



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 1, Week 9 – 23rd March 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



Welcome to Week 9 and Cultural Diversity Week! I hope everyone had a fantastic weekend. With only two weeks left in Term One, we have some exciting events to wrap up the term!

This Wednesday, Kate and Tess will be representing our school at the Greater Western Swimming Carnival in Horsham, following their fabulous performances at the Apollo Bay Carnival earlier this term. We wish both girls the very best of luck! We're also looking forward to our House Sports on Friday and our Cross Country in the final week of term.

National Ride 2 School Day

What a beautiful sunny morning and wonderful turnout we had for National Ride 2 School Day on Friday! Thanks to the team of parents, Josh Goonan and staff who supported our students in riding and scooting safely to school. It was fantastic to start the day with physical activity, contributing to our daily 60 minutes while also reducing carbon emissions in our environment. Well done everyone!



Colac Division Athletics

Congratulations to the students who competed in the Colac Division Athletics on Friday at Central Reserve. Reports indicate that our students represented the school well and gave their best in all events. A sincere thank you to the families who supported and transported students on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued by both the school and our students.



Cultural Diversity Week 2026: 21 - 29 March

Every year in March, we bring Victorians together to celebrate our state's diverse and powerful multicultural communities. Multiculturalism is a core part of the Victorian identity, our character and way of life. Our state is home to people who speak 290 languages and have 314 different ancestries.

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

This week is Cultural Diversity Week, a time to celebrate the power, influence, and stories of Victoria's rich multicultural communities. This year's theme, ***Culture connects us all***, highlights how sharing intercultural stories and experiences fosters understanding, belonging and connection. Today our students and staff are wearing **orange** to show support for a diverse and welcoming community.



AEU Stop Work Action

As shared last week via the XUNO platform, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action tomorrow **Tuesday 24 March 2026**. Based upon the information provided to me, all of our teaching staff will be taking part in the strike action. I will also be taking part in the industrial action.

As a consequence, no teaching staff from Birregurra Primary School will be on site on Tuesday. Therefore, regular school programs will not run.

Supervision will be provided by registered teaching staff who may be Casual Relief Teachers or Department employees, with students of critical service workers to be prioritised.

If your children are in this category and they will require supervision at school on that day, please make contact today. Thanks for your understanding.

House Sports

Our House Sports are taking place this **Friday 27th March** at the Birregurra Recreation Reserve. Our House leaders have been running lunchtime sessions to support students with the afternoon activities. Thanks to the people that have volunteered to help on the day with age group marshalling. Stay tuned for a copy of the program coming out soon!

We are also fortunate to be offering a free sausage sizzle for lunch on the day. Massive thanks to Birregurra TheirCare and Dave Drayton for their support with organising and running the BBQ. Thanks also to Dave for the completing the line marking at the recreation Reserve in preparation for Friday! So wonderful to engage with the wider school community.

Birregurra Cross Country

The date of the Birregurra PS Cross Country has been set for **Wednesday 1st April**. Cross Country will take place at the Birregurra Golf Course, commencing at approximately 2:00pm. All students in the nine and above age group participate in this event. If parents would like to join us as a marshal along the course, we would appreciate your support.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders have finished for the term due to the House Sports this Friday and the final Friday of the term being Good Friday. With swimming commencing on Fridays next term, lunch orders will not run regularly on that day in Term 2. We will, however, have some special lunch order days throughout the term, so keep an eye out early next term for information about our first special lunch day.

Thank you again to Jemma for her support with lunches this term, and to the parents who have offered their help.

Easter

Thanks to all the families and friends that have donated towards our Easter raffle, we greatly appreciate the support. Easter raffle tickets are due back to school on 1st of April with the raffle to be drawn at our final assembly for Term 1 on **Thursday 2nd of April**.

Our Parents & Friends group have also organised a hot cross bun drive through Bakers Delight, just in time for Easter. Orders are due back to school by this **Wednesday 25th March** at the latest.

We are also holding an Easter Hat Parade on the final day of term at 9:00am on the basketball/netball court. Students are encouraged to create and wear an Easter themed hat, and families are warmly invited to join us and enjoy the parade together as we celebrate the end of term.

Tea towel Fundraiser

Included in today's newsletter is information regarding our tea towel fundraiser. Please take the time to read it. Please note artwork is being sent this week. It is expected that the tea towels will be delivered in time for Mother's Day. What a great gift idea for loved ones. Thanks to Mrs Williams for allowing time in her program for students to complete their artwork. We can't wait to see the finished product!

Reminders

- Our School Council meeting and election of office bearers will take place tonight beginning at 6:00pm. The Annual Report to the school community will also be presented at the general meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting.
- Please complete swimming consent permissions via the XUNO platform.

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...

21 st - 29 th March	- Cultural Diversity Week
Monday 23 rd March	- Wear Orange to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week - CSC Open Night - School Council 6:00pm
Wednesday 25 th March	- Greater Western Swimming - selected students - Trinity College Open Day
Thursday 26 th March	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Clubs 12:30-1:30
Friday 27 th March	- House Sports @ Birregurra Rec Reserve
Wednesday 1 st April	- Raffle tickets due back!
Thursday 2 nd April	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Easter Hat parade 9:00am - Assembly, 1:45pm, 1/2 Class Presentations - Last day of Term 1, 2:15pm finish
TERM 2	
Monday 20 th April	- Term 2 commences
Thursday 23 rd April	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 th April	- Swimming Program commences
Tuesday 28 th April	- Polwarth Cross Country - selected students
Thursday 30 th April	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 1 st May	- Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Prep/1 Class Presentations

APRICOT AND MUESLI SLICE

With four children of my own, I appreciate how challenging it can be to find snacks that are nutritious, budget-friendly, convenient and still appealing to everyone. With this in mind, I've included a simple and delicious apricot and muesli slice recipe for you to try at home.



Ingredients

- 150 g butter
- 2 tbs honey
- 200 g dried apricot (chopped)
- 1 cup Woolworths Essentials Self Raising Flour
- 1 cup untoasted muesli
- 1/2 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs (lightly beaten)

Method

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C. Line a 20cm x 20cm pan with baking paper and set aside.
- 2 Melt the butter for 30 seconds in the microwave or over a low heat in a saucepan. Stir in the honey and leave to cool.
- 3 In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar, muesli, sultanas and apricots.
- 4 Mix in the eggs and cooled honey/butter mixture.
- 5 Pour into the baking pan and bake for 25-30 minutes.

Notes: This is a cross between a cake and a slice. It is very moist and crumbly.



Students of the Week

Respect	Bessie B	For your thoughtful contributions to our class discussions when learning about rubbish. You respect our school environment by making sure the rubbish goes in the correct bin. Keep it up Bessie.
	Alice L	Alice, thank you for the care you show towards our classroom and resources, making it a wonderful place to learn. I also value the way you are always ready to help your class friends.
	Vivienne R	For consistently putting your hand up, waiting patiently for your turn when speaking, and showing thoughtfulness during group activities. Thank you Vivi for being a respectful and considerate class member!
	Dane L	For the way you show respect towards others in our classroom. You use strategies to solve problems calmly and treat those around you with care and consideration. Your actions help create a positive and supportive learning environment. Keep it up, Dane!
	Ava R	You listen carefully, use kind words, and treat others the way they would like to be treated. Ava, you are a positive role model in our classroom. Keep it up, Ava!
	Stella F	For showing great respect to her peers, both inside and outside of the classroom, especially during House Sports training. Awesome job Stella!
Excellence	Grace C	For always approaching tasks with enthusiasm and trying your best. I love watching all of your learning successes. Go Grace!
	Charlie G	For the way you listen thoughtfully and actively participate in our class discussions, applying your ideas to your learning tasks. I love the specific vocabulary you use to describe your thinking, especially when supporting your classmates.
	Wallace B	For approaching each NAPLAN test with focus and determination. You showed resilience and tried your best, giving each test your full effort.
	Rosa F	For the positive attitude you consistently bring to your learning. You approach each task with focus and give everything 100%, always aiming to do your best. Your effort and persistence are wonderful to see. Keep being a superstar, Rosa!
	Indi K	You take on challenges, work independently, and make thoughtful choices without needing reminders. Well done, Indi!
	Flynn L	For displaying great knowledge and time management skills to complete your project about Trout Fishing. Well done Flynn!
Art	Oak W	For always giving every new art project 100% creative effort. You always listen carefully, use materials safely and encourage your friends to do their best!
Indonesian	Ava R	You put your best effort to independently read a passage in Bahasa Indonesia, showing great confidence and persistence. Bagus, Ava!
PE	Imogen M	For her volleyball skills and team temperament.
STEAM	Lachie D	For demonstrating excellent focus and care while completing your 'Exploring Rocks and Minerals' slides. You have worked creativity and carefully; showing great attention to detail. Well done Lachie!



Principal's Award

Tim S

For the genuine effort he displayed throughout NAPLAN!
You gave it your very best Tim and we are super proud!



Birregurra Primary School Tours

Come and experience first hand why
Birregurra Primary School is a great
choice for your child.

Join us for an information session
and school tour -

Tuesday 12th May 9.0am, or
Monday 18th May 11.30am

Bookings are essential.
Please use the QR code
or use the link below
to register.



<https://forms.gle/JDgXmdj6QUhprdmKA>



For more information
please visit our website
www.birregurraps.vic.edu.au



Wishing the following
students a very

Happy Birthday

March

25th Gigi R

26th Sunny H

27th Alice L
Isabelle S

28th Aliya N

We are fundraising with tea towels and creating lasting memories!

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Birregurra Primary School is running a Tea Towel Fundraiser. Our limited-edition Tea Towel design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff. Just like a yearbook on a tea towel. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design then screen printed onto certified organic 100% cotton 50x70cm tea towels.

As well as being great for lint free dish drying, the tea towels look fantastic and are a long-lasting memento of your children and their friends. They make great gifts that are easily mailed to relatives, so make sure you order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box.

The kids just love seeing their artwork in print. By purchasing our tea towels you are not only receiving a practical keepsake, you're also helping to achieve our fundraising goal, which would not be possible without your support!

The price per towel is \$20 each.

The Tea Towel print run is limited so make sure you, your family and friends don't miss out. There is an example tea towel on display at the office for you to see the quality and size.

Tea towels can be ordered by completing the form below or sending an email to the school email address at [Birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or direct deposit.

Final Orders are due: 2nd April.

If you have any questions, you can contact the school on 52362222.

TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

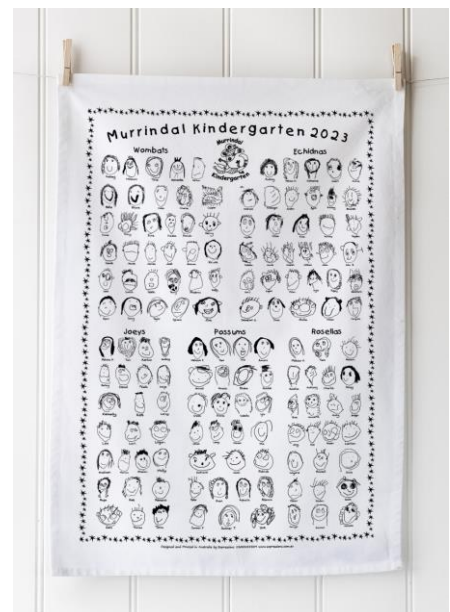
Caregiver Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Order Quantity: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____



JSC EASTER RAFFLE

Please help us create Easter hampers to support upcoming school projects!

We'd Love Donations Of

Chocolates and Lollies

Easter theme crafts and activities

Easter décor



We also need

Baskets and gift bags

Cellophane and ribbon

Donations are warmly welcomed
at the office until Thursday 26
March.



“ New location ”

Hop on over for our
Birregurra Preschool community

EASTER

Egg hunt

Join us on
Saturday 4th April at 10am
for some egg-citing fun!

Christ Church gardens

\$2 per child on the day,
thank you!

GOLF FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

WHEN

Sundays 1.30pm
Weekly clinics followed by
a social game on the course

WHERE

Birregurra Golf Club

Commences Sunday 3rd May 2026

Join us for a fun, weekly event.

Beginners and players at all levels
are welcome.

Each week we will learn and practise
one new golf skill; putting, chipping,
driving, fairway play, rules of golf,
and more.

This will be followed by a fun game on
the course, then champagne (or soft
drinks) and nibbles.

This is a social event aimed at
encouraging women and girls to give
golf a try by participating in a fun,
friendly & encouraging environment.

WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES

(GIRLS UNDER 15 TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

NEW TO GOLF?
RETURNING TO
GOLF?
OR JUST CURIOUS

COST

\$10 per session
Girls under 15 - Free

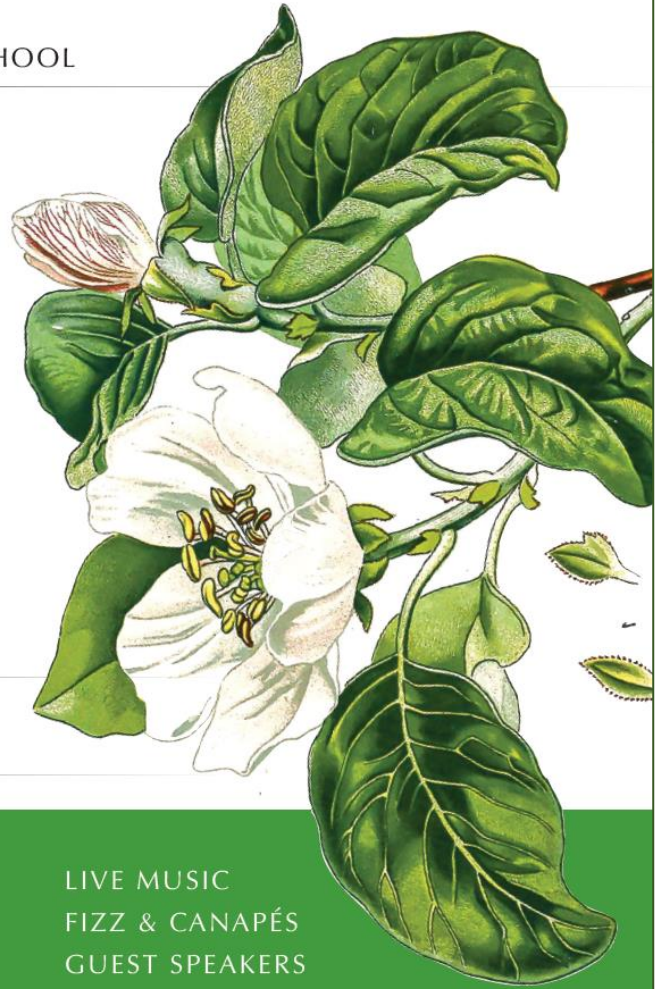
Non members welcome
Golf Clubs can be provided

For more information and to book
in, call or text:

Marion 0400 373 011
Lil 0409 362 257
or
Jude 0425 773070

FUNDRAISER FOR BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Otways Women's Day



Saturday 31 October 2026

Save the Date
Details to follow...

LIVE MUSIC
FIZZ & CANAPÉS
GUEST SPEAKERS
AUCTION & RAFFLES



OPEN NIGHT
MONDAY 23RD MARCH
4.30PM - 7.30PM

PRESENTATIONS - 4:30PM, 5:15PM & 6:00PM
PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE



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COMMUNITY – ASPIRE – RESPECT – EXCELLENCE



OPEN DAY 2026

**WEDNESDAY
25 MARCH**

MORNING TOURS

Sessions commence at 9:00am and
9:45am

TWILIGHT TOURS

Sessions commence at 3:45pm,
4:15pm, 4:45pm and 5:15pm

**REGISTRATIONS
ESSENTIAL**

GO TO
enrol.tcc.vic.edu.au/events/

