



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 1, Week 7 – 12th 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 are 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 LGBTQ+ 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 7! I hope that you all enjoyed the opportunity to relax and recharge over the long weekend ahead of the last 3 weeks of term. This week is a short week BUT a busy week with the commencement of NAPLAN for our Year 3 and 5 students this Wednesday. Please refer to the dates for the diary for our school's NAPLAN schedule. Please note specialist timetables have been adjusted during the NAPLAN period to allow students to complete testing first thing in the morning as we know this is when students typically perform their best. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Burrell or myself.

Schools Clean Up Australia Day

Last Monday, students, staff, and representatives from Birregurra Landcare actively engaged in Clean Up Australia Day within and around Birregurra Park. Despite the initial appearance of cleanliness in the park and its surroundings, it didn't take long for our groups to discover various items littering the area. Cans, plastic, and other debris quickly filled our bags as we worked together to make a positive impact on the environment. This collective effort not only enhanced the aesthetics of our community but also highlighted the importance of responsible waste disposal and environmental care. The commitment shown on Clean Up Australia Day reflects our shared dedication to preserving and beautifying our local surroundings. Thanks to Birregurra Landcare for joining us on the day!



School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood (President) Luke Fitzpatrick, Abbey Gannon, Kelly Dodds, Emma Mezzatesta, Emily McDonald, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.

Thanks

Thanks to the families who assisted in gathering rocks on the top oval last week. We're now arranging for the delivery of fresh topsoil to be distributed, along with new seed. With some watering over the coming weeks, we look forward to being able to use this space again for sports.

Colac Division Athletics

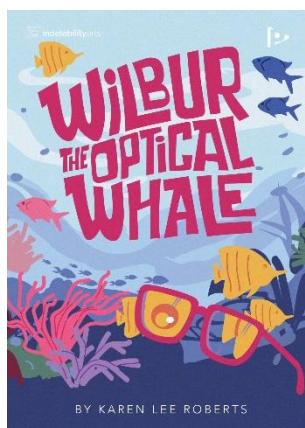
Last Thursday, selected students participated in the Colac Division Athletics held at Central Reserve in Colac. Thanks to our parents for transporting and supervising your children throughout the day and to Mr King for helping out running the triple jump event. Congratulations to our students on their performances. It was wonderful to hear our students putting in their best effort, displaying grit and determination. Results are currently being finalised. Students that have progressed to the Greater Western Region stage will be notified. The Greater Western Region event will be held at Llanberris Athletic Track in Ballarat on **Friday 11th October**.

House Sports

Our annual House Sports Day is being held on **Wednesday 27th March** at the Birregurra Recreation Reserve. We are seeking volunteers to help with the House Sports as Age Group Marshals. Teachers run all events; the age group marshal's job is to ensure students get from one event to the next. If you're able to assist with any of the following age groups, we'd love to hear from you-

5/6 year olds	10 year olds
7 year olds	11 year olds
8 year olds	12+ year olds

P-2 COPACC Performance - Wilbur the Optical Whale



On **Wednesday 20th March**, students in Prep - 2 will travel by bus to COPACC to watch a performance of Wilbur the Optical Whale by indelabilityarts.

What is Wilbur the Optical Whale?

Come on an oceanic adventure and take a deep-sea sensory dive to meet Wilbur and his cheeky friends!

Set in an exquisitely crafted underwater world full of stunning circus tricks, digital and visual imagery, music, and interactive play, Wilbur the Optical Whale is an immersive, interactive accessible performance.

We are fortunate this year to have received funding from the Department of Education that will allow us to subsidise this excursion. The cost is \$10.00 per student. Permission forms and payment are available on XUNO. Thanks to those that have already completed this. If you are yet to complete, please pop onto XUNO to complete at your earliest convenience.

Swimming Program

Here at Birregurra Primary School, we value the importance of learning to swim and our role in supporting our students to be safe in and out of the water. The 2024 swimming program includes students from Prep through to Grade Six. Information regarding our swimming program is now available on XUNO. I encourage you to log on for more detailed information and to provide consent for your child to participate. The swimming program commences in Week 1 of Term 2.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to those that have already purchased raffle tickets and donated to our Easter raffle, we greatly appreciate your support. Donations of Easter egg/s and Easter themed items, bags and baskets can be dropped into the office. The raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on **22nd March** with tickets to be returned by **20th March**.

Reminders

- 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!
- Please complete P-2 COPACC excursion permission and payment via XUNO.
- Please complete swimming consent via XUNO.

- 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	
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 - Trinity Open Day
Thursday 21 st March	- Harmony Day
Friday 22 nd March	- National Ride 2 School Day - Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 25 th March	- School Council AGM 6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	- House Sports - CSC Open Night
Thursday 28 th March	- Breakfast Club - Last Day of Term 1, 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 th April	- First day of Term 2
Thursday 18 th April	- Breakfast Club
Friday 19 th April	- Swimming Program commences - Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 22 nd April	- Grade 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 23 rd April	- Grade 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Thursday 25 th April	- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 th April	- Swimming

Wishing the following
students
a very Happy Birthday

March

11 th	Clementine D
14 th	Maddie D
17 th	Eleni L Stevie G



HEALTH & WELLBEING

SUPER-HEALTHY BANANA, APRICOT AND DATE OAT BARS



INGREDIENTS

- 3 large ripe bananas
- 3 cups traditional rolled oats
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dried dates
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

METHOD

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 16cm x 25.5cm (base) slice pan. Line with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above edges of pan.

Step 2

Mash banana until smooth. Add oats, dates, apricots, almonds, cinnamon and vanilla. Stir until well combined. Spoon into prepared pan. Using the back of a spoon, press evenly into pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden. Cool completely. Cut into small bars. Serve.

Art this week...

It was a hive of activity throughout the Art room today with lots of collaboration and sharing of ideas around an understanding of the school values, **Community**, **Aspire**, **Respect**, **Excellence**.

With a sound grasp of how we grow to be the best versions of ourselves through these shared principles, the challenge to illustrate them and what they look like at Birregurra Primary was undertaken.

Learning through this process will culminate in painted posts placed around the school grounds.

Watch this space for progress reports...



Questions to make you think a little harder...

*How do you reach **excellence**?

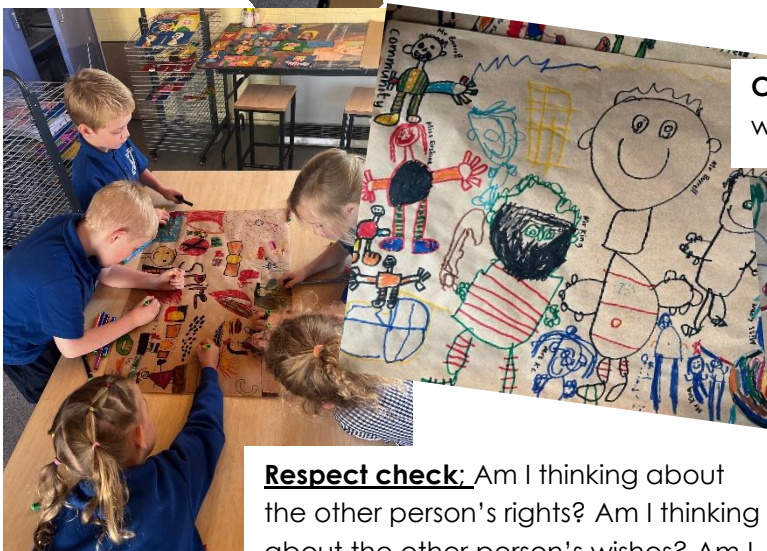
*What happens when you do reach **excellence**?



**Aspire -the drive to make
a difference in
everyone's life.**



Community - A place of share values. A place where we belong.



Respect check: Am I thinking about the other person's rights? Am I thinking about the other person's wishes? Am I thinking about the other person's feelings?



Mrs KC ☺



Pictures from
Week 5 &
Week 6



Thanks from Daph

FOR HELPING
SICK KIDS



Thanks to everyone who sponsored Daph and her sisters in the Starlight Superswim challenge in February. Together they beat their lap and fundraising goals. They raised \$880 and swam over 30km!

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

PICNIC for the planet Week 8

Make a take home lantern and enjoy a save the planet escape room experience!

* Inspired by Earth Hour *

Let's celebrate raising money for our WeCare charity.

Our WeCare Charity: **RDA AUSTRALIA SOUTH WEST CENTRE**

Date and Time: **Friday 22nd March @ 3:15pm**

Book now!



COLAC KOOKAS

Colac Basketball Association Winter Comp 2024

SIGN UP NOW TO PLAY
VIA PLAYHQ

Search "Colac Basketball", click on "Register"

WEDNESDAY GAMES

8 rounds of play

SIGN UP CLOSES 17th MARCH

Minimum age born 2015
Teams announced 25th March
Payment required by 12th April
Play commences 17th April
Cost \$100 per player

+ Basketball Victoria 12 month Licence Fee (if required - \$29 juniors, \$43 seniors)

Email enquiries: colacbasketball@gmail.com

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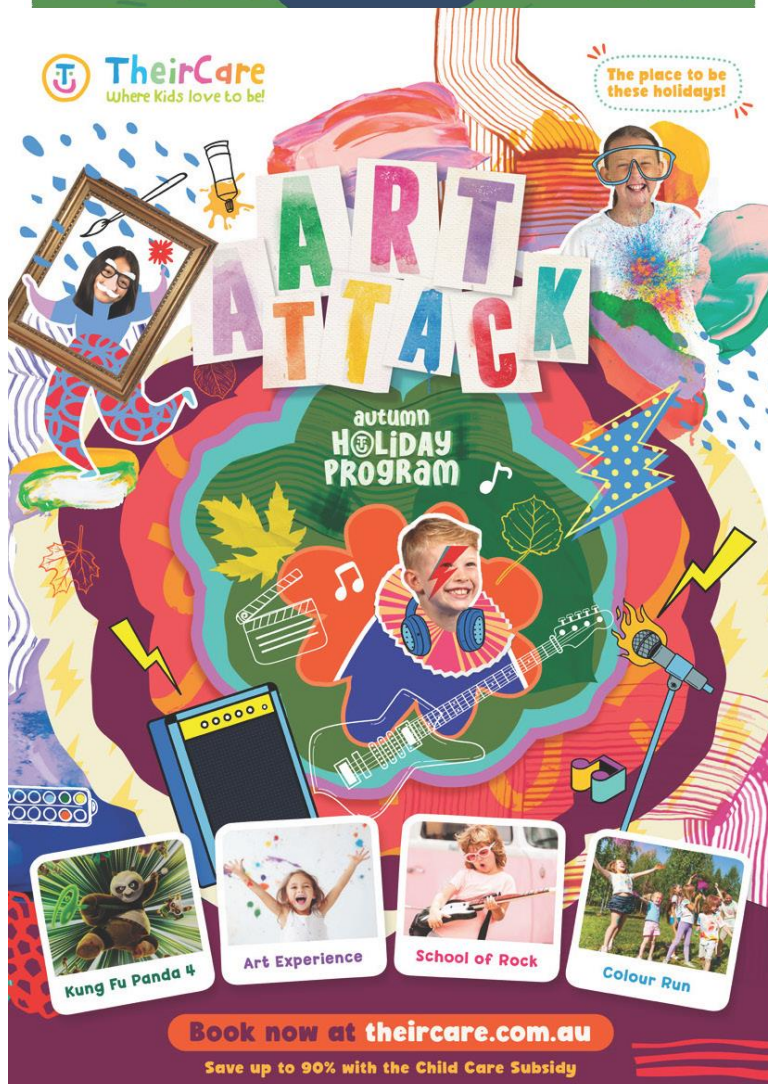
The place to be these holidays!

ART ATTACK

autumn
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

Book now at theircare.com.au

Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy



Kung Fu Panda 4

Art Experience

School of Rock

Colour Run

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day - closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable - see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility. Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 9:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session).

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!



OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH
4.30PM - 7PM
PRESENTATIONS - 4.30PM, 5.00PM & 5.30PM

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You are invited to join us for our

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 20 March
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