



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 2, Week 3 – 4th May 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 3! Our school continues to be a vibrant and busy place to teach and learn.

Congratulations to our students on their participation in the swimming program so far. It has been excellent to see such strong involvement in this important part of the curriculum, along with the organisation

and readiness students have demonstrated. Thanks also to our families for ensuring students have everything they need for the swimming program.

Cross Country

Last Monday Mr King, Miss Dillon, Mr Burrell, Mrs Welsh, Mr Connor and Miss Liv accompanied some of our 3-6 students to the Polwarth Cross Country at Deans Marsh. It was wonderful to hear of our students giving their best effort to complete the run in their best time. Congratulations to the students that have qualified for the Colac Division Cross Country this **Thursday 7th of May**. We wish you all the best and know you will represent our school well. Check out the photos from the Polwarth Cross Country in today's newsletter!

Parents and Friends Update

We had a successful Parents and Friends meeting last Monday, thank you to the parents who came along and contributed their time and ideas! We've got some exciting plans underway, including our Term Two special lunch days:

- **Today** – Mini Pizza Day, thanks to Mrs Leigh, Casey Biddle, Kristy Stagg & Holly Evans for their support with today's lunches!
- **Monday 25th May** – Nachos with toppings (meat, cheese, sour cream, salsa, etc.)
- **Monday 15th June** – Nasi Goreng & spring rolls

We'd love and appreciate any support from parents who can assist on one or more of these dates—many hands make light work!

We also have a pie drive planned for Term 3 and a potential family movie night, stay tuned for more details to come!

JSC Hoodie Up Event - Get Your Hoodies Ready for Hoodie Up!

This **Wednesday the 6th of May**, we are excited to be participating in Amaze's Hoodie Up campaign this year! By wearing your favourite hoodie and donating a gold coin, you are helping to create a more autism-inclusive Australia.

All funds raised go directly to Amaze, the peak body for autistic people and their families. Your donations support vital services like Autism Connect, a free national helpline providing advice and resources as well as advocacy work to make schools, workplaces, and communities more neuroinclusive.

The hoodie is a symbol of sensory comfort for many autistic people, so let's "hoodie up" together to show our support and raise much-needed funds!



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



Mother's Day Breakfast

Our Mother's Day Breakfast is on this **Friday 8th May at 8:00am**. Mothers/special people are invited to join your child/ren for a pancake breakfast. For catering purposes, we ask that you please RSVP by **today** to birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au. We hope to see you there to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing mother figures within our school community.

GRIP Leadership

On **Tuesday May 12th**, our Grade 6 leaders accompanied by Mr Connor and Mr King will attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Geelong, travelling by bus. The theme of the conference is *Accept the Challenge*. The day will include presentations, interactive activities, discussions, leadership games, and entertainment. The program focuses on four main topics:

- *What Should Leaders Do at Our School?*
- *Integrity – The Way I Can Lead Every Day*
- *New Ideas for Our School*
- *The Challenges Leaders Face with a New Idea*

Please log onto XUNO to approve this event if you haven't already done so. We look forward to sharing more about the day in an upcoming newsletter.

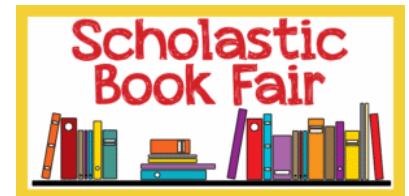
School Tours

Next **Tuesday May 12th**, we are excited to welcome prospective families and students for the 2027 school year for a school tour and information session commencing at **9:00am**. Tours will begin with a short presentation showcasing the way we work at Birregurra Primary School, followed by a tour of the school led by some of our students. We are incredibly proud of our school and always cherish the opportunity to showcase the work we do. We will also be running a second school tour scheduled for **Monday 18th May @ 11:30am**. If you have a child starting school next year, we encourage you to fill in an application form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Knowing the number of siblings we will have in the Prep next year will support our planning.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair is coming up next week, earlier than usual this year. It provides a great opportunity for students and families to explore a wide range of engaging books and to build their home libraries. Every purchase also supports our school, helping us to add new resources to classrooms and the library.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with running the fair before and after school across the week. If you can help, even for a short time, please contact the office.




JSC Biggest Morning Tea

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is returning to our school for another year and our JSC are excited to support this wonderful event. Please join us on **Tuesday 19th May 2026** in the Multi-Purpose Room at 11:00am for a delicious morning tea served by our eager JSC team. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we can support those impacted by cancer. You can make a donation on the day or alternatively visit

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/birregurraps>. We hope to see you there.

Reminders

- 5/6 Camp deposits are due today!
- Uniform Orders are due back to the office along with payment by this **Friday 8th May**.
- Year 7 placement application forms due back to the office by **Friday 8th May**.
- Swimming continues Friday! Don't forget bathers, towel and goggles.
- Breakfast Club runs each Thursday morning from 8:15am – all welcome, come along and join your friends for a healthy breakfast!
- We have 3 tea towels still available to order. If you are interested in ordering, please let us know ASAP!

Have a wonderful week everyone and please don't hesitate to reach out if we can further support in anyway. Wishing all of our mothers, stepmother's, grandmothers and mother figures a wonderful day on Sunday. 

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 2	
Monday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visting Nurse - Prep Students - Special Lunch Order Day
Thursday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Cross Country - selected students
Friday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mother's Day Breakfast 8am - Swimming - Uniform Orders due back today!
Mon 11 th May - Fri 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book Fair
Tuesday 12 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grip Leadership Conference - Grade 6 students - School Tour 9am
Friday 15 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Walk 2 School Day - Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation
Mon 18 th May - Fri 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Week
Monday 18 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Tour 11.30am - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JSC Biggest Morning Tea 11am
Wed 20 th May - Fri 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gr 5/6 Urban Camp
Thursday 21 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion - Prep to Gr 2
Thursday 28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 29 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 4/5 Class Presentation
Tuesday 2 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Photos
Thursday 4 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming
Monday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Thursday 11 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 3/4 Class Presentation

Students of the Week

Respect	Louis B	For being a respectful member of our class and going out of your way to help others pack up. Thanks for being a great helper Louis!
	Gigi R	Thank you for the kind way you support your class friends, always offering to help when needed and helping to keep our room nice and tidy. Your support is really appreciated!
	Val C	For taking initiative in cleaning up classroom resources without being asked. You were also incredibly kind and welcoming in having Mr Scott in our classroom.
	Mack H	For showing respect in our classroom by stepping in to help staff and by starting each day organised and ready to learn. You're setting a positive example for others and helping our classroom run smoothly. Keep it up, Mr. Mack!
	Mina L	For showing respect in our classroom by raising your hand to share and listening actively when others are sharing. Keep up the awesome attitude Mina!
	Kate M	For consistently showing the school values of CARE and showing respect to both students and teachers. Keep up the great work Kate!
Excellence	Ivy L	For always completing your work to a high standard. You listen carefully, take on feedback and always give 100%. Way to go Ivy!
	MuYa C	For always completing your work to a high standard. You listen carefully to instructions and ask for help when needed so that you can do your best. You are a great role model. Well done, MuYa!
	Fleur H	For completing all your tasks about angles to a very high standard!
	Bella C	For the determination and perseverance you showed in your first cross country run. You pushed yourself, stayed focused and gave your best effort from start to finish, earning a place in the next round. Congratulations, Bells!
	Soraya M	For your attention to detail in all your learning tasks and your willingness to share your thoughts with the class is amazing to listen to. Well done Soraya!
	Augie C	For showing dedication when completing your learning tasks and challenging yourself during Numeracy. Terrific work Augie!
Art	Wyatt M	For your thoughtful and creative approach to every new art project. Well done on giving 100% every week!
Indonesian	Louis B	For your wonderful effort to recall numbers to 11 and using great pronunciation when speaking aloud. Bagus, Louis!
PE	Tim S	For your outstanding support during Phys Ed when helping Mr King complete student assessments... Awesome effort Tim!
STEAM	Hunter S	Well done on giving your Rocks and Minerals Digital Project your very best efforts! You completed a range of creative and well researched slides.



Principal's Award

Matilda M

For her positive approach to school life and willingness to give everything a red hot go!



What is Wellbeing?

When considering what the wellbeing section of this week's newsletter should include, I was left pondering, "What is wellbeing?". So, I've chosen to include my findings according to the World Health Organisation and the factors that influence wellbeing according to the Better Health Channel developed by the Victorian Government.

Wellbeing: World Health Organisation

Wellbeing is a positive state experienced by individuals and societies. Similar to health, it is a resource for daily life and is determined by social, economic and environmental conditions. Well-being encompasses quality of life and the ability of people and societies to contribute to the world with a sense of meaning and purpose. Focusing on well-being supports the tracking of the equitable distribution of resources, overall thriving and sustainability. A society's wellbeing can be determined by the extent to which it is resilient, builds capacity for action, and is prepared to transcend challenges.

<https://www.who.int/activities/promoting-well-being>

Factors that Influence Wellbeing

Every aspect of your life influences your state of wellbeing. Researchers investigating happiness have found the following factors enhance a person's wellbeing:

- Happy intimate relationship with a partner
- Network of close friends
- Enjoyable and fulfilling career
- Enough money
- Regular exercise
- Nutritional diet
- Enough sleep
- Spiritual or religious beliefs
- Fun hobbies and leisure pursuits
- Healthy self-esteem
- Optimistic outlook
- Realistic and achievable goals
- Sense of purpose and meaning
- A sense of belonging
- The ability to adapt to change
- Living in a fair and democratic society.



<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/wellbeing>

- Brendan King



Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

Hello Birre Community,
You are invited to our Australia's Biggest Morning
Tea. Let's get together and enjoy a cuppa so we
can support those impacted by cancer.

When: Tuesday 19th May 2026

Where: Birre P.S. Multi-Purpose Room

Time: 11 am

Please donate to my morning tea



Scan the QR code to donate.
You will be directed to my fundraising page where
you can donate directly to my morning tea.

Visit the donation link directly

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/birregurraps>



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

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Otways Women's Day

Saturday 31 October 2026

Save the Date
Details to follow...



LIVE MUSIC
FIZZ & CANAPÉS
GUEST SPEAKERS
AUCTION & RAFFLES



POLWARTH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY





Mothers Day **BREAKFAST**

Loved ones, please join your children
for a pancake breakfast on:

Friday 8th May @ 8:00am

Please RSVP by Monday 4th May to
birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au for catering
purposes



Your Community Needs You

Volunteer Expo



TUESDAY MAY 19TH



**COPACC
95-97 GELLIBRAND ST,
COLAC**



11AM - 6PM



JOIN US
free event

- Meet local groups
- Discover opportunities
- Get involved



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