



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 1, Week 5 – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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



Welcome to Week 5! The term is certainly flying by, and Easter will be here before we know it! It has been a busy and productive start to the school year, with much more planned in the upcoming weeks. Please keep an eye on the dates in the diary section!

### Parent Teacher Conversations

Thanks for making the time to connect with our teachers over the past two weeks for parent/teacher conversations. It is always valuable to hear from our families and work together as partners to achieve the best possible outcomes for all students. Please remember if anything pops up that you wish to discuss, let teachers know and they will make themselves available at a mutually convenient time. No matter is too big or too small for our shared attention!

### Colac Division Tennis Competition

Last Friday we had three of our senior students, Samson, Parker and Harry head to Colac Lawn Tennis Courts to participate in a singles round robin competition against other local schools. The boys participated enthusiastically giving it their best. Thanks to our parents for transporting your children and encouraging them to give tennis a go! Well done boys!

### Student Leadership Presentations

Our 2024 student leaders were presented to the school community at assembly on Friday afternoon. Special thanks to Senior Constable Josh Goonan for presenting the students with their badges. It is with great pleasure that I announce to the wider school community our 2024 student leaders:

#### School Captains

- Eve & Hugh (also part of JSC team)

#### House Captains

- **Sladen:** Theo & Vivienne
- **Skene:** Blake & Jackson
- **Strachan:** Tom & John
- **Beal:** Samson & Mitch

#### Junior School Council

- **President-** Parker L
- **Grade 5:** Savannah & Xavier
- **Grade 4:** Kate M & Indie H
- **Grade 3:** Eliza & Hunter S

All members of our school community are expected to model the school values; however, it is particularly important that our school leaders be exemplary role models for other students in the school.

School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood (President) Luke Fitzpatrick, Claire Leeson, Abbey Gannon, Kelly Dodds, Emma Mezzatesta, Emily McDonald, Alistair Burrell, Brendan King.

As a school leader, students will demonstrate the following school values:

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We are looking forward to working alongside these passionate young leaders to continue to learn and grow together for the benefit of the whole school community.



### JSC- Icy Pole Day

Our first Junior School Council fundraiser is scheduled for this **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. We're hosting an Icy-Pole Day, where icy poles will be on sale for 50 cents each at lunchtime. Students are encouraged to purchase a maximum of one icy pole and are advised not to buy on behalf of others.

### Polwarth Sports

The Polwarth Sports is this **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** at Alvie Primary School. We are looking forward to the day, interacting with students, staff and families from across our local schools. A friendly reminder that parents are required to transport their children to and from the event. I encourage you to chat to each other about potentially carpooling. If you have a spare seat in your car and would be willing to assist with transport, please let us know.

Families are encouraged to stay and enjoy the day. Bring along a picnic lunch and/or parents are able to purchase a sausage from the Alvie P&F tent. There will also be a coffee van as well as icy poles and drinks available to purchase.



Staff will arrive at 8:00am and we ask that parents and students please arrive at 9:00am as students will assemble in their age groups at 9:15am and events will commence at 9:30am sharp. We will have a school tent set up, head to the tent first to collect your child's score card. Students are to wear their school T- shirt/jumper, blue shorts and hat. Please find attached a program which outlines the day in more detail. We will also have a few hard copies available at our school tent for your reference. We look forward to enjoying this community event with everyone. Go Birre!



### Schools Clean Up Australia Day

This year our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March**. Schools Clean Up is a great way to inspire our students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in the community. Students from across the school will join in the clean-up of the Birregurra Park. Staff and students will head to the park at approximately 1:00pm. Parents are welcome to meet us at the park if you wish to join in.

### Easter Raffle Fundraiser

Our annual Easter raffle will be running again in 2024. We are seeking donations towards our raffle and would appreciate any Easter eggs and/or Easter themed items towards our hampers. These can be dropped into the office. Easter books of 10 tickets will be sent home on 6<sup>th</sup> March to every family. They will be due back to school on 20<sup>th</sup> March with the raffle to be drawn at our final assembly for Term 1 on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.



### School Attendance

School attendance and ensuring that your children arrive at school on time each day they are well or have no other important commitments is essential. **Why going to school is important...** Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

**What to do if your child can't go to school...** Let us know as soon as possible and explain why your child can't come to school. If you do not let us know, we will contact you or your emergency contacts to make sure your child is safe. Talk to your school if your child needs to take an extended period of time off.

## Reminders

- School Council nominations close **today at 4:00pm**.
- PREP students do not come to school on Wednesdays throughout February.
- Our first Parents & Friends meeting is scheduled for **Friday 1st March at 9:00am** in the main building. All are welcome to attend.
- Please complete all start of year consent forms via XUNO **ASAP**. This includes media consent, local excursions, internet access agreement, viewing consent and school rules. Thanks to those that have already done this!
- As per our Student Dress Code policy, students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school as this type of jewellery can cause a safety concern.
- Students are reminded to keep their treasures and valuables at home. Please note that any valuables brought to school are not the responsibility of the school.
- If you have a spare seat in your car and would be willing to assist with transport to the Polwarth Sports this Thursday, please let us know.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns please don't hesitate to contact either myself, the office or your child's teacher. Positive home school partnerships and relationships ensure the best possible outcomes for your children. We value your input and are committed to making our school the best it can be – *safe, fair and friendly for everyone*.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

## Dates for the diary ...

2024	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	- School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	- No Preps at school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	- Polwarth Sports @ Alvie Primary School
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- PFA Barefoot Bowls, 6pm-9pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	- Clean Up Australia Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Athletics ~ selected students
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	- Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	- Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	- School Council 6.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	- House Sports
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Breakfast Club - Last Day of Term 1, 2.15pm finish

# Students of the Week

Prep	<b>Tate G</b>	Thank you for being such a wonderful class member, always helping those around you and making sure our room is clean. Well done Tate!
	<b>Willow E</b>	For the enthusiastic way you participate in our daily Sounds Write sessions. You are a sound champion. Keep up the great work Willow.
Gr 1	<b>Sabi M</b>	Thank you for being a terrific helper when showing the Preps how to use Mathseeds. Well done Sabi!
	<b>Val C</b>	For the effort and care you are taking with your handwriting. Your dedication to write neatly on dotted thirds is amazing! Keep it up Val!
Gr 2	<b>Aurora E</b>	Aurora it has been great to see your confidence grow the last few weeks! You've been able to celebrate your success in your learning.
	<b>Blake S</b>	For being engaged in Sounds Write and concentrating on using the correct spelling! Super work Blake!
Gr 3/4A	<b>Stella F</b>	For your amazing work reading and writing polysyllabic words during our Sounds Write session. Amazing job Stella!
	<b>Flynn L</b>	It's so wonderful to see you engaged and always trying your best at all learning tasks. Well done Flynn!
Gr 3/4M	<b>Hettie G</b>	For your fantastic commitment to our class and your kindness towards others.
	<b>Ava R</b>	For your effort in all of your work and setting such a fantastic standard when listening to instructions.
Gr 5/6	<b>Elodie T</b>	For your wonderful maths work this week. You are doing so well at your multiplication and constantly give your best effort. Great work Elodie
	<b>Mitch G</b>	For always giving your best effort in all areas of the curriculum. You have stepped up as a leader of the school. Awesome work Mitch!
Italian	<b>Rosie H</b>	For her consistent enthusiastic approach in developing her Italian language and cultural knowledge. Eccellente, Rosie!
	<b>Aliya N</b>	For her ability to use the pronunciation guide in an Italian phrase book to assist her language development. Eccellente, Aliya!
Art	<b>Liam P</b>	You are such a creative thinker. I love how you ask questions to clarify your understanding. Keep those ideas coming!
	<b>Jaxson D</b>	It was so exciting to see you so engaged in our first Art activity this year...AND...you even came back at lunchtime to complete it! Legend!



## Principal's Award

**Roy C**

For consistently aspiring to do his best both inside and outside of the classroom.

Wishing the following  
students  
a very Happy Birthday

February

26<sup>th</sup> Jack G

March

3<sup>rd</sup> Willow W  
Phoebe M





# HEALTH & WELLBEING

As a parent of four children, I recognise the challenges of providing healthy, economical and practical meals for a family... not to mention tasty and appealing! Therefore, across the year I will endeavour to share with you as many healthy meal and snack ideas as possible. Attached below is a delicious oat and mixed berry muesli bar.

- Brendan King

## OAT AND MIXED BERRY MUESLI BAR

### INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup honey  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 egg  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 1/2 cups wholemeal plain flour  
1 1/2 cups traditional rolled oats  
1 tsp mixed spice  
1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
1/3 cup dried cranberries  
1 1/3 cups frozen raspberries  
Select all ingredients



### METHOD

Step 1: Preheat oven to 190C/170C fan-forced. Grease a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 3cm above long sides.

Step 2: Whisk oil, honey, vanilla and egg in a jug. Combine sugar, flour, oats, mixed spice and bicarbonate of soda in a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Add oil mixture. Stir to combine.

Step 3: Press two-thirds of the oat mixture evenly over base of prepared pan. Sprinkle with cranberries, raspberries and remaining oat mixture. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden and set. Cool completely in pan. Cut into bars. Serve.

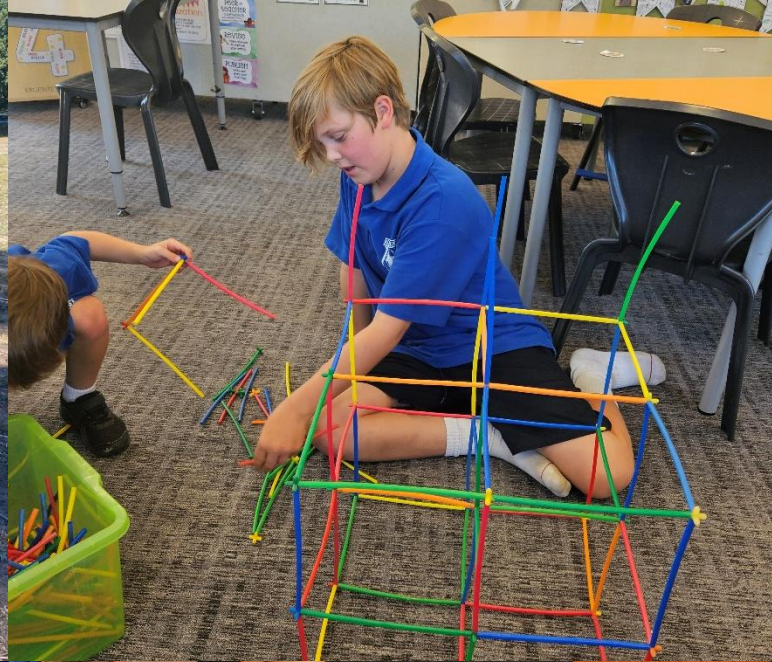


2024 School Captains  
Hugh and Eve



2024 School Leaders





# Clubs Term 1





## Old Empty Photo Frames Wanted

If you have any old photo frames (without glass) at home, please bring them in and leave in box at the office. Thank you, Mrs K-C

Starlight  
**SUPERSWIM**  
POWERED BY speedo

# HELP DAPH BE A SUPERSWIM HERO

FOR SICK KIDS



Donate here



This February my sisters and I are raising money for the **Starlight Foundation** by swimming laps. My goal is 1.50 km, I have swum 550m so far. We first knew about this foundation when one of our cousins started working for it as an actress to help kids in hospital feel happy! So please donate to me or my team so we can reach our goal of \$750.

1-29 February

<https://superswim.org.au/d-gazzard>

## School council election process and timetable

**Name of the school:** Birregurra Primary School

Letter	Event	DATE
a)	Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
b)	Closing date for nominations	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
c)	Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
d)	Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
e)	Close of ballot	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
f)	Vote count	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
g)	Declaration of poll	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
h)	Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside)	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
i)	First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024



# PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

Join us to discuss upcoming events and share your ideas.

• New faces, new stories, endless possibilities

**FRIDAY MARCH 1ST 2024**

**9:00AM**

**IN THE MAIN BUILDING**



# Who Gives A Crap®

## Birregurra Primary School Parents & Friends Fundraiser



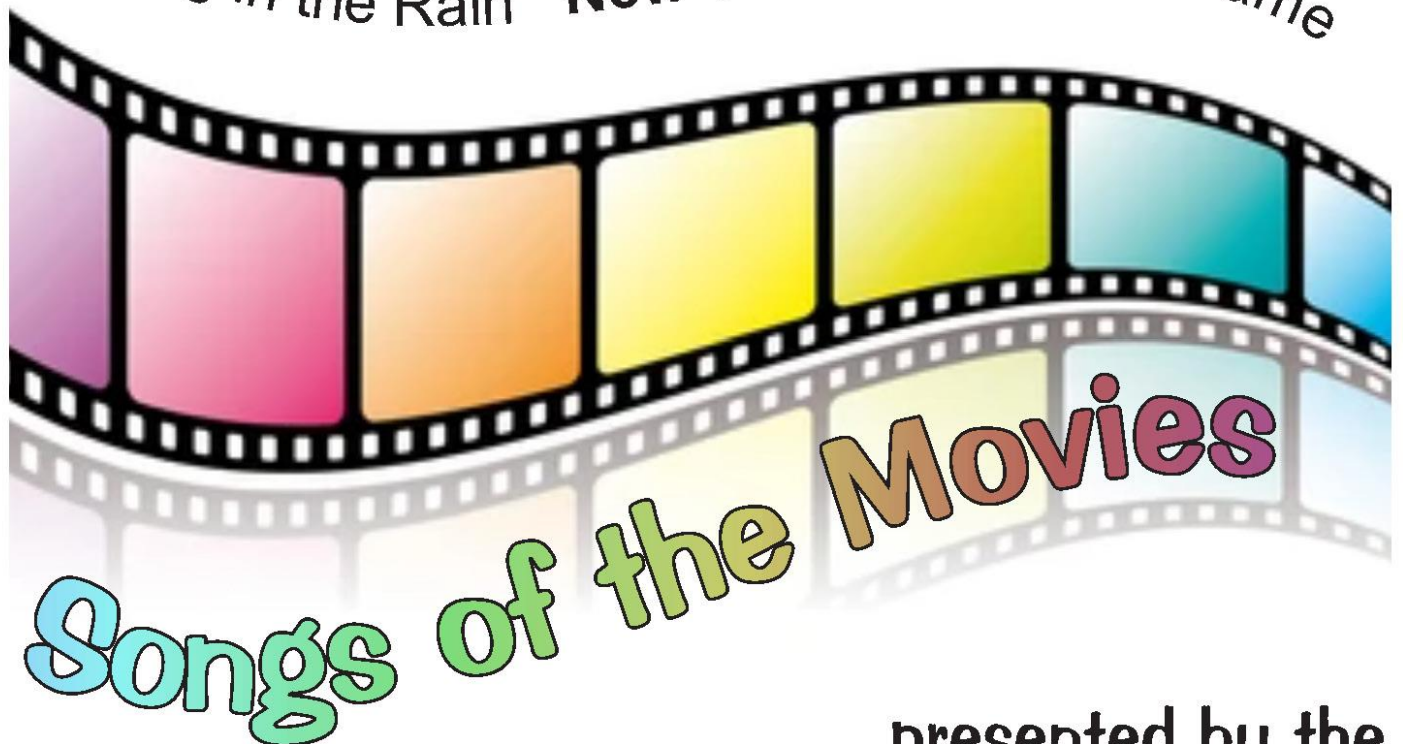
### Order Here

Orders due by Friday 1st March.

There is a slight increase in cost per box this year  
but there will be NO postage and Handling fee anymore!



Ain't Misbehavin' Blue Moon Schlindler's List  
Singing in the Rain New York New York Fame



presented by the

**Colac Chorale** Inc.

**with Guest Artists**

**Kelly Kerr on flute**

**Seth Latham on violin**

**Sunday March 10th 2.00pm**

**Ss. Johns' Church** Pollack St

**Admission \$15 Afternoon Tea included**