



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 2, Week 1 – 20th April 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 Term Two! I hope everyone enjoyed some rest, relaxation and family time over the holiday and Easter break and are fit and ready for a productive term of learning.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and the many learning opportunities on offer for our school community. Please make sure to check out the 'Dates for the Diary' to keep up to date with important events.

Birregurra Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Birregurra Cross Country during the final week of Term One. It was wonderful to see so many families there supporting the athletes. We have some amazing runners in our school community, along with many great examples of determination and perseverance, with each child challenging themselves in their own way.

We have over 50 students in Grades 3-6 progressing to the Polwarth Cross Country which is being held in Deans Marsh next **Tuesday 28th April**. Details and permission are available on XUNO – please log on and approve ASAP. All other senior students will remain at school as per normal.



Easter Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle by donating and/or purchasing tickets. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you also to the JSC team for their work in collating the raffle books and preparing the prizes, with support from Leanne Fitzpatrick. The raffle raised \$960.20, which is a fantastic result.

Our hot cross bun fundraiser raised \$338.00. Thank you to our P&F group and Kelly Dodds for organising this fundraiser, and to everyone who purchased hot cross buns.



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

Holiday Works

During the holiday period, several improvement projects were completed across the school. These included the replacement of a section of vinyl flooring in the boys' toilets, minor repairs in the girls' toilets, maintenance work on the roof breezeway between the toilets and the art room, and the installation of new edging and softfall around the spider playground. These upgrades reflect our commitment to providing a safe and well-maintained teaching and learning environments for all students and staff.



Anzac Day Service

Each year, our students and community members take the time to remember the many people who have given their lives to protect our country and our way of life.

This **Friday 24th April**, our school will acknowledge Anzac Day with a service onsite in the Multi-Purpose room at 9:05am run by our Grade 6 students. We welcome families and community members to attend.

Swimming

Our swimming program commences this **Friday 24th April** for students from Prep through to Grade Six. The delivery of swimming and water safety education ensures all students have the opportunity to learn how to swim and develop lifelong skills in water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury. The swimming program is a key component of the Health & Physical Education curriculum.

All students will be attending Bluewater. They will participate in lessons between 12:00 pm and 2:00pm. All students will have the opportunity to participate in a half-hour pool session as well as a half-hour water safety theory lesson. A friendly reminder to pack swimwear, towels, and goggles and to ensure everything is labelled!



5/6 Camp

Our Year 5/6 camp to Urban Camp in Melbourne is fast approaching. The camp will run from **Wednesday 20th May** to **Friday 22nd May**. Mr Burrell has been working hard to finalise an exciting three-day itinerary, packed with engaging experiences for our students. Further details regarding cost are now available on XUNO. We ask parents to please log on to complete the permission form and pay the non-refundable \$100 deposit by **4th May**.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Thanks to those that placed an order for our tea towel fundraiser last term. We have sent off the orders to ensure they are delivered in time for Mother's Day. We did order some extras, so if you haven't ordered and wish to place an order please do so as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

Ms Hannah will be completing her final university placement during the first four weeks of this term. We wish her all the best as she undertakes this important final step before becoming a qualified teacher and finishing university later this year. During this time, Ms Kirsty will be supporting the class on selected days when she is available.

Welcome Mr Scott

This week, we warmly welcome Mr Lionel Scott to our school community. He will be completing a pre-service teacher placement over the next two weeks. Mr Scott will be working in the 2/3 classroom with Miss McLaren. We look forward to supporting Mr Scott during his placement and hope he enjoys his time learning with our students and staff.

Parents & Friends Meeting

Our next Parents & Friends meeting is planned for next **Monday 27th April** @ the Birre Grocer. We'd love for you to join us. Please fill in the google form by clicking on the link to let us know if you can make it

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Prep 2027

We are preparing for Prep 2027 school tours and information sessions for families beginning in May. Please promote this to local friends and family members you know who have a little one starting school in 2027. Please see attached flyer for dates and times and to register interest.

Reminders

- Breakfast Club is each Thursday morning from 8:15am, all welcome.
- We are holding an ANZAC Day service on **Friday 24th April** at 9:05am in the multi-purpose room. We would love for you to join us!
- Our 2025 swimming program begins this Friday. Don't forget bathers, towel and goggles.

Thanks for your ongoing support. We strongly value the home/school partnership and encourage you to contact us should you have any concerns or queries.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

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
Thursday 7 th May	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Cross Country - selected students
Friday 8 th May	- Mother's Day Breakfast 8am - Swimming
Mon 11 th May - Fri 15 th May	- Book Fair
Tuesday 12 th May	- Grip Leadership Conference - Grade 6 students - School Tour 9am
Friday 15 th May	- National Walk 2 School Day - Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation
Mon 18 th May - Fri 22 nd May	- Education Week
Monday 18 th May	- School Tour 11.30am - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	- JSC Biggest Morning Tea
Wed 20 th May - Fri 22 nd May	- Gr 5/6 Urban Camp
Thursday 21 st May	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 22 nd May	- Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion - Prep to Gr 2
Thursday 28 th May	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 29 th May	- Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 4/5 Class Presentation



Wishing the following
students a very

Happy
Birthday

April

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Grades 3–6 students will again complete wellbeing surveys this term. The infographic highlights the strong correlation between wellbeing and learning success. Students complete the surveys five times per term, with results shared with their classroom teacher and the school wellbeing team.

A key feature of the surveys is the opportunity for students to directly reach out for support if they are experiencing challenges with their mental health or wellbeing. I

look forward to continuing to support students in this space as the term progresses.

Brendan King

Wellbeing for Learning Tool



Research has shown a correlation between wellbeing, mental health, social and emotional skills and academic learning for students.^[1]

Pivot Professional Learning has collaborated with wellbeing, education and mental health experts to identify the key components of wellbeing and the impact these have on a student's ability to learn at school. From this research, Pivot has created a new tool to measure, track and support student wellbeing.

Pivot Professional Learning

Pivot Professional Learning is an Australian-based Education Technology company. Known for their feedback tools, Pivot provides schools with a simple way to gather feedback on teaching practice, school leadership and wellbeing.



What the research says:

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Primary school students can **lose up to 8 months of learning** over a 4 year span, due to lower wellbeing^[1]
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Compared to 35 other countries, Australian students experience the **lowest sense of school belonging**^[2]
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25% of secondary school students report being **regularly bullied** and can **lose up to 10 months of learning** if bullied for more than 2 years^[1]



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



Our first Easter Hat parade on the last day of Term 1 was a huge success! A great initiative from our JSC student representatives and Miss Dillon & Mrs Welsh!

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.

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

TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

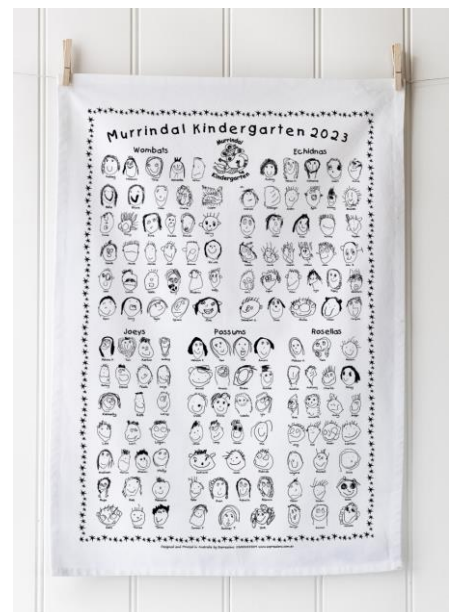
Caregiver Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Order Quantity: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____



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

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

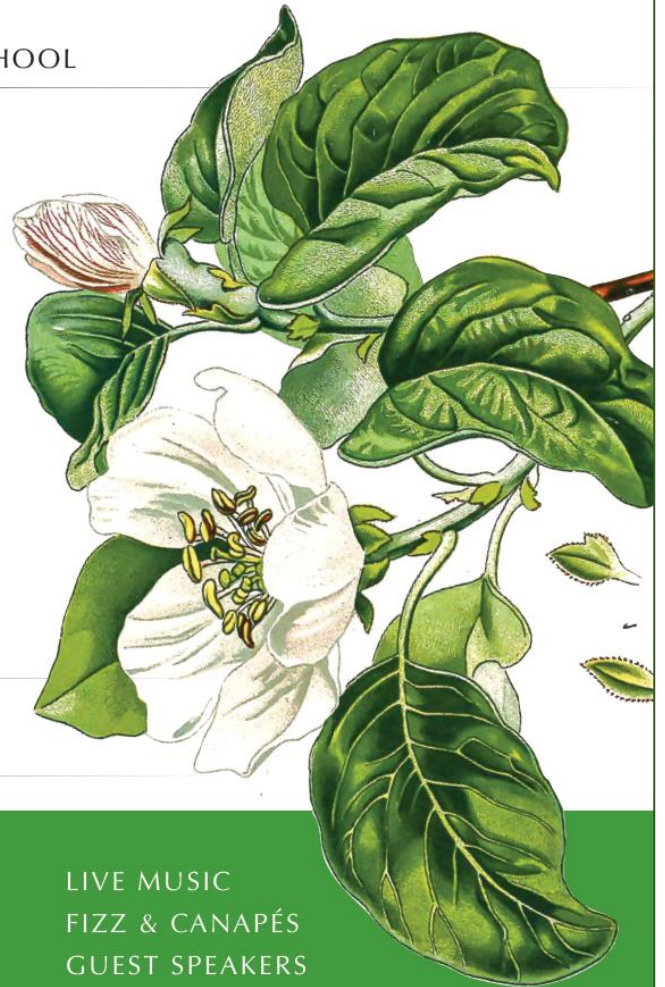
JOIN US TO DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS SUCH AS
BIRRE MARKET STALL, TERM 2 CANTEEN DAYS,
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MONDAY 27TH APRIL
10:00AM
@ BIRRE GROCER

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