



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 2 – 20th July 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 2

Happy Monday and welcome to Week 2. It was a cold, windy, and wet start to the term last week. However, we still managed to get outside for most break times. While we have limited access to certain grassy areas, some students have still managed to get quite muddy. It may be worth packing a spare set of clothes and socks in your child's school bag in case of any muddy emergencies.

Clubs

Our first Clubs session will take place **today** between 12:30-1:30pm. Students have been placed into one of their top three preferences, and we're excited to launch a range of engaging activities. Stay tuned for some happy snaps in next week's newsletter!

Curriculum Day - TOMORROW

A friendly reminder that tomorrow is a Curriculum Day and students are not required at school. Staff will spend the day together looking at Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, our three-year curriculum plan and reviewing the department's policies around AI use by students and staff, a fast-developing space.



JSC Pyjama Day - Wednesday

This **Wednesday 22nd July**, our Junior School Council will be hosting a Pyjama Day in support of The Pyjama Foundation. Students are invited to wear their favourite pyjamas to school and bring a **gold coin** donation. Funds raised will help support children in foster care by providing learning support, educational resources and positive mentoring relationships. We encourage everyone to get involved by wearing their comfiest PJs and supporting this worthwhile cause.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders return this Friday. Orders can now be placed through Spriggy Schools and must be submitted by **9:00am on Wednesday**. Please note that we will no longer be sending containers home with leftover hot food, as this can pose a health risk. If your child would like to bring home any leftover cold food, please ensure they have a container or space in their lunch box.

Grade 6 Woodwork Classes

This Friday, our Grade 6 students will commence a woodwork program which will run across this term, thanks to the generous support of the Birregurra Men's Shed. Over four sessions, students will develop practical woodworking skills while designing and constructing their own birdhouses.

As part of the program, students will also have the opportunity to visit the Birregurra Men's Shed for one of their sessions, where they will learn more about the workshop environment and work alongside experienced volunteers.



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

We are incredibly grateful to the Birregurra Men's Shed for making this valuable learning experience possible, and we extend our sincere thanks to the two dedicated volunteers who are generously sharing their time, skills, and expertise with our students. We look forward to seeing the wonderful birdhouses our students create and the confidence they build throughout the program.

NAPLAN results

NAPLAN results arrived at our school last week, and individual student reports were published via XUNO to families with students in Years 3 and 5 on Monday afternoon. NAPLAN proficiency scales categorise student results into *Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Additional Support*. The below table shows the percentage of students who are Exceeding or Strong in each test compared to similar schools.

NAPLAN TEST		NAPLAN PROFICIENCY: PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS EXCEEDING OR STRONG	
		BIRREGURRA P.S.	SIMILAR SCHOOLS*
Year 3	Reading	86%	72%
	Writing	100%	82%
	Spelling	62%	59%
	Grammar & Punctuation	90%	61%
	Numeracy	90%	72%
Year 5	Reading	100%	79%
	Writing	82%	76%
	Spelling	91%	69%
	Grammar & Punctuation	100%	68%
	Numeracy	100%	76%

(* *Similar Schools: a group of Victorian Government Schools with similar characteristics - socio-economic status, non-English speaking students, enrolment size and geographic location.*)

While NAPLAN provides a valuable snapshot of student learning and helps us evaluate the impact of our teaching and learning programs, we know that education is about much more than test results. At Birregurra Primary School, we are committed to supporting the whole child by focusing on all aspects of growth - academic, social, emotional, and personal development.

Although NAPLAN is just one measure, I'm very pleased to share that our students performed above similar schools in 10 out of 10 areas. This is a fantastic achievement, and one our entire school community should be extremely proud of!

3/4 Camp - Sovereign Hill



Excitement is building for our upcoming Year 3/4 Camp to Sovereign Hill in Week 7! Students and staff are looking forward to three fantastic days of learning, adventure, and memorable experiences at this iconic destination.

Our camp program and activities are currently being finalised, and we are sure it will be a fabulous three days filled with opportunities for students to explore, discover, and create lasting memories with their classmates. Further information, including camp details and updates, is available on XUNO. A deposit is due by **Wednesday 22nd July** to secure your child's place and allow us to confirm final numbers with the camp providers.

We appreciate that the cost of camp is significant. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Mrs Leigh in the office.

Birregurra-Forrest Road Safety Improvement – Barwon Downs

The Department of Transport and Planning have provided the following information regarding upcoming works in Barwon Downs.

We're delivering safety improvement works on Birregurra-Forrest Road at Barwon Downs, with works planned to start in August. The project will include the installation of two new raised safety platforms that will slow vehicles at both approaches to a bend where speed has been an issue. The raised safety platforms will be built near the CFA building, south of the bend, and close to the Barwon Downs Town Park, east of Callahans Lane and north of the bend. The safety improvement project also includes drainage upgrades and the installation of kerb near the platforms to delineate the road curves around the bend.

A construction program is in preparation. Works are expected to take up to two months to complete. Dates and timeframes are dependent on a range of factors, including favourable weather and site conditions. Crews will be on site Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm, with the possibility of some weekend and night works.

Impacts of the works

We'll make every effort to minimise disruption to traffic during these works. Disruptions may include:

- *single lane closures, with traffic management in place*
- *reduced speed limits to ensure the safety of crews and all road users*
- *temporary traffic lights and electronic message signs*
- *weekend work and nightworks*
- *delays to traffic*
- *traffic management crews to help you move through the area.*

Find out more

Disruptions information will be published on the Transport Victoria website when the delivery program is confirmed. Visit <https://transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/projects/birregurra-forrest-road-safety-improvements-barwon-downs>. Alternatively, please contact us via this email address or call 133 778.

Reminders-

- Milo Monday is on today. Warm milos are available from the canteen area for \$1.
- Curriculum Day Tuesday – no students
- If you or neighbours have not dropped off 2027 enrolment forms for a child, please do so ASAP! We will be sending out offers from early August and begin planning classes, employment, etc from then.

Have a wonderful week everyone and please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of support.

Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 20 th July	- Clubs 12.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 21 st July	- Curriculum Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Wednesday 22 nd July	- JSC PJ Day- gold coin donation appreciated
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 - Milo Monday
Tuesday 28 th July	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 30 th July	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 3 rd August	- Clubs 12.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 4 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 6 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 7 th August	- Assembly 2.45pm, Prep/1 Class Presentation
Monday 10 th August	- Milo Monday
Tuesday 11 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 13 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Mon 17 th Aug - Fri 21 st Aug	- National Science Week
Monday 17 th August	- Milo Monday
Tuesday 18 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Thursday 20 th August	- Breakfast Club
Friday 21 st August	- Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation
Sat 22 nd Aug to Fri 28 th Aug	- CBCA Children's Book Week
Monday 24 th August	- Book Week Parade 9:00am - Milo Monday - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 25 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Wed 26 th Aug - Fri 28 th Aug	- Grade 3/4 Camp - Sovereign Hill
Thursday 28 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 31 st August	- Clubs 12.30pm
Thursday 3 rd September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 4 th September	- Father's Day Breakfast 8am - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 4/5 Class Presentation



Wishing the following
students a very

Happy
Birthday

July

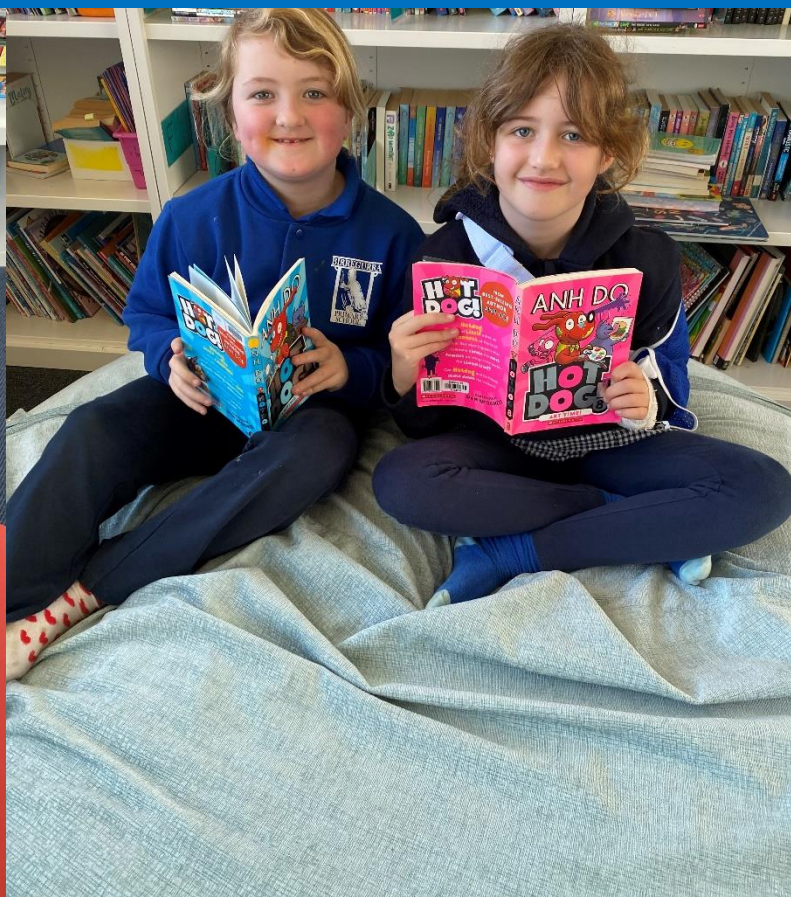
15th Harvey B

23rd Louis B



The Wellbeing Room has become a popular place for students to spend their recess and lunch breaks. With the colder weather now well and truly here, I expect even more students will make use of the space as the term progresses.

The Wellbeing Room provides a welcoming and well-equipped environment where students can play games, read, draw, or simply enjoy some quiet time during recess and lunch. It offers a valuable alternative to the playground, ovals, sandpit and other outdoor areas, catering for students who may prefer a calmer setting to relax, recharge and connect with others. – Mr King





CLARKE'S PIES

Best by a Country Mile



BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

TERM 3

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE EXCITEMENT OF THE FOOTY AND NETTY FINALS, WHY NOT MAKE GAME DAY EASY WITH DELICIOUS CLARKES PIES? CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF PIES, PASTIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS, AVAILABLE IN BOTH FAMILY AND PARTY SIZES TO SUIT YOUR HOUSEHOLD OR FINALS GATHERING. THERE ARE ALSO SOME TASTY SWEET TREATS ON OFFER. PLEASE SEE THE ORDER FORM AND SECURE YOUR ORDER TODAY WHILE SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

DELIVERY: WEEK 4, WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST



CLARKE'S PIES

Pie Drive Order Form

Organisation: **BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Name: _____



Products:	Price:	Quantity Required:	Total:
Individual Products:			
Pies			
Original Beef (Square)	6.00		
Premium Beef (Round)	6.00		
Steak & Curry	6.20		
Steak & Onion	6.20		
Steak & Bacon	6.20		
Steak & Mushroom	6.20		
Steak & Pepper	6.20		
Steak & Cheese	6.20		
Chicken & Vegetable	6.20		
Shepherds Plus (Potato)	6.20		
Pizza Pie	6.20		
Egg, Bacon and Cheese	6.20		
Chunky Beef Pie	6.80		
Lamb, Rosemary and Garlic	6.80		
Chicken Satay	6.80		
Fruit Pies			
Apple Pie	6.00		
Apricot Pie	6.00		
Pasties			
Traditional Pasties	6.00		
Old Style Pasties	6.00		
Vegetarian Pasties	6.00		
Sausage Rolls			
Sausage Rolls	5.20		
Cheese and Bacon Rolls	5.50		
Spinach & Ricotta Rolls	5.50		
Sub-Total:			

Products:	Price:	Quantity Required:	Total:
Family Sized Products:			
Original Beef	18.50		
Steak & Curry	18.50		
Steak & Onion	18.50		
Steak & Bacon	18.50		
Steak & Mushroom	18.50		
Steak & Pepper	18.50		
Chicken & Vegetable	18.50		
Shepherds Plus (Potato)	18.50		
Apple	18.50		
Apricot	18.50		
Pastie	18.50		
Vegetarian Pastie	18.50		
Party Sized Products:			
Party Pie	2.20		
Party Pastie	2.20		
Party Sausage Roll	2.20		
Party Quiche	2.20		
Slices			
Vanilla Slice	5.50		
Apple Slice	5.50		
Jelly Slice	5.50		
Caramel Slice	5.50		
Hedgehog Slice	5.50		
Continental Slice	5.50		
Peppermint Slice	5.50		
Cherry Ripe Slice	5.50		
Lemon Slice	5.50		
Chocolate Brownie Slice	5.50		
Sub-Total:			

All products will be delivered fresh on the day of pick-up, so it is a great opportunity to stock up your freezer and support Birregurra Primary School at the same time!

Please return orders and money by
Thursday 30th July

Orders will be available for pick-up on
Wednesday 5th August
after 3.15pm

Total amount included:

Milo Monday

Help us raise
Money for the
Sovereign Hill
3/4 camp.



Join us in the art room for
a \$1 milo.

AT LUNCH TIME (1:40)
EVERY MONDAY!

Toastie Tuesday



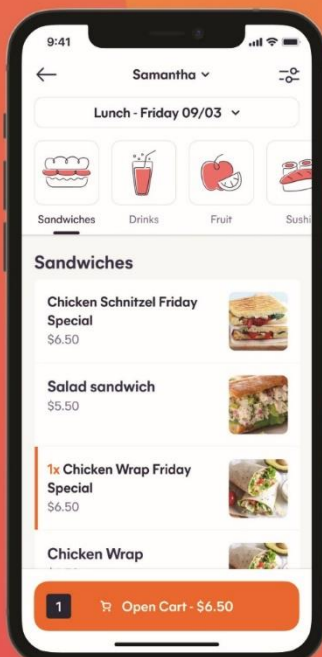
\$2 CHEESE TOASTIES

Proceeds going towards 3/4 camp
Every Tuesday - Grab yours at lunch!

Spriggy Schools

Pay for lunch online!

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools
to make online ordering easy.



Easy

View the full menu with all
options and dietary labeling

Simple

Quickly place orders from
any device in minutes

Convenient

Set and forget by ordering in
advance



Download the app now!



JSC IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

PYJAMA Day!

Get comfy for a great cause!

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

We're supporting
the **pyjama** foundation

Every dollar raised helps kids in care
build brighter futures. ♥

**GOLD COIN
DONATION
APPRECIATED**

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE PJ'S AND
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE ♥



TheirCare

PUPIL FREE DAY

Day/date: Tuesday 21st July

Opening Times: 7AM - 6PM



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Playdough making

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BIRREGURRA MECHANICS HALL

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026



TIME – 10am to 2pm to the public (set up from 8am for stallholders)

SET UP – From 8am

COST - \$25 per table. Some tables available.

Apply via Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1616750>

Entry Fee for the public – gold coin donation appreciated

(All funds raised towards upgrades in the Birregurra Hall)

