrel Nutkin in his coat of brown,
Scampers up the tree and down.
Dashing here and swinging there,
Leaping lightly through the air.

All the live long day he plays,
In the leafy woodland ways,
But at night when squirrels rest,
In their cosy treetop nest,
Bushy tail curled round his head,
Squirrel Nutkin goes off to bed.

Welcome Ceremony

Our beautiful school has a lovely tradition to perform a welcome Ceremony at the start of the school year! This ceremony welcomes especially the new Prep students along with the whole school to a new year of learning, building friendships, creativity as well as be nurtured fully with head, heart and hands in the space created by our teachers at BHPS.

Our acting Principal Bridy Fitzpatrick welcomes the new parents to our school community as they start the journey to school years with their little ones.

Kurt Sheen is our Indigenous programme facilitator, and he brings in the elders to perform the smoking ceremony and acknowledgement of country.

Class 6 students sang a beautiful song for Prep students as they step into the role of being “Buddies” to the young newcomers to our school. Class 6 parents organise a morning tea for the new Prep families.





School Council Elections

Our School Council held the AGM and elections last week and here are the elected members of BHPS School Council for the next two years.

Staff Members:

Bridy Fitzpatrick



Hello everyone! I love being a part of school council and working with the families at school. I am forever grateful for the incredible families that make up our community. For those of you that don't know I am the mother of 1 very new adult (18) Lachlan who is now studying at Swinburne in the area of Mental Health / Psychology and a 15 year old boy Tommy who is still in high school. As a family we enjoy time by the beach, camping in the Grampians and visiting y family in my hometown of Benalla. I enjoy playing netball 2 nights a week. I have a golden retriever named Bella and she is our world. My passion in education is believing in all children right where they are and supporting them to be the best versions of themselves. I became an educator initially because I had a teacher who impacted my life in such a great way and I wanted to be able to do the same for all young children. I smile every day knowing I may have been the difference a child needed. I aspire to lead from a heart centred approach where all children feel safe, accepted, nurtured and cared for. My success is measured by the amount of children that come to my office simply because they seek a connection and want to share their smiles because they are happy at school.

Tayla Grant



Here is something interesting about me:

- Teaching at BHPS for 6 years
- Have a beautiful spoilt dog: Lewis
- I enjoy playing and watching sports. I play basketball
- Love to go out for coffee, knitting and reading

Janet Patterson



My name is Janet Patterson, and I am a current Prep teacher and Learning Specialist at BHPS. I have been teaching here since 2016. I love BHPS and feel grateful to be part of our wonderful school community. BHPS provides a chance for me to apply my creative interests- such as art and crafts,

singing and cooking. I am the mother of 3 wonderful children and 2 fur babies.

Parent Members:

Nick Black- President



My name is Nick, proud Dad to Ellie in grade 6 and Ben in grade 4.

I love the outdoors and in particular trail running, camping and mountain bike riding.

Claudia Cimino -Vice President, Festivals and Fundraising, Steiner Aesthetics



Hi Everyone,

I'm Claudia; I am Aiden's mum (Sally's prep class). I am passionate about Community and nurturing our children's development to offer them a

loving, supportive and empowering foundation for life. I love to celebrate who we are individually and collectively and inspire to bring more great opportunities to this beautiful community at Briar Hill.

Suzy Bragulla- Treasurer, Festivals and Fundraising



My daughter, Hannah, is in grade 5 and my son, Eric, is in grade 2. I love getting involved with the school community because it helps me feel connected to such an important part of my children's lives. I enjoy crafting, walking and catching up with parents at Purdy's after school drop off!

Manjari Singh- Secretary, F&F, Steiner Aesthetics, Newsletter



Hello! I'm Elina's mum (Class 5) and we have been part of our wonderful school since Elina was in Prep. I love everything about our school and I have been part of school Council for three years now. We have two bunnies named Mopsy and Cherry.

I enjoy art, craft and cooking, all of which I'm able to do as part of our school council. I also enjoy singing old Bollywood songs when no one is around.

Pete Cole- Grounds and Maintenance



This is me and my daughter Wren

We like exploring the world of dragons and camping

I joined the SC to engage deeper in the community 😊



Chai Friday

Our first Chai Friday of this year was on the second last week of term and it was a fantastic effort by Class 3 and 4 families! There was so much excitement in the air, wonderful musical performances, and so much delicious food! Thankyou everyone who baked and contributed to making this a wonderful way to end the first term!



Save The Date

Working Bee

Our Next Working bee will be on 6th May, we look forward to seeing many eager children and parents on the day to help tidy up our school!



Bunning Barbecue

School Council has organised a fundraiser for our school with a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on 29th April. We need parent volunteers for the day and before to help make this event a success! Bunnings has been donating to our school Silent Auction for many years and have shown great support to our community.

Winter Festival

Our winter Festival is on 20th June at Edendale Farm. More information will be sent out closer to date. Winter Festival is one of our very special community event which is organised by Class 6 families every year.



Spring Fair

Save the Date for our Spring fair 22nd October! It is the most awaited event of the year organised by Class 5 families. Class Stalls will be announced next term, they are a wonderful opportunity for class communities to come together and work on their respective stalls!



Creating a Meaningful Easter

Festivals and celebrations are a wonderful way to break the year and something for the children to look forward to as well.

Cape Byron Steiner School published a beautiful article talking about the importance of creating a meaningful Easter for our children.

An excerpt from the article:

Traditions like finding a hill to watch the sun go down on Easter Friday in a quiet contemplative mood, and come up on Easter Sunday, with the experience of the renewal of life in all the joy of increasing light and life and bird song, can provide special moments in the festival. Planting something for the future in the earth on Easter Friday can be a wonderful thing to do with children— bulbs for later flowering, trees for the good of the earth, flowering plants for the native birds to feed in. Such activities can bring a continuity of awareness from Easter to Easter as the children watch their gifts to the earth grow. In such activities children can experience the joy of the traditional Easter event, of renewal, of unconditional love, of the re-enlivening of the earth and humanity.

You can read the full article here

<https://capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au/creating-a-meaningful-easter/>



Easter Crafts with children

A festival brings joy and excitement in children's lives, Easter is especially exciting as they can paint the eggs! There are many ways of naturally colouring or painting your easter eggs and here are a few:

Painting with Crepe paper: below is a link for detailed instructions for this method.

<http://happywhimsicalhearts.com/2012/04/painting-eggs-wet-crepe-paper/>



Natural dyed: This is the most preferred ways of dyeing eggs in Steiner home and here is a link to more detailed instruction

<https://thecoconutmama.com/dye-easter-eggs-naturally/>



A rabbit pricked her long brown ears
On a fine April day
She heard the north wind calling
So she hopped off to say
“Hurry hurry hurry hurry
Autumn’s on its way
Hurry hurry hurry hurry
Autumn’s on its way!”

