



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 2, Week 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9

Welcome to Week 9! We're now in the final stretch of a busy Term Two, with just two weeks to go! Despite some illness circulating, both staff and students continue to show great dedication to teaching and learning. There are plenty of exciting activities and opportunities planned to finish the term on a high, with our first FightMND ice bucket challenge on this afternoon, our learning showcase on Wednesday afternoon and our House swimming celebration on Friday to wrap up our swimming program.

### Home/School Connections

Thanks to the families that were able to connect with our teachers last Thursday for Parent/Teacher conversations. We strongly value home/school relationships and the opportunity to connect with you to discuss progress and growth, learn from each other and strengthen partnerships to support students' strengths, behaviours and learning styles. Semester One reports will be available online via XUNO on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Please notify the office if you require a printed copy of your child's report. You are also able to print the report yourself from home.

### Planting with Fernando

After having to postpone our planned tree planting session with Fernando from Barwon Water due to poor weather, our Grade 6 students were finally able to get into the garden on Friday morning to plant a range of shrubs and grasses.

Thankfully, the sun was shining, providing perfect conditions for students to get their hands dirty and contribute to improving our school environment. Under Fernando's guidance, students learnt about the importance of selecting appropriate plants, preparing the soil and caring for newly planted vegetation.

The session was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with nature, develop practical gardening skills and take pride in enhancing our school grounds. We thank Fernando for sharing his knowledge and supporting our students throughout the morning. Thanks also to Barwon Water for donating the plants!



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

## FightMND Ice Bucket Challenge

We have had an incredible response to our FightMND fundraiser and would like to sincerely thank our amazing school community for getting behind this important cause.

Voting closed on Friday afternoon, and the Top 5 Staff and Top 5 Students were announced at assembly. After a very close contest, the following brave participants will be going under the ice: Jaxson, Indie, Emme, Augie and Mahalia, along with Mr Burrell, Mrs Welsh, Miss McLaren, Mrs Gray and myself! To ensure our Grade 6 students play a significant role in the event, those not being iced will assist with the challenge by helping to pour the ice over participants. The ice bucket challenge will take place TODAY at 2:30pm, and we encourage all members of our school community to come along and support this fantastic cause. Students are invited to wear casual clothes and a beanie, with gold coin donations going directly to FightMND.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. We look forward to a fun-filled day as we come together to raise awareness and funds in the fight against Motor Neurone Disease.



## JSC Recycling Drive - This week!

The JSC is running a week of collections. This week, the school community is encouraged to drop their eligible cans and bottles at the school. The JSC has calculated that if every child collects 10 recyclables, we can easily earn over \$100 in a week. Collections can be brought to the front of the school. Thanks for your support!

## Learning Showcase

Our 'Learning Showcase' takes place this **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. We encourage you to pop into classrooms anytime between 3:15 – 5:15pm to engage in conversations with your child/ren about learning tasks they have completed this semester and how the classroom operates. We hope to see you then!

## Swimming Celebration

A huge thank you to our families for your support in ensuring students are prepared for swimming each Friday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and helps our lessons run smoothly.

Last week, our swimming sessions focused on water safety. Students thoroughly enjoyed the practical learning experiences, which included wearing life jackets, practising rescue techniques using throw ropes and learning important water safety messages. They also developed their understanding of hazards such as rip currents and were introduced to basic CPR awareness and emergency response strategies.

This week is our final swimming session, and in collaboration with the pool staff and instructors, we've planned a fun and inclusive celebration. The day is designed to emphasise participation and enjoyment, giving students the opportunity to showcase the skills they've developed throughout the swimming program. Students will also have the chance to earn house points through a variety of events, including fun challenges like sinkie pickups.

All students will be attending the pool from 12:00pm to 2:00pm and will need to bring their lunch with them. It's a great way to finish the program on a high note, and we're looking forward to celebrating the progress and confidence our students have built in the water.



## Clubs

We are very excited to share that 'Clubs' will be back for Term Three. While the finer details of the clubs are still being finalised, there will be several exciting options for the students to choose from. Clubs will run on a Monday afternoon

between 12:30-1:30 on a fortnightly basis. Students will have the opportunity to select their preferences in order and are guaranteed to be placed in one of their top three choices. Clubs will be multi-age groupings designed to offer students learning experiences they may not have previously encountered. Stay tuned for more information! 😊

### Reminders

- Ice Bucket Challenge is on TODAY at 2:30pm!
- School Council is on Monday at 6:30pm.
- Learning Showcase is on Wednesday from 3:15-5:15pm.
- Breakfast Club in on Thursday from 8:15am, all welcome!
- Swimming continues Friday, don't forget bathers, towel and goggles.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Jess Kattwinkel & team



## Dates for the Diary...

TERM 2	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	- Special Lunch Order Day - FightMND Ice Bucket Challenge 2.30pm - School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	- Learning Showcase 3.15pm - 5.15pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	- Final Day of Swimming
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	- Semester 2 Reports distributed
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	- Assembly 1.45pm, Grade 2/3 Class Presentation - Last Day of Term 2, 2.15pm finish
TERM 3	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	- Term 3 Commences
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	- Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 1/2 Class Presentation
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	- School Council 6.30pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am



**WE ARE COLLECTING CANS & BOTTLES THIS WEEK!**

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BAGS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

# Students of the Week

Community	<b>Matilda M</b>	For always being a helpful classroom ninja and always putting others things away for them. Thanks Matilda!
	<b>Violet P</b>	For the care, kindness, and responsibility you show to others and our classroom every day. You consistently listen carefully to instructions and are always willing to lend a helping hand, which is greatly appreciated and helps our classroom run smoothly. Well done, Violet!
	<b>Kaide S</b>	For putting your resources away after each transition without reminders. Thank you for helping keep our classroom clean and organised!
	<b>Stella L</b>	For consistently modelling how to work respectfully and cooperatively in groups and pairs. Your kindness and teamwork help make our classroom community a positive and supportive place for everyone. You're a star, Stells!
	<b>Seb R</b>	You are someone who shows excellent initiative to make our classroom a clean and welcoming workspace for all of us. Thank you for taking pride in where we learn. Keep it up Seb!
	<b>Kate M</b>	For consistently demonstrating excellent organisation by bringing your diary each morning, keeping your belongings organised, and using the daily schedule to confidently prepare for what's ahead. Awesome work, Kate!
Aspire	<b>Evie L</b>	For always challenging yourself during tasks. I love watching you have a go at independently writing your ideas! Go Evie.
	<b>Joe M</b>	For your sensational problem-solving skills in Maths, using the jump strategy to accurately solve two-digit addition and subtraction problems. Your persistence and mathematical thinking have been outstanding. You're a super mathematician, Joe!
	<b>Sunny H</b>	For working hard in our maths lessons and confidently identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Keep up the great effort!
	<b>Clementine D</b>	For your growing confidence and the thoughtful effort you put into your learning across all learning areas. You should be proud of the care and persistence you show in all your work. Keep up the fabulous work, Clem!
	<b>Riley H</b>	You have demonstrated an awesome approach to your learning this week. You have taken and applied feedback to your work to ensure it is finished to a high standard. Keep it up, Riley!
	<b>Indie H</b>	For consistently showing all the school values and making great contributions in class, especially in Text Study. Well done and keep up the great work Indie!
Art	<b>Sunny H</b>	For always working with focus and for creating amazing value and dimension in your 'Out of this World' artwork. Well done Sunny!
Indonesian	<b>Vivi R</b>	For consistently giving your best effort and maintaining a positive attitude. Your commitment to doing your best every day is something to be proud of. Bagus, Vivi!
PE	<b>Will S</b>	For consistently demonstrating our 3 key pillars of Phys Ed - Teamwork, Sportsmanship and Fun. Keep up the great work Will!

# PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Emme D

For showing leadership initiative and bringing  
new ideas to our school community! I love  
your enthusiasm Emme!



BIRREGURRA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning  
Showcase*

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
3.15PM - 5.15PM



Wishing the following  
students a very

# Happy Birthday

June

17<sup>th</sup> Joe M

19<sup>th</sup> Jack K

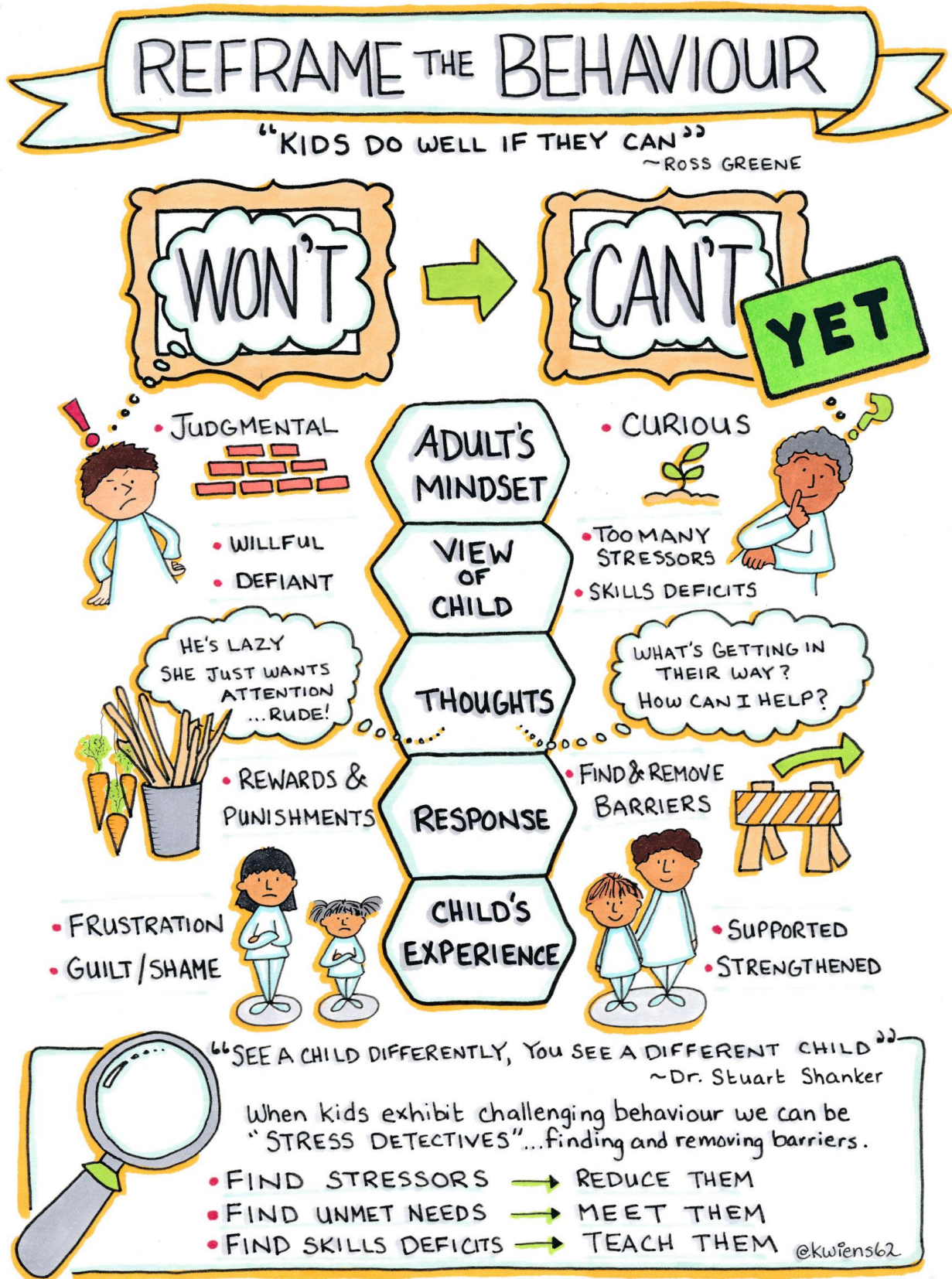
20<sup>th</sup> Chloe S



## Why Reframe?

Reframing helps us pause, reflect and ask "Why" in response to behaviour rather than reacting automatically. This enables us to distinguish between misbehaviour and stress behaviour and to see the stressors that are behind so much of the behaviour that concerns us. This is crucial because most of us have lots of experience with discipline strategies designed to address misbehaviour, but little experience with strategies for addressing stress behaviour.

Self-Reg shows us the way. And for most people, that begins with learning to "Reframe the behaviour."





## 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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**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](mailto: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.