



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 1, Week 9 – 25<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 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

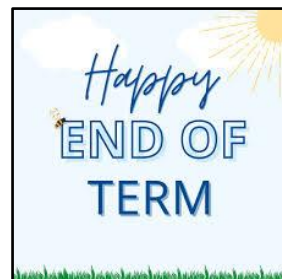
Excellence - striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling.

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our final week of Term One. This term has been fabulous in terms of both teaching and learning, offering numerous achievements to be proud of. Our classroom routines and structures are well established, and it's evident that each student has grown both academically and personally.

With the end of term brings time for reflection. This term our school community have been involved in a range of learning and extra-curricular activities and opportunities including:

- ❖ Whole school community welcome BBQ
  - ❖ Junior & Senior Learning Community Parent Information Sessions
  - ❖ Parent/Teacher conversations
  - ❖ Student Leadership nominations & elections including School Captains, House Captains & JSC representatives
  - ❖ Breakfast Club
  - ❖ Colac Division Tennis
  - ❖ Polwarth Athletics Day @ Alvie PS
  - ❖ Colac Division Athletics @ Colac Reserve
  - ❖ Clean Up Australia Day supported by Birregurra Landcare
  - ❖ School Council elections
  - ❖ NAPLAN
  - ❖ Prep- 2 COPACC excursion – Wilbur the Optical Whale
  - ❖ Harmony Day celebrations
  - ❖ National Ride 2 School Day
- and the Birregurra PS House Athletics Day & Easter Raffle/Egg hunt to come this week!



I'd like to take the opportunity to thank staff, our many parents and volunteers that have supported our school throughout the first term. Staff have committed to a range of professional learning opportunities that have allowed us to reflect and refine our practices and continuously improve teaching and learning for our students. Parents, friends and community members have supported various events and activities and participated in meetings with the purpose of enhancing the teaching and learning program and environment here at Birre! Each of you help ensure the programs and opportunities we provide at Birregurra PS are many and varied and I thank you all for your ongoing support.

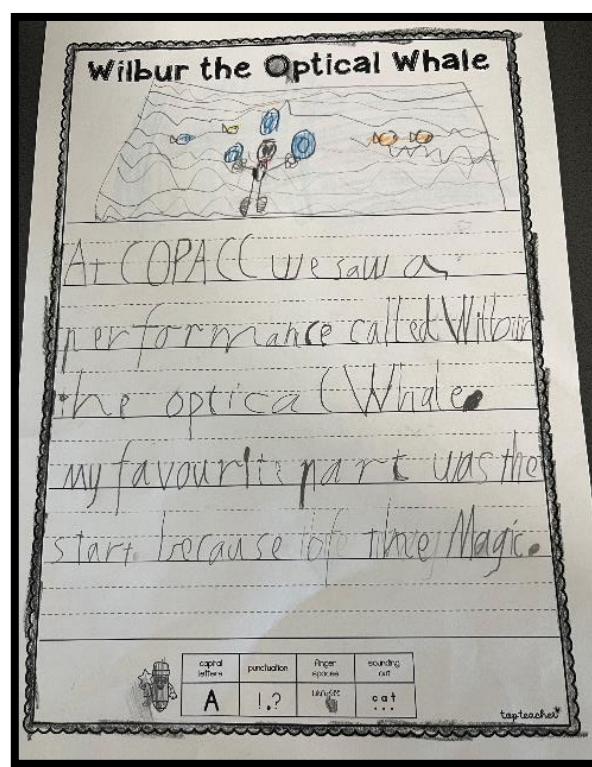
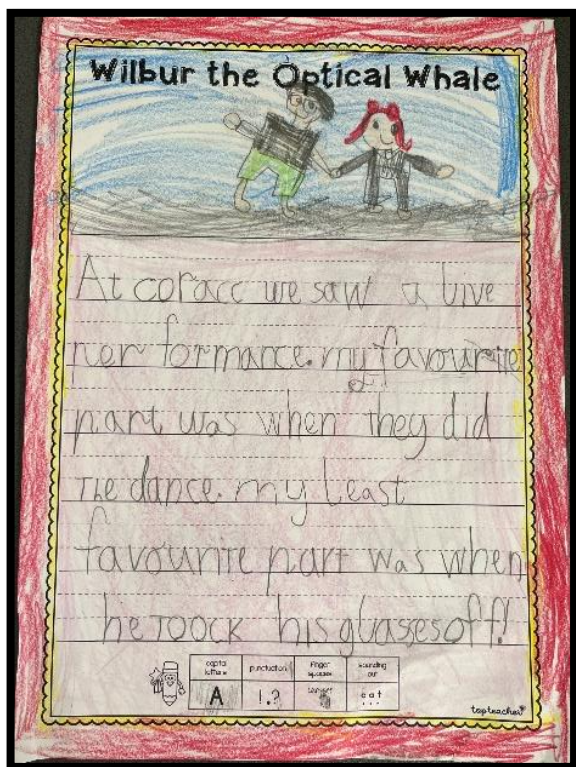
## P-2 COPACC Performance

Last Wednesday our Prep – 2 students travelled to Colac to watch the performance of Wilbur the Optical Whale. The performance was very interactive, holding students' engagement throughout. Please enjoy a recount from Grade One students Polly and Ollie.



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





## Harmony Day

Last Thursday staff and students across the school celebrated Harmony Day, a day to celebrate and recognise Australia's cultural diversity. It was wonderful to see students wearing a splash of orange and to hear of our students engaging positively in activities with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'.

## National Ride 2 School Day

What a wonderful turnout we had for Ride 2 School Day on Friday! Thanks to the team of parents who supported our students in riding 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!

## House Sports

Our House Sports are taking place this **Wednesday 28th March** at the Birregurra Recreation Reserve. Our House leaders have been running lunchtime sessions to support students with the afternoon activities. Thanks to the parents that have volunteered to help on the day with age group marshalling. Attached to today's newsletter is a copy of the program for Wednesday.

We are also fortunate to be offering a **free** sausage sizzle for lunch on the day thanks to the generous support of Coles Colac. Massive thanks also to Dave Drayton for his support with organising the BBQ and line marking at the rec reserve.



## Easter Celebrations

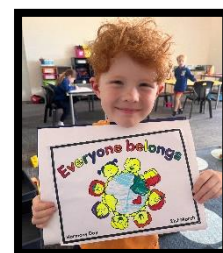


Thanks to all families that supported our annual Easter raffle by donating and purchasing/selling tickets. I am pleased to announce we raised \$959.20 for our school. We greatly appreciate your support. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

To celebrate Easter and a successful term of learning, our JSC will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on Thursday for all students. Students are also welcome to come in casual, dressed in an Easter themed outfit if they wish on this day. It could be an Easter t-shirt, bunny ears, Easter hat. Students wearing casual are kindly asked to bring along a gold coin donation to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. We're looking forward to a wonderful end to the term.

## Birregurra Cross Country

The date of the Birregurra PS Cross Country has been set – **Thursday 18th April**. Cross Country will take place at the Birregurra Golf Course, times to be confirmed. 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. Stay tuned for finer details next term.

## Swimming

Our swimming program commences on the first Friday of next term and includes students from Prep through to Grade Six. We would greatly appreciate if all permission forms were completed before the end of this term. This ensures we have all the information we need prior to the program commencing. The holidays are also a great time to ensure you have bathers, towel and goggles organised. Please log on to XUNO for more information. Many thanks!

## Holiday Works

A courtesy notice to let families and the community know that the school grounds will be off limits during the second week of the holidays due to asphaltting works. We also ask that the school community refrain from using the top oval while we work to restore it to a grassy oval fit for purpose. We thank you for your support with this.

## End of Term

Thursday is the final day of Term One with an early dismissal of 2:15pm on this day. Buses will run accordingly. An open invitation from parents is extended to all school families to join them following the end of the school day at the Birregurra Park.

## Reminders

- Our School Council AGM is **tonight** beginning at 6:00pm. This will be followed by our first meeting of the new council. 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 via the XUNO platform.
- Grade 3/4 Camp information is now on XUNO. Please complete medical forms by **Thursday 26th March**.
- Term Two begins on **Monday 15th April**.

Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone back at the beginning of Term Two!



Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

## Dates for the diary ...

2024	
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







Wishing the following  
students  
a very Happy Birthday  
March

26 <sup>th</sup>	Sunny H
27 <sup>th</sup>	Isabelle S
28 <sup>th</sup>	Aliya N
30 <sup>th</sup>	Tom McD Parker L

April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Evie L
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tim S
12 <sup>th</sup>	Freddie L Adele G
14 <sup>th</sup>	Zoe G





# Students of the Week

Prep	Levi R	For your amazing work during Sounds Write! You have developed a great understanding of our sounds and have worked so hard on your letter formation. Go Levi!
	Benaiah T	For always trying your best in all of our learning tasks. Thank you for willingly sharing your learning with your peers. Keep it up Benaiah!
Gr 1	Liam P	For your sensational effort, and focus in class this term. You have also been a super helper, tidying our classroom at the end of each day. You have had a great start to Grade One!
	Evie L	For being an attentive listener and always doing your best. You are a great role model for our class and the junior school community! Keep up that beaming smile!
Gr 2	Kate P	For a great first term at Birregurra! You've made friends and followed our routines so effortlessly! Well done!
	Maddie D	For a super effort editing your writing for Boundary Punctuation! You picked it up so quickly and was able to do it independently. Fabulous!
Gr 3/4A	Harvey B	For your support in helping your classmates use google classroom. Well done Harvey! Mrs Mac and I are very proud of you!
	Abbey G	Abbey it has been great to see your confidence grow the last few weeks! You've been able to celebrate your success in your learning. Well done Abbey!
Gr 3/4M	Soraya M	For your continuous effort to do the best you can in all of your school work. You have asked for assistance when you have needed it and shared your thinking and questions with the class. Keep up the amazing work!
	James G	For your enthusiasm for all of your school work. You have really put in a big effort to learn as much as you can. You ask questions when you are unsure of a task or strategy and your classwork is setting a standard for others in the class. Well done.
Gr 5/6	Jackson S	For your efforts during NAPLAN and willingness to give your best and help others. Well done on a great start to Grade 5 this term.
	Xavier K	For your willingness to share your thoughts and ideas and being a valuable Junior School Council Member. Well done Xav!
Italian	Elodie T	For her consistent effort in developing her Italian vocabulary & intercultural knowledge. Eccellente, Elodie!
	Tim S	For his ability to listen & process information, and then share this knowledge with his peers. Eccellente, Tim!
Art	Bella G	I love your creativity and thoughts around what the school value of 'excellence' looks like for you. Well done.
	Evie L	You displayed some very precise fine motor skills and great focus in our paper tearing activity. Well done!



## Principal's Award

Stella F

For her application to all learning tasks, consistently upholding our CARE school values.



# HEALTH & WELLBEING

## FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.

Nutrition Australia

VICTORIA  
State Government

## FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX** SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

FRUIT 1	VEGETABLES 2	MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3	MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4	GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5	WATER 6
<b>FRESH FRUIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apple</li> <li>Banana</li> <li>Mandarin</li> <li>Orange quarters</li> <li>Passionfruit halves (with spoon)</li> <li>Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks</li> <li>Pineapple chunks</li> <li>Grapes</li> <li>Plums</li> <li>Nectarines, peaches, Apricots</li> <li>Strawberries</li> <li>Cherries</li> <li>Kiwi/fruit halves (with spoon)</li> <li>Pear</li> </ul> <b>MIXED FRUIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit salad</li> <li>Fruit kebabs</li> </ul> <b>DRIED FRUIT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*</li> </ul> <b>TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In natural juice (not syrup)</li> </ul>	<b>FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corn cobs</li> <li>Carrot sticks</li> <li>Capsicum sticks</li> <li>Green beans</li> <li>Cucumber sticks</li> <li>Celery sticks</li> <li>Snow peas</li> <li>Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)</li> <li>Mushroom pieces</li> </ul> <b>Can serve with either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hummus</li> <li>Tomato salsa</li> <li>Tatziki</li> <li>Beetroot dip</li> <li>Natural yoghurt</li> </ul> <b>SALADS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)</li> <li>Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad</li> <li>Pesto pasta salad*</li> </ul> <b>BAKED ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grilled or roasted vegetables</li> <li>Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones</li> <li>Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)</li> <li>Popcorn</li> </ul> <b>SOUP</b> (in small thermos) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pumpkin soup</li> <li>Potato and leek soup</li> <li>Chicken and corn soup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk</li> <li>Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks</li> <li>Yoghurt (frozen overnight)</li> <li>Custard</li> </ul> <b>Tip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheese cubes, sticks or slices</li> <li>Collage or ricotta cheese</li> <li>Cream cheese</li> <li>Tatziki dip</li> </ul> <b>Can serve with either:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit</li> <li>Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar</li> <li>Vegetable sticks</li> <li>Rice and corn cakes</li> <li>Wholegrain wheat crackers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater</li> <li>Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)</li> <li>Falafel balls</li> <li>Lean meat or chicken patties</li> <li>Tinned tuna or salmon patties</li> <li>Lean meat or chicken</li> <li>Lean meat or chicken kabab sticks</li> <li>Peanut butter*</li> </ul> <b>Can serve with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wholegrain sandwich roll, pita or wrap bread with salad</li> <li>Rice and corn cakes</li> <li>Wholegrain wheat crackers</li> <li>Slice salad</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetable fritтата</li> <li>Skinless chicken drumsticks</li> <li>Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)</li> <li>Homemade pizzas with lean roast or grill meats and vegetables</li> </ul> <b>Can serve with:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slice salad</li> <li>Steamed or roasted vegetables</li> </ul>	<b>MAINS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wraps</li> <li>Sandwiches</li> <li>Rolls</li> <li>Toasted sandwiches</li> </ul> <b>Tip:</b> Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, whole fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, focaccias, fruit bread and English muffins. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pasta dishes</li> <li>Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes</li> <li>Noodle dishes</li> <li>Sushi</li> </ul> <b>SAVORY BAKED ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homemade pizzas</li> <li>Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)</li> <li>Vegetable based muffins</li> <li>Pasta or noodle bake</li> </ul> <b>SWEET BAKED ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit loaf</li> <li>Wholemeal fruit based muffins</li> </ul> <b>SNACKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)</li> <li>English muffins</li> <li>Crackers</li> <li>Crispbreads</li> <li>Rice cakes</li> <li>Corn thins</li> <li>Wholemeal scones</li> <li>Pikelets</li> <li>Crumpets</li> <li>Hot cross buns (no icing)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)</li> </ul> <b>Tip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes</li> </ul> <p>Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.</p> <p>Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.</p>

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service:  
<http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>



\*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.



# JSC EASTER EGG HUNT!

Thursday 28th of  
March 9:30AM - 11:00AM

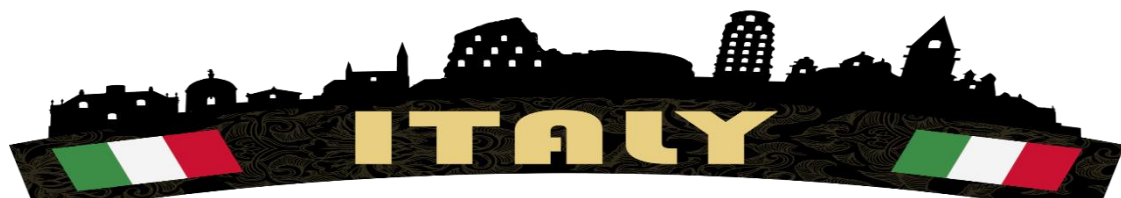


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A SPLASH  
OF EASTER.

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# HAPPY EASTER





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 AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR TALENT WITH A CAMERA/IPAD/IPHONE

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## Students' Photography Competition Primary & Secondary - Ages 5-18 ENTRIES CLOSE 4PM, APRIL 12

PLEASE REFER TO 18/03/2024 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

### LA PASQUA IN ITALIA

Every holiday in Italia has its own typical traditions & food. **Pasqua** is a particular exciting one for children as they hollow chocolate eggs with a surprise inside! (**Ferrero**, '**Kinder Surprise**' is famous for its Easter eggs, along with produce '**Baci**')



Painting hard-boiled eggs is activity that many young in. Children paint the eggs or naturally by either soaking placing them in boiling water with a variety of spices, vegetables, or fruits. Some of the most common dyes used are beetroot for **rosso**, vinegar/coffee for **marrone**, saffron/turmeric for **giallo**, and blueberries for **blu**.



**Easter** – La receive large creator of **Perugina**, who

also an ones engage colour them the eggs or

*I would love to see some photos of hard-boiled eggs that students colour or dye with spices, vegetables, fruits, plants, etc!!! (ann-maree.convery@education.vic.gov.au)*

**La Pasqua** in Italia, in Italian-Australian households, and other homes, also includes 'La Colomba', a traditional cake in the shape of a dove – the Christian symbol for pace' & 'amore – love'.

'**La Colomba**' is a light fruit cake, originating from the region in the north of Italia. It is similar in taste to 'Panettone', but has candied orange peel rather than it is topped with almonds.

**Buona**

**a tutti! - Signora**



in many Easter 'peace –

Lombardia raisins, and **Pasqua**





# IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

## Birregurra AUSKICK MEETING

Birregurra Recreation Reserve

Monday 25th March 6pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR the 2024 Season  
Two Coaches and Coordinator/Admin

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

## Barwon Water 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.



NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

**Registration is this simple!**

- 1** [www.play.afl](http://www.play.afl)  
Visit play.afl
- 2** Select 'Where to play'
- 3** Enter your suburb
- 4** REGISTER  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

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.

<b>Carnival Rides &amp; Animal Farm</b> \$30 all day pass or \$7 per ride	<b>Larissa's Imaginarium Kid's Show</b> 11am
<b>Easter Bunny Egg Hunt</b> 12pm 12:30pm \$7 - Run in age groups	<b>Auctions</b> Live 3:30pm (Must register) Silent Ends 3:30pm Raffles & Spinning Wheel all day
<b>Live Animal Show</b> 2pm	<b>Teddy Bear Hospital</b> All Day
<b>KF Dance</b> 10:30am	<b>Emergency Services Display</b>
<b>Toy Workshop</b> 10am - 12pm	<b>Rohan Windle Entertainment</b> 1pm
<b>Classic Car Display, Food Vans, Market Stalls, Face Painting &amp; More</b> All Day	

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



## TIMETABLE FOR BIRREGURRA P.S HOUSE SPORTS 2024

Age Group	9.45 to 10.05	10.10 to 10.30	10.35 to 10.55	11.00 to 11.20	11.20 to 11.40	11.45 to 12.05	12.10 to 12.30	12.35 to 12.55
5/6 years	Long Jump	Distance Run	Distance Throw	Break	Shot Put	High Jump	Sprint/Hurdles	Quoit Throw
7 years	Quoit Throw	Long Jump	Distance Run	Break	Distance Throw	Shot Put	High Jump	Sprint/Hurdles
8 years	Sprint/Hurdles	Quoit Throw	Long Jump	Break	Distance Run	Distance Throw	Shot Put	High Jump
9 years	High Jump	Sprint/Hurdles	Discus	Break	Long Jump	Distance Run	Triple Jump	Shot Put
10 years	Shot Put	High Jump	Sprint/Hurdles	Break	Discus	Long Jump	Distance Run	Triple Jump
11 years	Triple Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Break	Sprint/Hurdles	Discus	Long Jump	Distance Run
12/13 years	Distance Run	Triple Jump	Shot Put	Break	High Jump	Sprint/Hurdles	Discus	Long Jump

Lunch 1:00 – 1:30 – BBQ lunch provided

### Afternoon Events

Starting at 1.35pm

#### Senior Events

- Beanbag in Bin Race
- Sprout
- Loop Relay

#### Junior Events

- Beanbag on Back of Hand Relay
- Beanbag in Bin Relay
- Rob the Nest

