



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 2, Week 4 – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## From the Principal's Desk



*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.

Welcome to Week Four! I hope all our wonderful mothers and mother figures had a special Mother's Day and enjoyed the gifts made with love by your children. A big thank you to those who joined us for our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday morning. It was wonderful to see everyone sharing a delicious breakfast together. A massive thanks to our school team for their preparation and cooking of the pancakes, and to our teachers for supporting their students in creating such thoughtful gifts.

## JSC Hoodie Up Day

A huge thank you on behalf of the JSC team to everyone for supporting 'Hoodie Up' day last Wednesday. It was great to see everyone wearing hoodies and donating money to a great cause. We were able to donate \$142.00 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.



## Colac District Cross Country



Last Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, a number of our students participated in the Colac District Cross Country at the Colac Golf Club. This follows fantastic efforts by these students at both our school and Polwarth Cross Country events. Our students displayed great determination and perseverance in average conditions to complete the cross country course in competitive times. Well done team Birre! Special mention to Indi for taking out the 9/10 year old girls

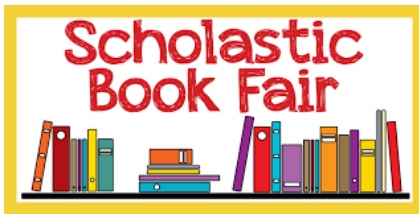
event, to Alby and Mack who came second and third in the 9/10 year old boys event and to Hunter for coming third in the 11 year old boys event. The Greater Western Region Cross Country is on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** in Warrnambool. We are awaiting confirmation of the students that have progressed through to this stage and will notify families as soon as possible.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair is on this week! 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.

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



The Book Fair is open each day this week before school at 8:40am and after school from 3:15-3:45pm. Students will visit the book fair with their class early this week to see what is on offer. If you can assist before and/or after school across the week, please contact the office.

### Prep Information Sessions

**Tomorrow**, 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.

### GRIP Leadership

Tomorrow, our Grade 6 leaders, accompanied by Mr Connor and Mr King, will attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Geelong, travelling by bus. This is a valuable opportunity for our senior students to further develop their leadership skills. 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*

We look forward to seeing the valuable learnings they bring back to our school in the coming weeks.

### National Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is officially held on Friday 22nd May 2026. However, due to the Grade 5/6 camp, our school will celebrate the event a week earlier this **Friday 15th May 2026**.

Students and families are invited to meet staff outside the Birregurra General Store at 8:30am to walk to school together.

National Walk Safely to School Day promotes the many benefits of walking regularly, including improved physical health, mental wellbeing, road safety awareness and environmental sustainability. The initiative also encourages healthy habits from an early age and provides a wonderful opportunity for families and communities to connect.

We encourage all students and families who are able to join us for this enjoyable community event. See you there 😊



### Bottles for Birre

Following another successful 12 months of fundraising with our **Bottles for Birre** campaign, I am pleased to announce that we raised **\$329.50**. We have successfully reapplied to continue the campaign, which will help raise funds for our school grounds and the installation of a new playground space. Our submission has been approved, and we can continue raising funds by depositing recyclable and eligible containers at your nearest CDS location.

### Education Week

In Victoria, Education Week 2026 will be celebrated from May 18th to May 22nd. The theme for this year is 'Showcase your school', encouraging school communities to celebrate what's great about their school.



As part of our Education Week celebrations, 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.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a school community during Education Week, showcase our school spirit, and enjoy a shared moment of connection while supporting 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

- 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 2 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.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

## Dates for the Diary...

TERM 2	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	- Book Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	- Grip Leadership Conference – Grade 6 students - School Tour 9am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	- National Walk 2 School Day - Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Education Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	- School Tour 11.30am - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	- JSC Biggest Morning Tea 11am
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Gr 5/6 Urban Camp
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion – Prep to Gr 2
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	- Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 4/5 Class Presentation
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	- School Photos
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	- Swimming
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	- King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	- Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	- Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 3/4 Class Presentation



## Special Visitor

*On Tuesday, we had a very special visitor at school as we welcomed Miss Dillon's beloved dog, Rudy, for the day. Rudy is a one-year-old Labrador x Cavoodle who loves playing fetch, tug-of-war, and making new friends wherever she goes. As part of supporting students to settle into the new school term and manage big emotions, the Birre Team organised for Rudy to spend the day with us.*

*Rudy thoroughly enjoyed her time at school and played an important role in helping students regulate their emotions. She joined students for calming walks, listened patiently during reading time, and spent lunchtime in the Wellbeing Room. Rudy was more than happy to offer plenty of fluffy cuddles and a few sloppy kisses, bringing smiles to many faces across the day.*

- Brendan King







Mother's Day Breakfast 2026



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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

# 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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For more information please phone Liz on 5231 2822. Event proudly brought to you by Colac Otway Volunteer Leaders Network