



Briar Hill Broadcast

Newsletter 7, 2017

Thursday 16th March

Dates to Remember

Thursday 23rd March
Class 3—6 House
Athletics Day

Friday 31st March
Last Day of Term 1
Early Finish @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th April
Day One of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April
ANZAC Day Public
Holiday

Principal Report

Priority Review Report

Anita Forsyth delivered the Priority Review report to the staff and School Council last Thursday. The staff enthusiastically embraced the findings and the Next Steps that the Department of Education will take in assisting the school in planning the future Strategic Plan. The Public Report will be placed on the School website for you to read. I draw your attention to the Next Step at the conclusion of the report. Your feedback will be appreciated.

Response to the Briar Hill Community Letter

Thank you to all of the families who took the time to respond in a very positive way to my community letter. It is unfortunate that the positive voices of many are drowned out by the very loud negative voices of a few.

Curriculum Day—Tuesday 14th March

On Tuesday, the school staff participated in a professional learning day which focused on *supporting our students to thrive – academically, socially and emotionally*. Dr. Sue Perillo led a very inspiring day which used the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes and the AITSL Classroom Practice Continuum to focus our thinking in relation to student learning. At the conclusion of the day the staff produced a draft agreement regarding the 10 expected classroom practices, behaviours that we believe are essential for students as co-learners to exhibit and the support we request our families to give to their children to support learning. I will be gathering a focus group of parents to give feedback on the Parent Support for Learning document in the near future. The staff will finalize the other draft documents in our next professional learning meeting after school next week.

School Council Election Reminder

Yesterday you will have received information about the candidates for the Briar Hill Primary School Council election, a ballot paper and two envelopes. **The explanation for how to vote is on the ballot paper. Please read this carefully.** If you are posting your vote to the school you must ensure that it is delivered by 4pm on Friday the 24th of March. Place your ballot paper in one envelope, seal it and place into the second envelope on which you write your name and address on the back. This is to ensure that your vote is anonymous and that we can mark your families vote off on our list.

If you are delivering your ballot paper in person you will need to post the blank envelope containing your vote into the ballot box and print your name and address in the register of voters. Deliver your ballot paper to the school office between the hours of 8am and 4pm from Wednesday the 15th of March 2017 and Friday the 24th of March where the ballot box will be located.

No campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or posted in the school and no school resources whether human or material may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.

The votes will be counted on Friday the 24th of March at the close of the ballot by the Principal of Greenhills Primary School, Rowan Kayll, Assistant Principal, Margaret Doucas and I.

Camp Australia—OHSC News

Congratulations to Jodie Hector who has achieved the position of Regional Coordinator in the Camp Australia organization. Jodie has been recognized for the great work she has done in the Out of Hours School Care program here at Briar Hill Primary School for many years. Saima Ayub will be taking over Jodie's role here at Briar Hill and Jenna will continue to work in our program.

Tuckshop

The school tuckshop will be closed until further notice.

***Thank you for supporting our school.
Sue Young
Acting Principal***

Assistant Principal Report

Buildings and Grounds

The car park has had a wonderful makeover! A lovely team came out over the long weekend and gave it much needed spruce up. It's looking great and won't it be fantastic when our renovations are complete! Thank you to every member of our school community for your patience through this renovation period. Staff and students alike are looking forward to being able to access the whole school again .

Calling all green thumbs!

We are planning a new garden volunteer program. After consulting with people who have worked in our lovely school garden I have devised a new plan. I am calling for expressions of interest from our community to join one of two gardening groups

The Briar Hill Green Thumbs—This group will work in conjunction with a convenor who will organise gardening, maintenance and growth on days where students aren't working with Rhonda in the garden.

The Garden Volunteer Group. This group will be working with Rhonda to help support the environmental science program at BHPS.

Both groups require people with a passion for gardening and also importantly a working with children's check Please forward your expressions of interest to me via email doucas.margaret.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Looking forward to hearing from interested community members!





International Women's Day



Class 3-4 Writing- A Woman Who Inspires Me

Bethany Hamilton inspires me because when she was a teenager she had a shark attack and lost her arm and a lot of blood. She inspires because she is a very happy person and she is still surfing this very day, even though she only has one arm. Julia

The woman who inspires me is my Mum because she is a graphic designer and she is smart and creative and she gives me lots of ideas.

Kaia

One woman who inspires me is Cathy Freeman. She inspires me because she ran in the Olympics and won and then she held up an Australian and Aboriginal flag.

Ezra

One woman who inspires me is my grandmother because she always helps me, she makes nice food and she is a very kind woman. She is 87! Michael



One woman who inspires me is my Aunty Jess. She inspires me because she is an artist and I love art. She also inspires me because it is like she is telling me to be creative and to let my imagination run wild.

Lulu

One woman who inspires me is the gymnast Simone Biles. She broke her leg in the middle of a gymnastic competition when she was twelve, but it didn't even stop her from winning. Scout

The woman who inspires me the most is Nona Durrant because she helps the environment by planting and growing plants.

Merron

One woman who inspires me is my mum Christina. When she was young she had sad things happen to her, but she grew up and was happy and she met my other mum and they became a gay family.

Arlo

One woman who inspires me is Helen Keller. When she was 2 years old she had a fever and went blind and deaf and could not speak, but she went on to help lots of people; It reminds me that we should be grateful for our vision, our ability to speak and to hear.

Lottie

One woman who inspires me is my aunty. She inspires me because she helps so many people. She has helped me, my family, my mum and our whole school. She is AWESOME!

Banjo

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Scout

House Athletics Day

Today's House Athletics event was cancelled due to the weather. The event has been rescheduled for next Thursday 23rd March. Fingers crossed we get some nice weather! Please send Georgia an email if you are able to help out on the day.



Community News



hockey
burra
greensborough hockey club

Come and play hockey for Greensborough Hockey Club

All Juniors aged 5 to 17, girls and boys **welcome**

Beginners to experienced players

Teams in U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

Hockey is an Olympic team sport with Greensborough players competing at State and National Level

Registration Day (& watch adult practice matches)

Sat 18/3, 10am-3pm at Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty 3090

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