



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 1 – 13th July 2026

Birregurra Primary School is a child safe organisation which welcomes all children, young people and their families.

We are committed to providing environments where our students are safe and feel safe, where their participation is valued, their views are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, strategies and practices are inclusive of the needs of all children and students.

We have no tolerance for child abuse and take proactive steps to identify and manage any risks of harm to students in our school environments.

Particular attention is given to the child safety needs of Aboriginal students, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, international students, students with disabilities, those unable to live at home, children and young people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and other students experiencing risk or vulnerability.

Child safety is a shared responsibility.

Our Vision

An inclusive community that supports and encourages a love of learning and the skills and mindset to thrive.

Our School Values

Community - growing positive partnerships between school, home and the broader community

Aspire - setting goals and purposefully working towards their achievement

Respect - for self, others, learning and our environment

Excellence - striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling.

From the Principal's Desk



Welcome back to BPS for Term 3! I hope everyone enjoyed a great school holiday period. I was lucky enough to get away for a few days to Nagambie with the family.

As we begin Term Three, we are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term. With our routines well established, we will continue to maintain high expectations for learning and behaviour while supporting every student to challenge themselves, make progress and experience success. There are many exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead, and we look forward to sharing these with our school community.

Semester One Reports

Semester One reports were distributed via XUNO on the final Monday of Term Two. If you are yet to access your child's report and need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the school. We are more than happy to assist.

Staffing Updates

With the beginning of a new term, we have some staffing updates to share. We are very excited to welcome back Miss Riseley from maternity leave. Miss Riseley will be working three days each week. She will be teaching STEAM to the P/1, 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 classes each Thursday, as well as teaching Grade 5/6 Sounds-Write on Mondays and Tuesdays and working with small tutoring groups on those days. We would like to thank Mr Simpson for stepping into the STEAM role throughout Term 2.

We are also fortunate to have Mrs Ritchie taking on the librarian role this term alongside her Indonesian teaching, as we complete the cataloguing of our library and set up our new borrowing system. Stay tuned for more information.

We are also excited to welcome Mr Xavier Martin to our education support team. Mr Xav will be working predominantly in the Grade 3/4 classroom, while also supporting students across other classes. Learn more about Xav below.

Mrs Leigh is on long service leave for the first two days of the term and we hope she enjoys a well-earned break.

NAIDOC Week 5th - 12th July 2026

National NAIDOC Week is celebrated across Australia in the first week

of July each year (Sunday to Sunday) to honour and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a time for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and to participate in celebrating the oldest continuous living cultures on Earth.

The 2026 theme, '50 Years of Deadly', celebrates 50 years of honouring the strength, culture, achievements and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also recognises the importance of continuing to learn from the past while looking ahead with pride, respect and hope for the future.



School Councillors – Kelly Dodds, Emily McDonald, Cassie Stephens, Sarah Green, Katie Delahunty, Belinda Matheson, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.

Throughout the week, our school will acknowledge the contributions of our Elders by engaging in classroom discussions and activities that honour and explore the significance of NAIDOC Week.

3/4 Camp Fundraising

We are excited to introduce 'Milo Monday' and 'Toastie Tuesday', commencing this week, to help raise funds towards the Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill camp. Students in Years 3 & 4 will be supporting these initiatives as part of their fundraising efforts. Warm milo will be available each Monday for \$1, and cheese toasties will be available each Tuesday for \$2, both sold from the canteen area in the Art room. Please note that purchases are cash only and there is no need to pre-order, students can simply come along on the day. These activities provide a great opportunity for students to contribute to their camp fundraising while also enjoying a simple and popular option. See posters in today's newsletter!

Clubs

Clubs return this term with some exciting new additions. Students voted in the final week of Term Two for their top three preferences, and allocations will be finalised this week.

Our first Clubs session will be next Monday 20th July, from 12:30–1:30pm, and will run fortnightly throughout the term. Student voice remains central to our Clubs program, and we have incorporated a range of student suggestions.

This term, students will participate in one of the following clubs:

Origami Club

A creative space where students learn to fold paper into impressive designs, try new techniques and share their creations.

Comic Club

Students will design characters, build storylines and create comic strips using speech bubbles and visual storytelling. A creative space for all skill levels.

Scrapbooking Stars

Students will design and decorate scrapbook pages to capture memories and express creativity using a range of materials.

Cube Masters Club

A puzzle-based club where students learn strategies to solve Rubik's Cubes, develop perseverance and challenge themselves at their own pace.

Mystery Club

Each week brings a surprise activity involving problem-solving, creativity, investigation or teamwork. No two sessions are the same.

Creating Trails – Building Skills

Students will work together to design, build and maintain mountain bike tracks, developing teamwork, problem-solving and practical skills in an active outdoor setting.

Podcasting Pals

Students will plan, record and edit podcasts, building confidence in communication, creativity and collaboration while sharing ideas and stories.

JSC Pyjama Day

On **Wednesday 22nd July**, our Junior School Council will be hosting a Pyjama Day in support of The Pyjama Foundation. Students are invited to wear their favourite pyjamas to school and bring a **gold coin donation**. Funds raised will help support children in foster care by providing learning support, educational resources and positive mentoring relationships. We encourage everyone to get involved by wearing their comfiest PJs and supporting this worthwhile cause.

Prep Enrolments due soon!

A reminder that Prep enrolment applications for 2027 are due by **Friday 31st July**. Getting in early helps with planning and ensures a smooth start for everyone. We're excited to welcome our newest learners to the BPS community!

Reminders

- Breakfast Club in on Thursday from 8:15am, all welcome!
- Next **Tuesday 21st July** is a Curriculum Day, no school for students!

Have a great first week back everyone and please reach out with any wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

Staff Profile

Name: Mr Xavier Martin (Classroom Support)

About Me: I'm the eldest of 3 siblings and live in Grovedale. I play football for Modewarre FNC in the under 18's and love being a part of the community. My hobbies are playing golf, fishing and camping and overall spending time with family and friends.

Why I Enjoy My Work: I enjoy building connections with the students as I support them with their learning. Seeing the students progress and enjoy school makes my role so much more fun.

Fun Fact: I went to St Joseph's College Geelong and graduated in 2025.

What Helps Students Succeed: Being patient with the students and making them feel comfortable in their learning environment helps them succeed as well as encouraging them to ask questions and engage in their learning.

Favourite Part of the School Day: My favourite part of the day is being in the classroom with the students supporting them with their learning. I also enjoy the breaks during the day such as recess and lunch so that I can engage with the students in a different environment.

Looking Ahead: I'm looking forward to getting to know the students and teachers. I'm also looking forward to building connections with the students to create a fun and enjoyable environment for learning.



Dates for the Diary...

Monday 13 th July	- Term 3 Commences - Milo Monday
Tuesday 14 th July	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 16 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 20 th July	- Clubs 12.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 21 st July	- Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Wednesday 22 nd July	- JSC PJ Day- gold coin donation appreciated
Thursday 23 rd July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 th July	- Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 1/2 Class Presentation
Monday 27 th July	- School Council 6.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 28 th July	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 30 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 3 rd August	- Clubs 12.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 4 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 6 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 7 th August	- Assembly 2.45pm, Prep/1 Class Presentation
Monday 10 th August	- Milo Monday
Tuesday 11 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 13 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Mon 17 th Aug - Fri 21 st Aug	- National Science Week
Monday 17 th August	- Milo Monday
Tuesday 18 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 20 th August	- Breakfast Club
Friday 21 st August	- Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation
Sat 22 nd Aug to Fri 28 th Aug	- CBCA Children's Book Week
Monday 24 th August	- Book Week Parade 9:00am - Milo Monday - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 25 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Wed 26 th Aug - Fri 28 th Aug	- Grade 3/4 Camp - Sovereign Hill
Thursday 28 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 31 st August	- Clubs 12.30pm
Thursday 3 rd September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 4 th September	- Father's Day Breakfast 8am - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 4/5 Class Presentation

Students of the Week

Respect	Ollie R	For looking after our classroom resources and ensuring everything is put away at the end of activities. Thanks for being so helpful Ollie!
	Finley R	For your wonderful efforts to focus and listen carefully during learning time. It has been fantastic to see you putting your hand up to share your thoughtful ideas and contribute to class discussions. Keep up the great work, Finley!
	Phoebe M	For staying focused on your work and asking for help politely when you need it. Great job, Phoebe! Keep up the fantastic effort and positive attitude.
	Imogen D	For always showing kindness, respect and generosity to everyone around you. You are always willing to offer help and support and consistently put others before yourself. You're a star, Immy!
	Abbey G	You treat others with kindness and inclusivity and actively contribute to a positive learning environment. Well done Abbs!
	James G	For showing great initiative and a willingness to help others by completing his own work in a timely manner and then supporting his classmates with their Maths activities. Awesome work, James!
Excellence	Matthis B	For your amazing work during our maths sessions, building confidence with reading and writing numbers to 100 and beyond. Great job challenging yourself Matthis.
	Xavier N	For your persistence and determination when identifying and creating growing patterns. You successfully applied your understanding to continue skip-counting patterns increasing by 10 and 100 with confidence and ease. Keep up the fantastic work, Xav!
	Nate B	For having a go at things, even when they feel tricky. You showed great perseverance by problem-solving and fixing your Inquiry work when you found it challenging. Keep up the fantastic effort and never give up when things get tough.
	Hudson G	For working independently on your Inquiry project and creating a very impressive final piece. You demonstrated excellent focus and perseverance throughout the process and took great pride in producing high-quality work. Keep it up, Huddo!
	Daisy F	You show a willingness to challenge yourself and embrace feedback to improve. Well done Daisy!
	Rosie H	For displaying great word knowledge in your writing and challenging yourself in your Maths by taking on complex ideas and concepts. Keep up the great work Rosie!
Art	Charlie G	For your sensational work on the 'Elements of Art! Well done Charlie on a wonderful term of creativity!
Indonesian	Hettie G	For approaching every task with enthusiasm and being willing to extend your language skills by taking on challenges. Bagus, Hettie!
PE	Riley H	Your amazing willingness to give all events a go during our recent swimming carnival demonstrated exceptional courage and a strong growth mindset. Well done Riley!
STEAM	Clementine D	Well done Clementine for coming to STEAM with a spark or curiosity that brightens the whole room!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Clementine D

For being a quiet achiever who approaches learning opportunities with enthusiasm and creativity. Well done Clem!



Welcome back to Term 3! To start the term, I'd like to remind and encourage all members of our school community that you're welcome to send me photos and stories about your family pets and animals.

Attached are a couple of photos of Harley and me. Harley is an 18-month-old Kelpie–Staffy cross who was a rescue dog. Some of you may remember the day Mrs Welsh brought him to school while she was fostering him. I took one look, fell in love with him, and took him home that night as a surprise for Melissa and our four children!

I love taking Harley for a walk before work each morning, throwing a tennis ball for him, and even taking him to Bunnings!

- Mr King





Wishing the following
students a very

Happy Birthday

June

22nd Aurora E
Imogen D

29th Augie C

July

1st Stella L

3rd Vivi R

5th Tessa M

8th Otis F

Georgia K

Riley H

12th Thomas M

Milo Monday

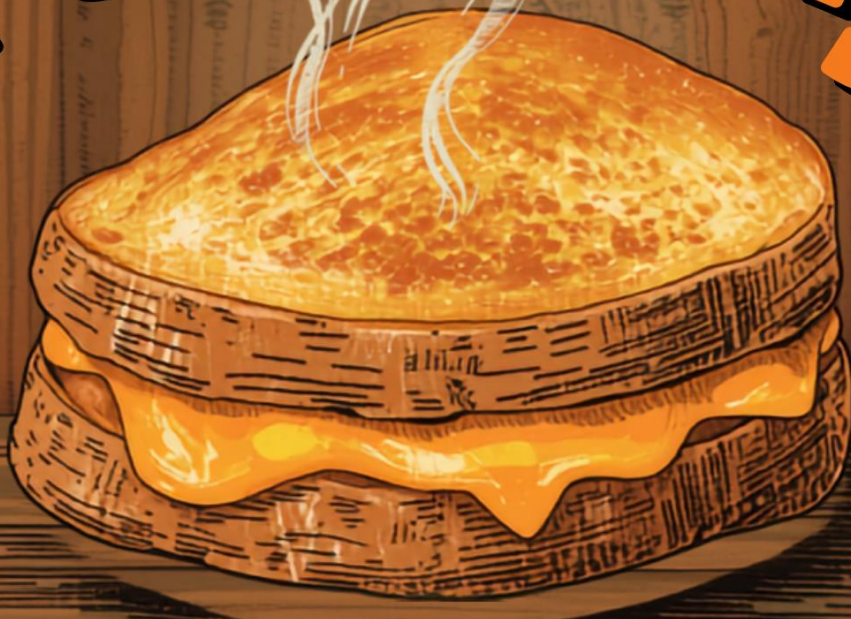
Help us raise
Money for the
Sovereign Hill
3/4 camp.



**Join us in the art room for
a \$1 milo.**

**AT LUNCH TIME (1:40)
EVERY MONDAY!**

Toastie Tuesday



\$2 CHEESE TOASTIES

Proceeds going towards 3/4 camp
Every Tuesday - Grab yours at lunch!

JSC IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

PYJAMA Day!

Get
comfy for
a great
cause!

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

We're supporting



the
pyjama
foundation

Every dollar raised helps kids in care
build brighter futures. ♥

GOLD COIN
DONATION
APPRECIATED

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE PJ'S AND
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE ♥