



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 10 – 14th September 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 respected, and their voices 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

The final week of Term Three is here! It has been a busy and action-packed term, full of valuable learning experiences for both students and staff. The end of the term provides a great opportunity to reflect on our achievements, opportunities, and extra-curricular activities. Throughout the term, our school community has been involved in:

- National Pyjama Day
- Read with Rotary (Prep/1)
- Grade 6 Woodwork Sessions
- Milo Monday & Toastie Tuesdays
- Tuesday Tunes
- Prep 100 Days of School Dress-Up
- Year 4, 5 & 6 Life Education Sessions
- Kids helpline Anti-Bullying Seminars (2/3 & 3/4)
- Science Week Nature Photo Challenge
- Book Week Parade and Giant Book Swap
- Grade 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Sporting Schools – Netball sessions (3-6)
- Gymnastics Sessions with Grant Nel (P/1, 1/2, 2/3)
- R U OK? Day
- Clubs
- JSC Disco
- Footy Colours Day (This Friday!)



Our staff have participated in a range of professional learning opportunities this term, including participation in network Maths Community of Practice, Maths Coaching, CPR refreshers, as well as cluster meetings focused on Respectful Relationships and Mental Health in Primary Schools. We have also hosted staff from other schools who have observed our practice as well as a visit from the South West Victoria Regional Director. These opportunities help us stay up to date with the latest educational developments and continually reflect on and refine our practices to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Massive thanks to staff, students, parents and the local community for your contribution towards our school throughout this term. Each of you help ensure the programs and opportunities we provide at Birregurra are many and varied and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

School Council

Last Monday night we held our September School Council meeting. Reports presented and accepted included the Principal's Report, Junior School Council, Parents & Friends, and Buildings and Grounds.

Key items discussed were:

- We have hosted a number of Pre-Service Teachers throughout the term, which has been a positive partnership for our staff as well as the university students.
- Year 3/4 Camp: a successful and enjoyable experience, with positive feedback from the students and camp staff.

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

- Parent/Carer Opinion Survey: remains open until the end of the term.
- 2027 enrolment projections.
- Emergency Management Plan: completed for 2026–2027.
- JSC activities, including R U OK? Day and the JSC Disco.
- School Concert date set for Friday 11th December.
- Grade 6 Graduation: Tuesday 15th December.
- Staff professional learning: current and upcoming opportunities outlined.
- Curriculum reports from classroom teachers presented.

We also ratified the finance reports for July and August.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 26th October. If you wish to know more about any of the above items, please feel free to chat with one of our School Council members.

R U OK? Day

Thanks to our JSC team for creating a fun day last Wednesday for R U OK? Day. There were lots of smiles and conversations sparked through dancing, play and enjoying a sausage together. It was wonderful to see students getting involved, with plenty of splashes of yellow worn throughout the school. It was a great opportunity for students to connect with one another, have some fun and remind each other of the importance of checking in and asking, “R U OK?”.

If you or someone you know needs some extra support, please reach out to a trusted person, your GP or one of the professional support services available, such as Kids Helpline, Lifeline or Beyond Blue. Remember, asking “R U OK?” is just the beginning of an ongoing conversation.



Thanks to the Birregurra Men's Shed

Last Friday concluded our sessions with the Birregurra Men's Shed. A massive thanks to Colin and Phillipa for dedicating their time and efforts to provide our Grade 6 students with the opportunity to participate in a hands-on and practical learning experience. Over the sessions, students developed new skills, worked with tools and materials, and gained an appreciation for the knowledge and expertise of members of our local community. We are incredibly grateful for the time, patience and encouragement they provided throughout the program.

A special thank you also to the dads who were able to join us for some of the sessions and support the students along the way. Your involvement was greatly appreciated. The birdhouses the students completed are fabulous and a wonderful keepsake for them to take home.



JSC Disco

What a wonderful night we had on Friday night at the JSC Disco. Massive thanks to the staff that came along to support the event and well done to the JSC for organising a fun filled night. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed in their NEON colours.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Parent/Teacher conversations will take place this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 3:30-4:30pm via phone. If you haven't booked a time yet, there are still some slots available on XUNO. Teachers will call parents at the allocated time. These conversations are optional and provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to touch base about student learning, progress and wellbeing.



Footy Colours Day - Last Day of Term

This **Friday** is the final day of Term Three and Footy Colours Day. Students and staff are invited to dress up in their footy gear, and when we say footy, we mean AFL, Junior footy teams, soccer as well as basketball, netball, baseball, or just get colourful!

This day will also include a Hot Dog Special Lunch Order. Orders can be placed up until **Wednesday 16th September 9am** on Spriggy Schools. **If you can help with cooking and serving the hotdogs, we'd love to hear from you.** We look forward to seeing the school filled with colour as we celebrate the end of another fantastic term!

A reminder that assembly will be at 1:45pm, our finish time on Friday is 2:15pm. School buses will run an hour early on this day to reflect the early finishing time.

Wishing the whole school community, a happy holiday period. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 5th October.**

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 14 th September	- Milo Monday - Clubs 12.30pm
Tuesday 15 th September	- Toastie Tuesday - Whole School Photo
Thursday 17 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 18 th September	- Assembly 1.45pm, Grade 3/4 Class Presentation - Last Day of Term 3, 2.15pm finish
TERM 4	
Monday 5 th October	- Term 4 Commences
Thursday 8 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 9 th October	- Greater Western Athletics – selected students
Thursday 15 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 16 th October	- Gr 5/6 BioLab - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 2/3 Class Presentation
Thursday 22 nd October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 26 th October	- School Council 6.30pm
Thursday 29 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 30 th October	- World Teachers' Day - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 1/2 Class Presentation
Saturday 31 st October	- Otway Women's Day 12pm-5pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 5 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 6 th November	- Talent Quest & Market Day
Thursday 12 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 13 th November	- STOMP - Assembly 2.45pm, Prep Class Presentation

House Celebration

On Friday, we held our termly House Celebration to recognise the positive behaviours, values and contributions of our students throughout the term.

House points are awarded by all staff members to students who demonstrate the behaviours and values we aim for at Birregurra Primary School. This might include showing respect, demonstrating our C.A.R.E. values, helping others, showing responsibility or making a positive contribution to our school community.

Congratulations to Skene House, who were our overall winners this term! As part of their celebration, students enjoyed some games together and hot chips, with the choice of celebration decided by the majority of Skene House. The games we played supported students to develop teamwork skills by encouraging them to communicate, cooperate, and support one another. It was wonderful to see students enjoying time together and celebrating their achievement.

Our House system provides a great opportunity to acknowledge the many positive contributions students make each day and to reinforce the values that help make our school such a positive place to learn and work.

- Mr King



FOOTY COLOURS DAY!



Let's celebrate the end
of the AFL season!

FRIDAY
18TH SEPTEMBER

= WEAR YOUR =

FOOTY COLOURS!

= OR =

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE
SPORTS TEAM COLOURS!

SHOW YOUR TEAM
= SPIRIT! =

WEAR IT PROUD. CELEBRATE TOGETHER.
= GO TEAM! =





SPECIAL



LUNCH ORDER DAY!

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

**FOOTY
COLOURS DAY!**



**HOT DOGS
ON THE MENU!**



**ORDER VIA
SPRIGGY SCHOOLS**

DEMONS MINI HOOPS PROGRAM



Small hoops. Big skills.
Big smiles!

**6 WEEK
PROGRAM**



TUESDAYS
4.30 – 5.15PM
(45 minutes)



**Prep, Grade 1
and Grade 2**



BUILD
motor skills,
confidence and
early game
fundamentals.



FOCUS:

- ✓ dribbling
- ✓ passing
- ✓ shooting
- ✓ teamwork
- ✓ and fun games.



Where: Birregurra Primary School



\$20 for the 6 week
commitment.
Ball included.



Skill level:
beginner/
introductory.



Starts:

Tuesday October 13th –
final session November 17th
(no session Melbourne Cup Day).



Minimum of 8 required to commence.



RSVP to Jess B
jbuchanangrace@gmail.com

with your child's name,
age, parents/guardian
name and details.

Go Demons!

BOOTS, BREWS & BBQ!

SADDLE UP & SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

KINDER FETE

AT BIRREGURRA PRE-SCHOOL

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10**

**05:00PM
TILL
08:00PM**



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**PETTING ZOO - BOOT SCOOTING TUNES -
S'MORES - FOOD VANS - BAR -
SILENT AUCTION & MANY MORE...**

**DRESS UP AND BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY**



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

**[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM
/BOOTS-BREWS-AND-BBQ](https://events.humanitix.com/boots-brewn-and-bbq)**





PLAY LOCAL.
PLAY TOGETHER.
HAVE FUN!

**YOUR SUMMER.
YOUR GAME.**

COME & TRY CRICKET!

TWO **FREE** OPPORTUNITIES FOR
GIRLS NEW TO CRICKET

U13'S

AGES 9-12

U17'S

AGES 13-16



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
& OCTOBER 4TH
2PM - 3PM**



**COLAC SPORTS PERFORMANCE HUB
EASTERN RESERVE, COLAC**



FOR MORE INFORMATION
JACCOB RODDA
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**COME ALONG AND
BRING SOME FRIENDS!**

**REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST OR
TURN UP
ON THE DAY!**

MAKE NEW FRIENDS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. LOVE THE GAME.



IMAGINE THE FUN

Join your local program.

Colac & District Cricket Program

11 Weeks Saturday 9-10am

Starting October 31st at Colac Lake Oval

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/de8c3a>

6 Week Girls-only option

