



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 1, Week 1 – 15th July 2024

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 are 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 LGBTQ+ 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 back to school for Term Three. I hope all students and families enjoyed a well-deserved break. It was great to see everyone return looking refreshed this morning after the holiday period. I enjoyed spending some quality time with family in Darwin, certainly a lot warmer than Vic!

We are looking forward to a productive and engaging Term Three, with all our systems and routines set up. Academic and behavioural expectations will remain high as our aim is for students to continually improve in all areas of their schooling. We expect children to be well

behaved, be proud of their appearance and uniform and to be well mannered. Our approach to positive behaviour is proactive and centres on reflective processes always building on strengths and good choices.

Holiday Works

Over the school holidays we had some line marking completed. Our highly anticipated chess board is now complete and ready for use. We also had two hopscotch boards painted on the pathway from the main building towards the toilets. It was wonderful to see these in use already this morning!

I'd also like to give a shout out to Rob Lidgerwood and David Crittenden for installing the footy goal posts over the weekend. Our students are very much looking forward to playing football again on the top oval. The posts need a few days to set, however will be ready for use later this week. Thanks also to the Birregurra Football Club for donating goal post pads.



Welcome Ms O'Hanlon

This week we welcome Harriette O'Hanlon to our education support team. Ms Harriette will be supporting students in the junior school at different times across the week. Ms Harriette completed her certificate in Education Support in 2022 and may be a familiar face to some as a former Birregurra PS student!

School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood (President) Luke Fitzpatrick, Abbey Gannon, Kelly Dodds, Emma Mezzatesta, Emily McDonald, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.

We are looking forward to having Ms Harriette as part of our growing team here at Birre!

Semester One Reports

Semester One reports were distributed via XUNO on the final Monday of Term Two. We hope you had the opportunity to read through the report together with your child, congratulating them on their many achievements throughout Semester One, as well as discussing opportunities for further growth in the second semester. If you are yet to access your child's report and need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the office. We are more than happy to assist.

Learning Showcase

Thanks to the parents and family members that were able to make it to our 'Learning Showcase' on the final Wednesday of last term. We had some excited students very eager to share their learning environment and achievements with those closest to them. It is always wonderful to invite families into our classrooms, and school. Special thanks to our teachers for facilitating the afternoon.

NAIDOC Week 7th - 14th July 2024

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. Each year, the NAIDOC Week theme is chosen to highlight matters of importance, create awareness and to recognise the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



This year's theme chosen by the National NAIDOC Committee, is Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud. The theme honours the enduring strength and vitality of First Nations culture – with fire a symbol of connection to Country, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our school will acknowledge 'our elders' throughout this week, engaging in NAIDOC discussions and activities.



Life Education

This **Thursday 18th July**, students in Grades 3-6 will engage in the 'Talk About It' Program facilitated by a trained professional from Life Education. The 'Talk About It' Program is a key part of the curriculum.

Children in grades 3 & 4 will engage in a session titled 'Body Safety' and learn to recognise and express their feelings, understand when they feel unsafe, know who to report concerns to, distinguish between body parts, understand consent and boundaries, differentiate between safe and unsafe touch, and practice protective behaviours. Our Grade 5's will develop an understanding of the physical, social and emotional changes that occur during puberty through the 'Welcome to Puberty' module. Grade 6 students will engage in the 'Thriving in Puberty' module which is an extension of the Welcome to Puberty module they completed last year. If you have any wonderings regarding these sessions, please make contact.

Clubs

We are very excited for the return of 'Clubs' this term. Clubs will run on a Monday afternoon between 2:15-3:15 on a fortnightly basis, commencing in Week 2. Students will be able to select their preferences in order and are guaranteed to get one of their first 3 choices. Clubs will be multi-aged groupings and are designed to provide learning experiences that students may not have previously been exposed to, and/or allow students to follow a passion. See below a brief description of our 7 clubs.

Science/STEAM club - Designed for curious students, our club offers an exciting and hands-on exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Through engaging projects, interactive experiments, and collaborative activities, ignite your passion for discovery, enhance your critical thinking skills, and unleash your creativity. Join us on a journey of innovation and fun, where every meeting sparks a new adventure in the world of STEAM!

Writing - Join us for a journey into the world of imagination where students can explore and create their own unique texts. Whether you're passionate about crafting vivid comics, composing heartfelt poetry, or penning captivating short stories, our club offers a supportive space to unleash your creativity. Let's bring your ideas to life, one word at a time. Unleash your inner author and make your mark in the world of words!

***Jewellery Making** - Join the Joyous Jewellery Club and unleash your creativity! Learn to craft stunning polymer clay earrings and intricate bead bracelets in a fun, supportive environment. Perfect for all skill levels, our club offers hands-on creativity and plenty of inspiration.*

***Dance/Karaoke**- The coolest place to dance like no one's watching and sing like a rockstar! Our club offers a safe and supportive place to learn awesome moves and catchy songs while boosting your confidence and creativity. Get ready to groove, giggle and have a blast on your journey to becoming the star you are!*

***Trivia Club** - Are you ready to become a trivia master? Join our Kids Multi-Age Trivia Club, where fun and learning go hand-in-hand! Our club brings together curious minds for thrilling trivia challenges. Whether you're a trivia newbie or a know-it-all, there's a spot for everyone. Come make new friends, learn cool facts, and have a blast!*

***Minecraft Club**- Are you a Minecraft enthusiast? Dive into a world of creativity and exploration at our School Minecraft Club! Open to students of all ages, our club is the perfect place to build, explore, and create amazing worlds together. Collaborate on epic projects, participate in fun challenges, and learn new skills in a safe and friendly environment.*

***Directed Drawing Club**- Unlock your artistic potential at the Directed Drawing Club! Open to budding artists of all ages, our club offers step-by-step drawing sessions that make it easy and fun to create amazing artwork. Learn new techniques, explore different styles, and watch your skills grow with each drawing.*

PJ Day

Next **Monday 22nd July**, we are holding a PJ Day. Students and staff are invited to dress in their favourite pyjamas. This fun event is a great way for everyone to relax and show off their most comfortable and creative sleepwear. We encourage everyone to participate and enjoy the cozy atmosphere. A gold coin donation is appreciated to support the work of Lifeline.



NCCD - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year in August. The NCCD is a collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability and the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students. Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. Please see the 'Fact Sheet for Parents, Guardians and Carers' attached to today's newsletter for more information regarding the NCCD.

Lunch Orders



Lunch orders from the Birregurra General Store are back this term. Orders are to be submitted by Thursday morning via QuickCliq for a Friday lunch.

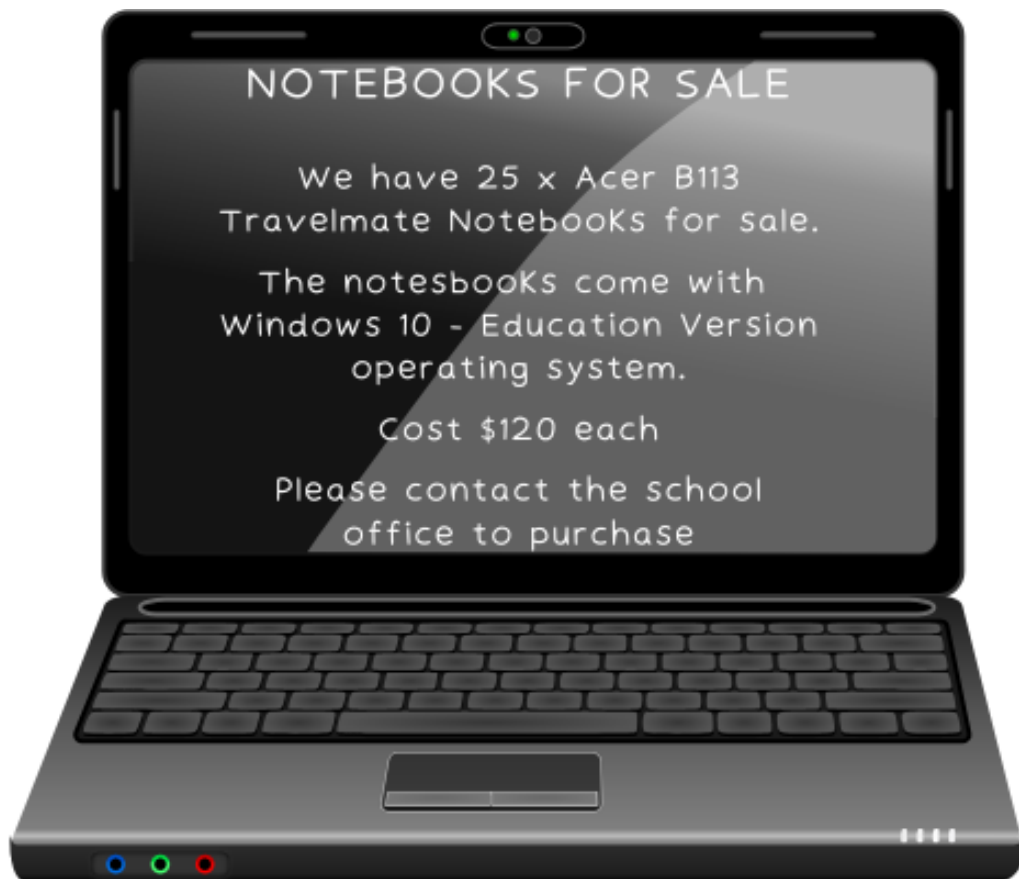
In exciting news, our school will be moving to onsite lunch orders from the beginning of Term 4. This is thanks to the commitment of one of our super mums, who is willing to run weekly lunch orders from our Art Room kitchen. We also plan to remove the use of QuickCliq and move to ordering through the XUNO platform. Therefore, we ask that families ensure they use all QuickCliq credit by the end of Term 3. Stay tuned for more details as the term progresses.

Wishing everyone a wonderful first week back. Term Three is full of lots of learning opportunities so please take note of the 'dates for the diary'. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions or queries. We appreciate and value your feedback and input.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 15 th July	- Term 3 Commences
Thursday 18 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 25 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 26 th July	- Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 2 Class Presentation
Monday 29 th July Wednesday 31 st July	- Grade 5/6 Camp - Angahook
Thursday 1 st August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 5 th August Friday 9 th August	- Matific Olympiad Gr 3-6
Tuesday 6 th August	- Gr 3-6 COPACC Excursion - The Peasant Prince
Wednesday 7 th August	- School Council 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 9 th August	- Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 1 Class Presentation
Monday 12 th August	- Curriculum Day - No Students at school
Thursday 15 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15pm - Trinity College Band Performance 12.30pm
Thursday 22 nd August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 23 rd August	- Assembly 2.45pm - Prep Class Presentation
Thursday 29 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am





Wishing the following
students a very

Happy
Birthday

July

15th

Harvey B

16th

Angus B

21st

Samson G

Students of the Week

Prep	Wyatt M	For trying your best during our writing sessions, independently writing the sounds and words you can hear! Keep kicking goals!
	Bobby L	For your tremendous work during maths, counting on to find the total. Well done for being an addition whiz!
Gr 1	Polly F	For being so positive and always trying your hardest. You are a great role model and class friend! Go Polly!
	Vivi R	For your fun and creative 'Crayon' writing! You used some very interesting adjectives to meet your goal, well done Vivi!
Gr 2	Imogen D	Well done Immy for working hard and being a supportive peer on Dino Day! You were super engaged and participated in all of the activities!
	Ella G	Amazing efforts with your money maths Ella! I like the way you added the value of coins and notes, and helped others when they were confused. Super!
Gr 3/4A	Jack K	For your amazing dedication to our reading program. Well done on sourcing a range of texts that appeal to your interests. We have all learnt some new and interesting information.
	Lottie K	Lottie you have demonstrated fabulous determination and enthusiasm for multiplication during our maths session. Continue to pose interesting questions and observations.
Gr 3/4M	3/4M	for demonstrating remarkable adaptability and resilience this week. Keep up the fantastic work 3/4M!
Gr 5/6	Samson G	For your engagement and questions during our cybersafety incursion with Josh. You demonstrated fantastic knowledge on how to be safe online. Great work Samson!
	Bodhi S	For your dedication towards your Maths work. You have made a lot of growth this first half year. Well done Bodhi!



Principal's Award

Liam P

For displaying amazing confidence to share his improved reading skills with the class.

Keep aiming high Liam!