



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 1, Week 6 – 4th March 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 6! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and ready for another week of exciting updates and happenings. Last week was bustling with activity, featuring a successful icy pole day run by our newly formed JSC representatives, a visit from several principals and leaders from the Barwon South West network, the Polwarth Sports event, and our first

Parents and Friends meeting for the year, which was very productive. Keep your eyes out for some exciting events to come!

The purpose of the visit from other network schools was to participate in learning walks, dedicating time to observe our classrooms, with a specific emphasis on Mathematics teaching and learning. We were delighted to receive positive feedback, highlighting the excellence in our teaching and the positive atmosphere in our learning environments. Thanks to our staff for their openness and welcoming others into their classrooms.

School Council February Meeting

Last Monday we held our first general meeting for the 2024 school year. Principal, Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Junior School Council and P & F reports were presented and accepted. The main items discussed included:

- Enrolments, staffing profile and classes for 2024
- NAPLAN testing for grade 3 & 5 students in March this year
- Student Leadership positions announced & leadership conference opportunity
- Athletics program in full swing with Polwarth & House Sports taking place before the end of the term
- 3/4 Camp to Sovereign Hill – 22nd & 23rd April
- Endorsement of our school's 2024 Annual Implementation Plan
- Grant opportunities to enhance the school grounds
- Staff Professional Learning outlined
- Curriculum Reports from classroom teachers
- We also ratified finance reports for December & January and approved end of year Financial Commitment Summary report, Balance Sheet and Operating Statement for the previous year. The Anaphylaxis and Yard Duty policies were presented to council for noting. The Student Dress Code and Social Media policies were approved and endorsed by school council. A productive first meeting of the year.

School Council 2024

I'd like to congratulate our parent and school employee members to the Birregurra Primary School Council. Nominations were received from the following people-

Parent Category

Luke Fitzpatrick
Kelly Dodds
Rob Lidgerwood

School Employee Category

Jaymie Lowe

I would like to take the opportunity to thank retiring school council members Brendan King and Claire Leeson for their time, effort and contributions to school council over the years. We currently have two community member vacancies. If you wish to join council or know a community member who may wish to join, please contact us.

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

I look forward to working with members of school council to strengthen our school community and achieve our school priorities and goals. Our next school council meeting is the Annual General Meeting to be held on **25th March 2024** at 6:00pm. This will be followed by a general meeting at 6:30pm.



Thanks

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our Building and Grounds committee members, especially Luke and Rob, for their time and effort over the past few weeks. They have been working hard behind the scenes to address the condition of both of our school ovals, including improvements to irrigation and drainage.

Special appreciation also goes to RAK Davis for their generous donation of both the delivery and some of the mulch needed for our grounds.

Polwarth Sports

What a wonderful day of community spirit we had last Thursday at the Polwarth Sports. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of every single person in attendance to ensure the day was a success. A big shout out to all our staff who arrived super early at Alvie to setup our school tent, events and first aid supplies. Massive thanks to our supportive parent community for transporting your children (and others) to Alvie for the day. We understand that this is a big commitment on your behalf. While coming home with the trophy is an added bonus, the main focus of the day is for students to display their personal best. I was pleased to receive feedback from another school on the respect shown particularly by our 12/13 year olds throughout the day and their willingness to help out. Well done Birre on a fantastic day! We also had a number of age group champions on the day. Congratulations to:

Val - 5/6 girls

Hudson - 8 boys

Aliya - 8 girls

Hettie - 9 Girls

Jack K - 10 boys

Kate Mc - 10 girls

Vivienne - 11 girls

Samson - 12/13 boys

John - 12/13 boys



Students who have qualified for the next stage will be notified once finalised today or tomorrow. The Colac Division Athletics will be held this **Thursday 7th March at Central Reserve**.



Schools Clean Up Australia Day

Our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day today at 1:00pm. Students and staff from across the school will join in the clean-up of the Birregurra Park and surrounds. 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. Parents are welcome to meet us at the park if you wish to join in.

Grounds Update - Help required.

School Council is currently working on designing and creating a nature play space for our students to enjoy. To support the design, we are seeking a donation of hardwood logs to include in this space. If you have any or can support us with this, we would love to hear from you.

Following our capital works project, the top oval requires some attention to get it back into top condition. To help us achieve this, we are seeking volunteers to do an 'emu bob' to pick up little rocks and debris that remain. If you are available for a short time after school on **Monday and/or Tuesday** this week, we would appreciate your support.

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.

Also, if you have any Easter bags or baskets that you would be happy to donate, these would be appreciated. Items can be dropped into the office. Easter books of 10 tickets will be sent home on 6th March to every family. They will be due back to school on 20th March with the raffle to be drawn at our final assembly for Term 1 on 22nd of March.



Reminders

- Please ensure your child doesn't bring chewing gum into our school, as the inevitable cleanup is expensive.
- 5/6 Somers Camp expressions of interest are due back to the office **today** to be considered in the selection process.
- 3/4 Camp expressions of interest are now available on XUNO. Please complete and return with deposit by **Friday 8th March**.
- 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!
- 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 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 4 th March	- Clean Up Australia Day - 1:00pm @ Birregurra Park
Thursday 7 th March	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Athletics ~ selected students
Friday 8 th March	- Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 11 th March	- Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13 th March	- NAPLAN Writing 9:15am (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 14 th March	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - NAPLAN Reading 9:15am (Years 3 & 5)
Friday 15 th March	- NAPLAN Conventions of Language 9:15am (Years 3 & 5)
Monday 18 th March	- NAPLAN Numeracy 9:15am (Years 3 & 5)
Wednesday 20 th March	- P-2 COPACC excursion
Friday 22 nd March	- Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 25 th March	- School Council AGM 6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	- House Sports
Thursday 28 th March	- Breakfast Club - Last Day of Term 1, 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 th April	- First day of Term 2
Friday 19 th April	- Swimming Program commences - Assembly 2:45pm

Wishing the following
students
a very Happy Birthday

March

9th

Indi K



HEALTH & WELLBEING

HEALTHIER PEANUT BUTTER SLICE



10 Ingredients

- 1 cup natural peanut butter
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate soda
- 1 cup traditional oats
- 2/3 cup milk
- 100g 70% dark chocolate, melted
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 tbsp salted roasted peanuts, chopped

3 Step Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C or 160C fan-force. Grease and line base and 2 long sides of a 20cm x 30cm lamington pan.
2. Whisk peanut butter and vanilla in a large bowl until combined. Stir in sugar until combined. Sift flour and bicarbonate over peanut mixture (tip in the flour kernels). Add oats and milk and stir to combine. Transfer to prepared pan and press surface with hands to level. Bake for 20 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool in pan.
3. Combine melted chocolate and oil in a small bowl. Spread over slice. Sprinkle with peanuts. Stand for 1 hour or until set. Cut into 20 pieces.

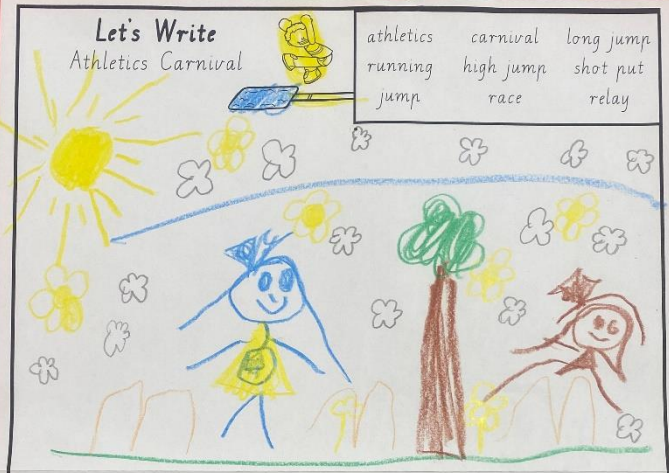


Polwarth Sports 2024



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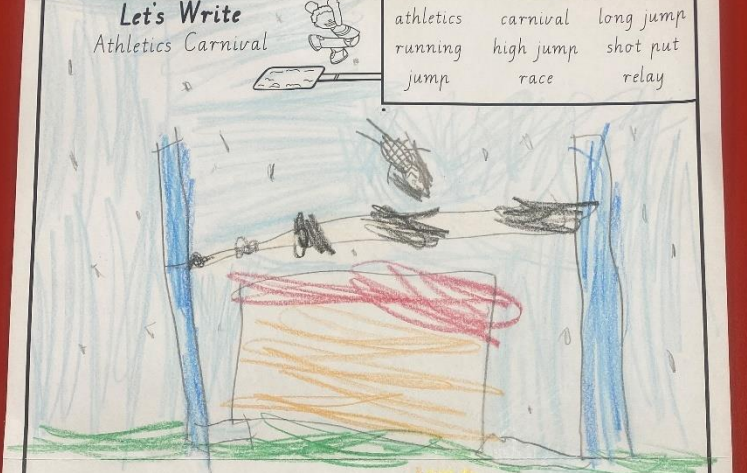
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running	high jump	shot put
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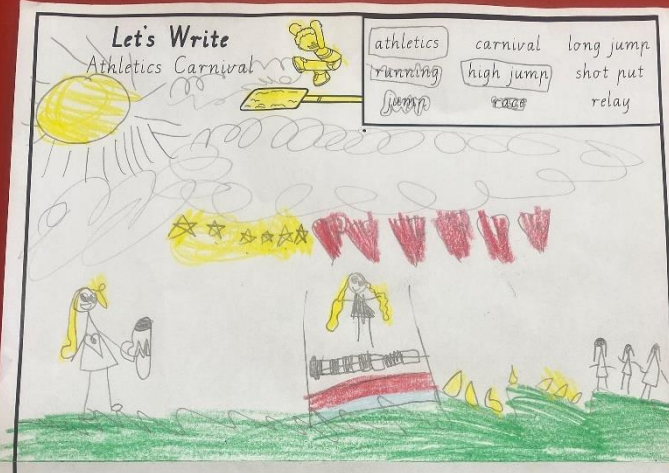


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Polwarth Sports Recounts by Grade One

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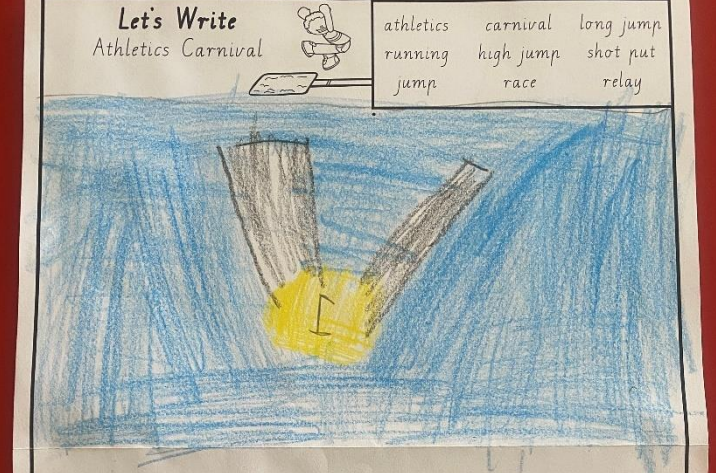
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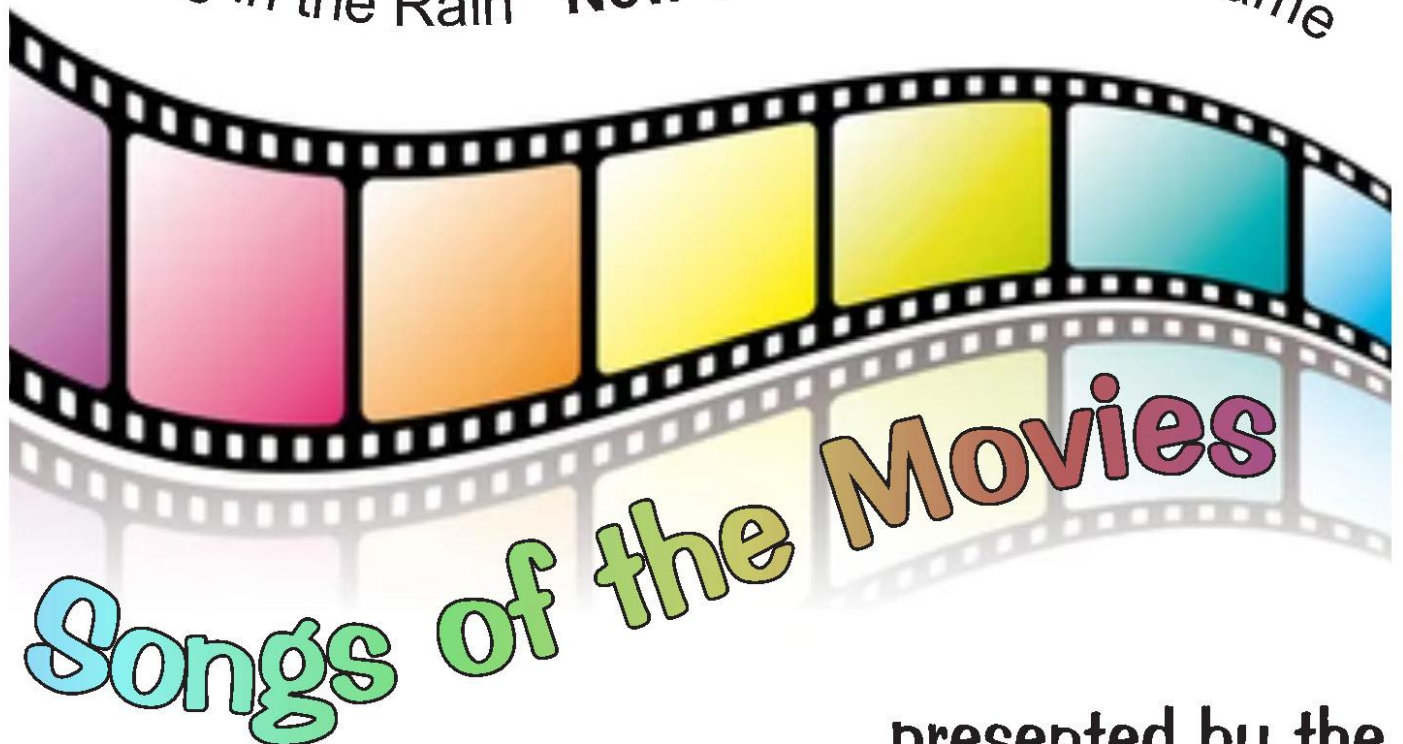
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Ain't Misbehavin' Blue Moon Schlindler's List
Singing in the Rain New York New York Fame



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