



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 2, Week 8 – 9th June 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

WEEK
8

Welcome to Week 8! I hope everyone enjoyed the extra-long weekend. It's always nice to have some extra time to rest and recharge ahead of the remainder of Term Two.

FightMND Ice Bucket Challenge

Following the recent passing of Neale Daniher, a small group of our Grade 6 girls approached me with an idea to support FightMND through our own school Ice Bucket Challenge.

I absolutely love that this idea has come from our students. Their initiative, compassion and desire to make a difference for others is something we are always proud to see, and we are very happy to support them in bringing this fundraiser to life.

One of the things that has impressed me most has been the number of students who have nominated themselves to be part of the challenge. We often talk about the importance of courage, leadership and contributing to our community, and it has been fantastic to see so many of our Grade 6 students put their hands up to get involved. Whether they are eventually selected or not, they should be proud of their willingness to support a worthy cause and have a bit of fun along the way.

The five staff members and five Grade 6 students who receive the most votes will be iced on **Monday 15th June** at 2:30pm.

Community members are warmly invited to come along and watch the event.

Voting is open and costs \$1 per vote.

Families can purchase votes by:

- Sending cash to the school office
- Using the Spriggy Schools app
- Direct deposit into the school account

A token will be provided for each vote purchased. Nominees' photos are displayed in cups at the school office, and students can place their token into the cup of the person (or people) they would most like to see iced! All funds raised will be donated to FightMND. We thank our Grade 6 students for bringing this fantastic idea to life and look forward to supporting this worthy cause together as a school community.

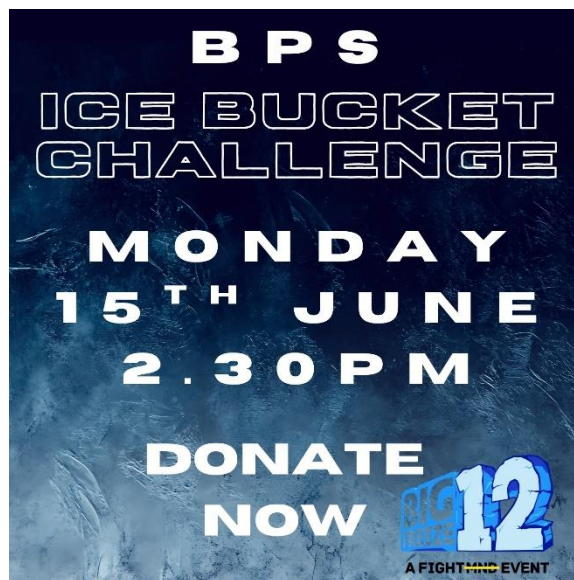
Assessment Pieces

This Wednesday, teachers will be sending home your child's writing moderation task from this term, as well as a Mathematics Common Assessment Task focusing on Measurement and Space. Please keep an eye out for these assessment pieces coming home on Wednesday.

Mathematics Community of Practice Professional Learning

This Wednesday, Mr Burrell and I will be attending the Term 2 Mathematics Community of Practice professional learning day.

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



I also co-facilitate this CoP, and the focus for this session is on VTLM 2.0 and curriculum planning to support high-quality mathematics instruction. This ongoing work supports our shared goal of strengthening consistency, clarity and impact in mathematics teaching and learning across network schools.

If you require any assistance on this day, please reach out to your child's teacher or alternatively contact Mr King.

Parent/Teacher Conversations - this Thursday

Parent-Teacher Conversations will be held this Thursday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Bookings are available via XUNO for families to select a suitable time. We encourage all families to make a booking as soon as possible to secure their preferred session.

These conversations are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning progress, achievements and next steps directly with their classroom teacher. They provide a deeper understanding of how students are progressing across the curriculum and how they are engaging in their learning.

Due to AEU industrial action affecting reporting processes across Victoria this semester, student reports will not include written teacher comments. Instead, reports will include:

- Progression points aligned to the Victorian Curriculum
- Ratings for effort
- Ratings for behaviour

As a result, Parent-Teacher Conversations are especially important this semester. They will provide families with additional context and insight into student learning that is not captured in written reports. Teachers will be able to discuss individual strengths, areas for growth and strategies to support learning at home.

All Parent-Teacher Conversations will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room this year. Families are asked to head directly to this area upon arrival.

We strongly encourage all families to attend a conversation to support a shared understanding of each child's progress and learning needs.

Swimming

We have two swimming sessions left for the term. This Friday is Water Safety Week. For this session, all students are asked to wear long pants and a long-sleeve shirt in the water to experience swimming in clothing. We suggest a pyjama theme for fun!



The final week will be our House swimming celebration

where our students can showcase their swimming abilities in a fun and supportive celebration day.

As we approach these final two sessions, it would be greatly appreciated if as many students as possible are able to attend swimming. We understand that some students have been navigating periods of illness, however water safety and survival skills are an important part of the curriculum and these sessions provide valuable hands-on learning that cannot be easily replicated in the classroom.

Reminders

- Swimming continues this Friday – don't forget bathers, towel and goggles!
- Assembly is this Friday @ 2:45pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Grade 3/4 is on class presentations.
- Supervision of students is from 8:40am, please ensure students do not arrive at school before this time- except for Thursdays when Breakfast club is available! Alternatively, you can book your child into Before School Care through TheirCare.
- 2027 enrolments are open! It is a tremendous help to our school planning for next year, to have our Prep enrolments in as early as possible. We make a number of key decisions, including staffing and class structures based on enrolment information. If you have a child, or a friend/family member with a child due to commence school in 2027, please contact the office for a tour and application form.

Have a wonderful week everyone and please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any queries, ideas or concerns.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 2	
Tuesday 9 th June	- Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Thursday 11 th June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 th June	- Swimming - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 3/4 Class Presentation
Monday 15 th June	- Special Lunch Order Day - School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 th June	- Learning Showcase 3.15pm - 5.15pm
Thursday 18 th June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 19 th June	- Final Day of Swimming
Monday 22 nd June	- Semester 2 Reports distributed
Thursday 25 th June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 26 th June	- Assembly 1.45pm, Grade 2/3 Class Presentation - Last Day of Term 2, 2.15pm finish
TERM 3	
Monday 13 th July	- Term 3 Commences
Thursday 16 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 23 rd July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 th July	- Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 1/2 Class Presentation
Monday 27 th July	- School Council 6.30pm
Thursday 30 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am

BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL


ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

2.30 PM

DONATE NOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY IN WHO TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE OFFICE OR VIA SPRIGGY SCHOOLS.



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A FIGHTMIND EVENT

Pivot Survey Summary: Protective Behaviours



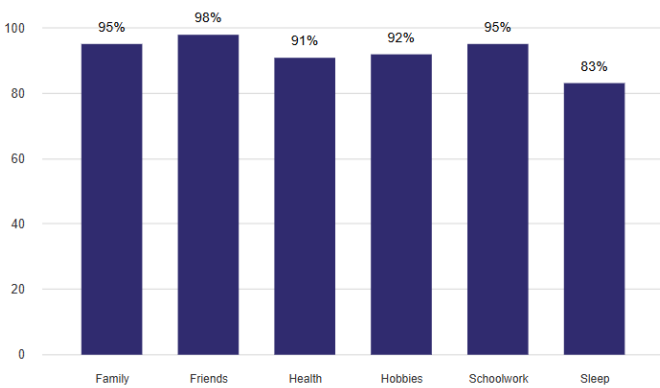
The attached graphs present data collected from our Years 3–6 Pivot Wellbeing Survey over the five-week survey period this term. Students were asked to indicate how they were feeling by providing a thumbs up or thumbs down response across six protective factors: family, hobbies, schoolwork, sleep, friends and health.

Protective factors are environmental conditions that help buffer children against stress, trauma and mental health challenges.

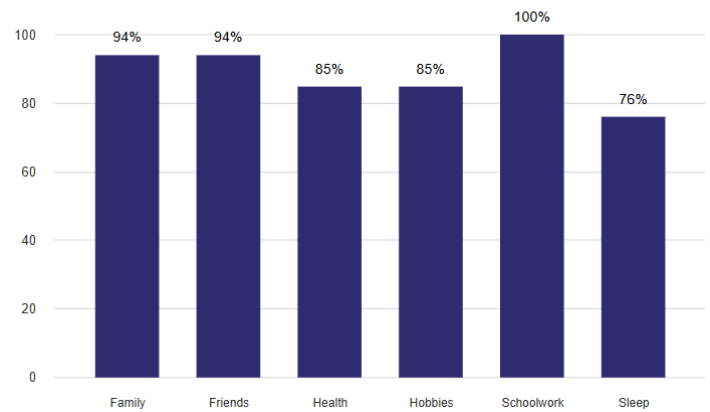
As the data clearly shows, sleep received the lowest percentage of positive responses each week. This indicates that, of the six areas surveyed, students are experiencing greater challenges with sleep than any other protective factor. Given the important role sleep plays in wellbeing, learning and behaviour, this is an area that warrants ongoing attention and support.

- Brendan King

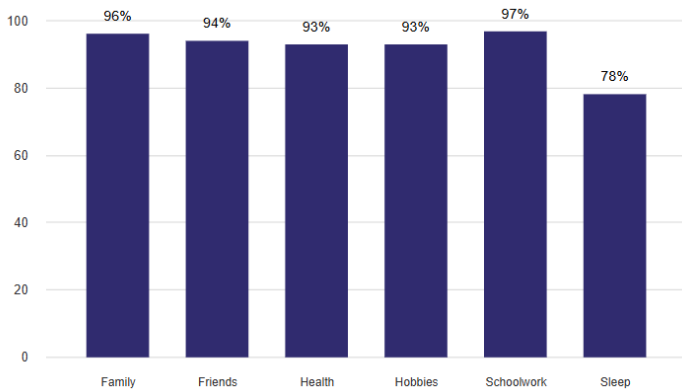
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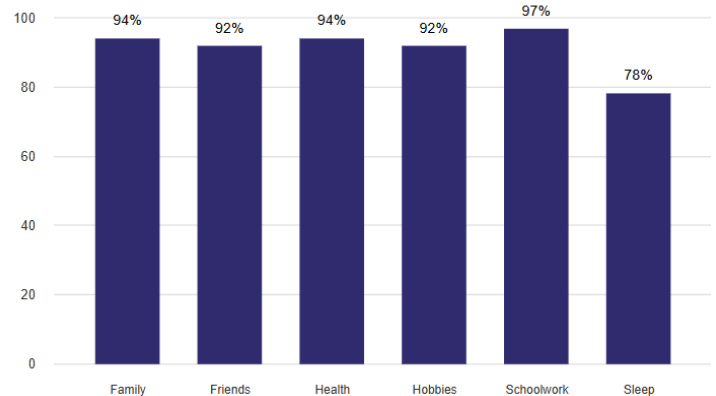
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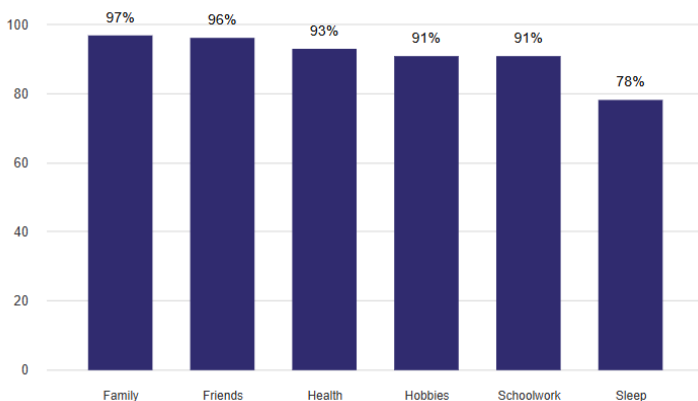
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Wishing the following
students a very

Happy Birthday

June

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14th Mae S

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Special Lunch

Orders must be placed via Spriggy Schools by
9am Thursday 11th June.

Please see **XUNO** for more information on
Spriggy Schools



MONDAY 15th JUNE

Welcome to Term 2!

OHSC has had a busy and exciting term so far! We have been making the most of the sunny weather by spending lots of time playing outside and enjoying active games together. A new Hot Wheels track has quickly become a favourite activity with children loving the chance to build, race and play creatively with friends.

Our creative experiences have included watercolour painting and recycled craft activities, encouraging imagination and sustainability.

Throughout the term, we have also enjoyed a range of weekly themes including Mother's Day, ANZAC Day, building, easter, space and colour explosion. To top it all off, nachos have been the children's favourite afternoon tea choice!



Look what's coming in Term Two!

Book into after school care on these dates to enjoy these special activities, at no extra cost to families.

BASKET WEAVING

DAMPER FUN: MIX IT, MAKE IT, TAKE IT!

YARN CIRCLES

JOIN US FROM 27-29TH MAY FOR
RECONCILIATION WEEK

TheirCare Where Kids love to be!

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Kindness Rocks DISCO!

FRIDAY 12 JUNE

White as Snow

WINTER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Winter Holiday Program is coming!

With a packed program this is one holiday season you won't want to miss! Disney on Ice, Toy Story 5, marine life incursions, a talking dinosaur activity, karaoke, ice skating – these are just some of the amazing things planned!!! *Bookings open soon!*

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Meet the Team



Beth Marwood

Before School Care Coordinator

Hi, I'm Beth! I have been the Before School Coordinator for two years and currently completing a Diploma of School Aged Education and Care. I love helping create a welcoming and fun start to the day for all our children.

You may also see me at Birregurra Primary School, where I work in Education Support. I enjoy building positive relationships with students and supporting them in their learning.

I look forward to seeing you and your children at Before School Care!

After School Care Coordinator

Hello everyone. I'm Kathrina and I'm excited to be the new After School Care Coordinator here at Birregurra Primary School.

I have experience in OSHC and children's ministry, I am currently studying a Master of Teaching in Early Childhood Education. I enjoy building and supporting student's growth and confidence in a positive and engaging setting.

I'm excited to meet you all at After School Care!



Kathrina Haganas

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Kindness Rocks **DISCO!**



FRIDAY 12 JUNE

**Get ready to rock out
for a good cause!**

At our Kindness Rocks Disco, we'll crank up the music, show off our coolest dance moves, and play awesome games! We'll be spreading good vibes in support of our WeCare charity - because real rock stars help others! Book in now, at no extra cost to families.



Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://www.TheirCare.com.au)

PARENTING YOUNG MINDS & COACHING YOUNG MINDS

SUPPORTING THE ADULTS WHO SHAPE YOUNG ATHLETES

Two practical and thought-provoking workshops exploring how parents and coaches influence the wellbeing, confidence and performance of young people in sport.

Different entry points. Same goal.

Better environments. Better outcomes for young people.



PARENTING YOUNG MINDS

A workshop for parents and carers exploring how to support young people through sport, pressure and performance moments.



MONDAY
15 JUNE 2026



6:00PM



GEELONG WEST TOWN HALL
153 Pakington Street, Geelong West

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Positive post-game conversations
- ✓ Managing pressure and expectations
- ✓ Supporting confidence and enjoyment in sport
- ✓ Creating healthy sporting experiences



COACHING YOUNG MINDS

A workshop for coaches focused on creating emotionally safe, values-driven team environments and helping young athletes perform under pressure.



MONDAY
22 JUNE 2026



6:00PM



GEELONG WEST TOWN HALL
153 Pakington Street, Geelong West

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Building positive team environments
- ✓ Managing pressure and emotions on the sideline
- ✓ Supporting player confidence and resilience
- ✓ Communication and connection in coaching

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER DANE BARCLAY

MAppPsych(SpEx), BA(Psych), MAAPi, MAPS, FEPSAC

Dane Barclay is a performance consultant who equips athletes, coaches, team leaders and organisations with practical, high-impact tools to perform under pressure and sustain excellence.

With more than fifteen years' experience as a psychologist, Dane's work sits at the intersection of psychology, systems thinking, and lived performance experience. His clients include universities, national and state bodies, professional clubs, executive teams, and elite athletes.



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Stronger relationships. Better environments. Better outcomes.



Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people in sport.

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Scan to book or visit:

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Funds raised through these events help support the delivery of free mental health education programs for young people in community sport.

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Proudly supporting community sport across the Barwon region.



SEASON 2026/27

JUNIOR REPREADY SESSIONS

REGISTER NOW



SUNDAY 21 JUNE - U12/U14 1-2.30PM AND U16/U18 2.30-4PM

TUESDAY 23 JUNE - U12/U14 4-5.30PM AND U16/U18 5.30-7PM

\$5 PER SESSION - REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 19 JUNE, 2026 AT 5.30PM

VENUE: BLUEWATER LEISURE CENTRE

ENQUIRIES: JRP@COLACBASKETBALL.COM.AU

The Colac Kookas Junior RepReady Basketball Sessions are designed to give every athlete an opportunity to put in some work before Colac Kookas Junior Representative tryouts begin.

Sessions will include both parent information and on-court training sessions.

Whether you're stepping into representative basketball for the first time or preparing for another season, these sessions are designed to help athletes feel prepared, confident, and ready to compete.

As part of the Colac Kookas Junior Representative pathway, sessions will focus on skill development, game-ready drills, and high-energy coaching to help players sharpen their game before tryouts. Athletes will build confidence, improve their basketball IQ, and give themselves the best chance to perform at their best when it matters most. Don't miss the opportunity to put in the work now and stand out later.

This program is suited to domestic U12, U14, U16 and U18 players who haven't previously been part of the representative program and are interested in trying out for rep basketball this season.