



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 1, Week 8 – 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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 8. I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely weekend. This week, I will be participating in the Barwon South West Network Principal conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, along with fulfilling my role as a challenge partner for the Alvie Primary School review today. While I embrace these chances to expand my understanding and provide support to my colleagues, I want to express my gratitude to the Birre team for their dedicated efforts. Our staff admirably handle additional yard duties and responsibilities with professionalism and supportiveness, and I extend a sincere thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. If you have any queries, please contact either your child's teacher or send an email to [jessica.kattwinkel@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jessica.kattwinkel@education.vic.gov.au).

## Staffing Update

Ms Bree has commenced maternity leave, welcoming the early but safe arrival of Lennox Dennis-Andrew Shone on Friday night. Huge congratulations to Bree, Tim and the whole family.

I'd like to welcome Ms Julia to the team as education support. Julia commenced last week and is currently supporting students in our junior grades. She is loving being at Birre and building connections with students and staff.

## NAPLAN

I have been greatly impressed by the dedication and effort demonstrated by our Year 3 and 5 students during the NAPLAN testing period. They have approached the assessments with a positive attitude, remaining focused and giving their best effort. While we aim to complete assessments today, the NAPLAN window will remain open until March 25th to accommodate any necessary catch-up sessions as a result of student absence.



## P-2 COPACC Performance - Wilbur the Optical Whale

This **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.

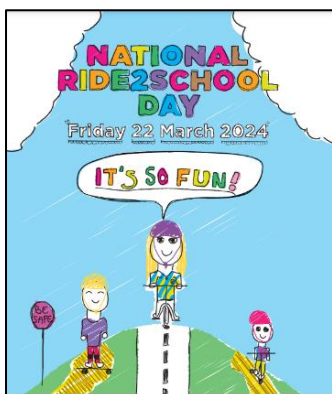
We look forward to hearing all about the performance from our junior students upon their return!

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

## Harmony Day

Harmony Day (Thursday 21 March 2024) is part of [Harmony Week](#) that celebrates Australia's amazing cultural diversity. During this week, schools celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

With its motto '**Everyone belongs**', Harmony Day is a day we appreciate our differences and similarities, promote inclusiveness and show mutual respect for everyone, regardless of race, colour, religion, or background. On Thursday, students will engage in Harmony Week lessons and are invited to wear orange. This can include an orange t-shirt or shorts, or it could be an orange ribbon, or socks. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.



## National Ride 2 School Day

This Friday is **National Ride to School Day** and our school is once again participating in this great initiative to encourage students to be physically active on their journey to school. Students who ride, scoot or walk to school contribute to their minimum physical activity level of 60 minutes per day. Research also shows they are more focused and ready to learn. More than 870 schools and 360,000 students took part in National Ride2School Day in 2023.

We invite students and families to meet staff at the Birregurra Park (Corner of Main Street and Strachan St) at 8:30am on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** to ride or scoot to school. Don't forget to wear your helmet! We hope to see you at the park Friday!

## 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 **this Friday** at our final assembly for Term One with tickets and donations to be returned by **Wednesday** please. Thanks in advance to the parents that have volunteered to put the prizes together.

## House Sports

Our House Sports are fast approaching and will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at the Birregurra Recreation Reserve. Thanks to the parents that have volunteered to help on the day with age group marshalling, we'd love more volunteers so please let us know if you support. A program outlining times and events for the different age groups will be distributed prior to the day, so keep your eyes peeled. Students are invited to wear their house colours on the day.

## School Dismissal - Back Gate

The back gate (Skene Street) is a busy area at the end of the school day. To ensure the safety and smooth dismissal of all students, we kindly request your support. We ask that families please collect their children promptly and move to their cars, refraining from using the playground. Students awaiting collection should wait in designated areas with staff. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all.

## 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.



## Reminders

- Easter Raffle tickets and donations due to the office by Wednesday.
- Thursday is Harmony Day, students are invited to wear orange to school.
- National Ride 2 School day is THIS Friday – meet us at the park at 8:30am to ride or scoot to school.
- Please complete swimming consent via the XUNO platform.
- Grade 3/4 Camp information is now on XUNO. Medical Forms need to be completed by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

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.

Have a happy and safe week 😊

Jess Kattwinkel & team

## Dates for the diary ...

2024	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	- NAPLAN Numeracy 9:15am (Years 3 & 5)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	- P-2 COPACC excursion - Trinity Open Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	- Harmony Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	- National Ride 2 School Day - Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	- School Council AGM 6.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	- House Sports - CSC Open Night
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	- Breakfast Club - Last Day of Term 1, 2.15pm finish
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day of Term 2
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	- Breakfast Club
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	- Swimming Program commences - Assembly 2:45pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	- Grade 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	- Grade 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	- Swimming

Wishing the following  
students  
a very Happy Birthday

March

22<sup>nd</sup>

Wallace B





# HEALTH & WELLBEING

## Passionfruit slice

I love passionfruit and given they are in abundance at the moment I thought it timely to share this easy passionfruit slice recipe. It's an easy straight forward recipe with simple steps and one that would be fun to make with the kids! - Brendan King



### 8 Ingredients

- Melted butter, to grease
- 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour
- 85g (1 cup) Coles Desiccated Coconut
- 100g (1/2 cup) caster sugar
- 100g butter, melted
- 1 x 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 125ml (1/2 cup) fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp passionfruit pulp

### 3 Method Steps

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush a 16 x 26cm (base measurement) slab pan with melted butter to lightly grease. Line the base and 2 long sides with non-stick baking paper, allowing the sides to overhang.
2. Use a wooden spoon to combine the flour, coconut, sugar and butter in a large bowl. Use your hands to bring the dough together in the bowl. Transfer to the prepared pan. Use a metal spoon to press firmly over the base. Bake for 12 minutes or until light golden. Set aside to cool.
3. Reduce oven temperature to 150°C. Use a balloon whisk to whisk together the condensed milk, lemon juice and passionfruit pulp in a large bowl until smooth and well combined. Pour into the pan and spread evenly over the base.

Bake in oven for 15 minutes until just firm to the touch. Set aside to cool completely. Cut into slices to serve and enjoy!

For more recipes like this head to:

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/passionfruit-slice/9c3ddff0-fafc-46f9-8fc3-4c3644ae4388?r=baking/pnpc6mdj>



**Students' Photography Competition  
Primary & Secondary - Ages 5-18**

As part of its new **Next Gen series**, CO.AS.IT's Cultural Program has launched its first ever **Photography Competition & Exhibition for Prep to Year 12 students**.

## **Theme: Through Young Eyes: Italy & All Things Italian**

Participants are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly; to think about what Italy, Italian culture & Italian-Australian culture means to them – and to reflect their unique perspective through the lens!

Entries will be judged by a panel based on creativity, originality, technical skill, and how well they encapsulate the theme.

**Selected works will be on display at CO.AS.IT. (199, Faraday Street, Carlton) from May 14 –June 29, 2024.**

At the end of the exhibition, all finalists will receive a framed copy of their work.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded in both primary & secondary categories through public voting, both online & at CO.AS.IT, from May 14 till June 19.**

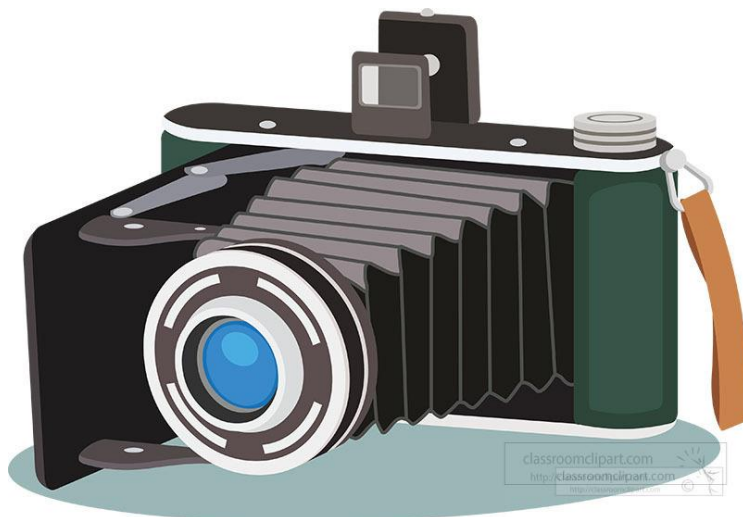
**Category winners will receive their prizes at an award ceremony on June 22.**

### **How to take part:**

Each participant will need to submit one image (JPEG), plus a short description of the photo, to me (Signora) before 4pm on Friday, April 12, 2024.

**Email: [ann-maree.convery@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ann-maree.convery@education.vic.gov.au)**

**So, grab your camera & unleash your creativity! In bocca al lupo! 🍀**



Got himmm .... Yesssssss!

What awesome action shot of Archie capturing his first wicket in the U11s!

His reaction is priceless, and rightly so!!!







# Join us for school holiday fun!

**To celebrate the achievements of the Birregurra Sustainable Communities – Water initiative,** we're inviting locals to join us for morning tea and a chat while the kids create, play and learn.

**Friday 12 April 2024  
10am-11.30am  
Birregurra Town Hall,  
42-44 Main St, Birregurra**



**We'll have lots of hands-on activities, games, face painting and giveaways to entertain the kids and information about Birregurra's commitment to sustainable water practices - so bring the whole family along!**

**This FREE community event is the first of a series of Birregurra Sustainable Communities – Water activations in 2024.**

We look forward to seeing you there.  
To register your interest, scan the QR code or visit [www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/birregurra](http://www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/birregurra)  
Alternatively, you can email [info@barwon.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@barwon.vic.gov.au) or call our team on 1300 656 007 for more information.







INVERLEIGH & DISTRICT GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

# FAMILY FUN DAY 2024

Friday  
**29 March**  
10am-5pm

All money raised goes to the Royal Children's Hospital

*Located 25 minutes from Geelong - Victoria Park, 20 Park Street, Inverleigh. FREE ENTRY, FREE PARKING.*



## Carnival Rides & Animal Farm

\$30 all day pass or  
\$7 per ride



Larissa's  
Imaginarium  
Kid's Show  
11am



## Easter Bunny

12pm

### Egg Hunt

12:30pm

\$7 - Run in age groups



## Auctions

Live 3:30pm (Must register)

### Silent Ends

3:30pm

Raffles & Spinning Wheel all day



## Live Animal Show

2pm



## Teddy Bear Hospital

All Day



KF Dance  
10:30am



Emergency  
Services  
Display



Toy  
Workshop  
10am - 12pm



Rohan  
Windle  
Entertainment  
1pm

Classic Car Display,  
Food Vans, Market Stalls,  
Face Painting & More  
All Day

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WINDOW SOLUTIONS

NO ALCOHOL, NO SMOKING, NO DOGS (excludes assistance dogs).