



Meet 'Osmo'. He's a new addition to The Briars for 2017.

Osmo is an interactive play experience that changes the way your child interacts with the iPad by opening it up to hands-on play. We'll be using Osmo during 1:1 learning time here at The Briars, focussing on the development of literacy, numeracy and creativity.

Stay tuned to see Osmo in action over the coming weeks.



## Early Intervention Parent & Toddler Group 2017

We've welcomed four new families to our Early Intervention Group for parents and their toddlers in 2017. Dan, Kylie and Meika will be running the sessions this term which focus on early communication and play skills for toddlers. It's been great getting to know these new little people and we will keep you updated with photos in the coming weeks.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property box located in the locker room for your child's lost belongings.

Please ensure you label **ALL** of your child's belongings including clothes, socks, shoes, lunch box and drink bottle.



## CAR PARK

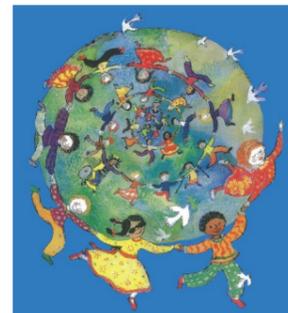


Please remember the speed limit is only 8km - walking pace.

Please encourage your children to hold your hand while in the car park and cross the road using the zebra crossing only.

Please ensure you park in a car park. **DO NOT** park in the driveway. Disability parks are available for use to all our families.

If you have any questions or concerns please see the office staff.



# Briars Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1, 2017



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## Important Dates

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb-10<sup>th</sup> March**

Pancake Weeks

**14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Funky Hair Week

(Leukemia Foundations World Greatest Shave)

**14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Harmony Week

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Picnic

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Last day of Term 1  
2pm finish

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Public Holiday  
Easter Friday

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

First day of Term 2

Welcome back to, what looks like, another exciting and busy term! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing break spending some quality time with your child and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term.

This term our theme is 'Rhythm, Rhyme and Tales...', and we have made some exciting changes to our program highlighted by whole site 'Move 2 Learn' each morning and whole site free play in the paddock each afternoon. We have also revised our daily program and made slight changes to work toward more natural transitions and opportunities for play based learning. The first two weeks were largely impacted by the hot weather but we hope to build some consistency into our new routine and look forward to watching the children engage and adapt to the changes.

While spending most of our afternoons indoors we have been very productive and some of our ECW's have helped to establish our 'Art Gallery', a collection of beautiful work from every child at The Briars. It has certainly brightened up our main floor! Whilst it is still awaiting work from some of our artists, I am sure all of us can appreciate the art work that the children have contributed as they begin to develop their sense of belonging in The Briars community.

We look forward to working with all of our children and their families in the year ahead.

The Briars Teachers



Each day a group of children are supported to check The Briars mail box. The mailbox is located in the DECD Office, (the second building down from us). The children are responsible for locating & carrying the mail bag, checking the mailbox, placing mail in the bag, returning to The Briars and helping Di to stamp the letters.

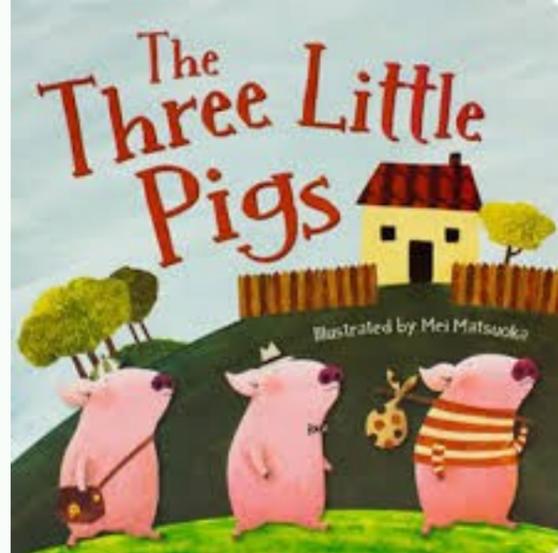
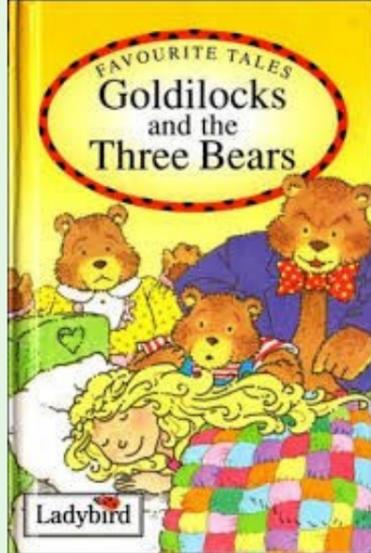
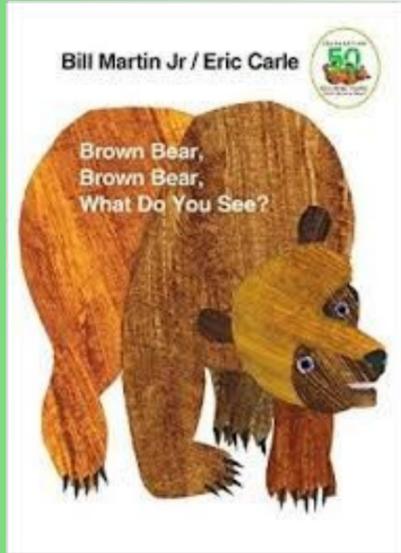
Easter is just around the corner so planning for the annual Easter Picnic has begun.



Further information to follow.

# Rhythm, Rhyme and Tales...

The literacy experiences this term will be focused around the wonderful story books: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. If you would like to read these stories with your little person at home and don't have a copy on your bookshelf, you may find one at your local library or even on youtube.



The children have loved the challenge of collecting the fluttering butterflies in their nets.

