



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 3 – 4th August 2025

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 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



Happy Monday everyone and welcome to Week 3. I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. The cold mornings have well and truly settled in, and we are making sure that heaters in all classrooms are turned on nice and early to ensure that learning spaces are warm and inviting for all students and staff. Please ensure that your children bring a jumper or jacket to school for the chilly mornings as it can get very cold waiting for the bell to go at the start of the day. Please feel free to pop in and check our lost property if your child's jumper has gone missing. Also, a friendly reminder to name all uniform as this makes it much easier to return to students when misplaced. Thanks for your support with this.

Day Two - School Review

Last Wednesday was Day 2 of our school review. It was another full and productive day, beginning with a parent forum with our reviewer, Di. We sincerely thank the parents who were able to attend and share their valuable insights. It is always so important to hear from all members of our school community.

The day continued with further celebrations as the panel engaged in classroom observations, discussions with staff and leadership, and a thorough review of learning and wellbeing documentation. We are fortunate to have this dedicated time to take a deep dive into our school's practices and develop meaningful next steps to continue improving.

Once again, a special thank you goes to our School Council President, Rob for generously giving his time and supporting the process throughout the day. The final review day will be held on Monday 8th September where our Strategic Plan for the next four years will be developed.

Welcome back Abbey

Last week, we welcomed Abbey Hayes back to our school for her second placement in 1/2L. Abbey is completing her final placement before becoming a qualified teacher, and we are thrilled to support her on this final step in her journey. She has already built strong connections with the students and is bringing great energy and enthusiasm to the classroom. We're excited to have her as part of our school community once again.



Clubs

Our first 'Clubs' session for Term 3 was held last Friday and was a great success. Students were eager to connect and engage in discussions and activities that they are interested in. Teachers have commented on the wonderful way our older students are supporting the younger ones in the school, which is truly pleasing to hear. I was fortunate to join the fishing club with some enthusiastic anglers. Many thanks to Hannah for volunteering to support the group. Check out the pictures from our first session in today's newsletter.

Birregurra Pre-School visit

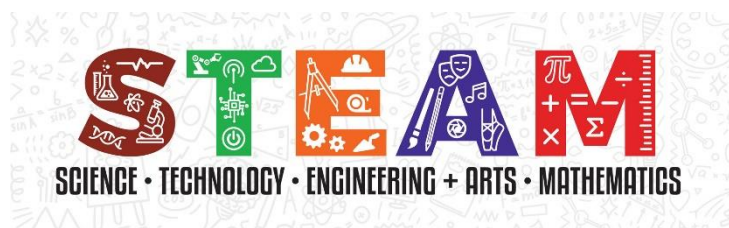
Miss Erskine and I will be visiting Birregurra Pre-School this Tuesday to meet with the educators and connect with the children who will be starting at Birregurra Primary School in 2026.

School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood, Luke Fitzpatrick, Kelly Dodds, Emily McDonald, Cassie Stephens, Sarah Green, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.

This visit is a valuable opportunity to begin building relationships and learning more about our future students as they prepare to join our school community.

If you know of any children in the community who intend to attend Birregurra Primary School in 2026 and have not yet enrolled, please encourage their families to come and chat with us. Early enrolments greatly support our planning and transition processes.

STEAM Incursion



This Wednesday, we are excited to welcome Lorraine, the Children's and Youth Services Librarian, to our school to run engaging STEAM activities with our Grade 3–6 students. Each class will rotate through four hands-on activities, including the Blue-Bot experience, Sphero's, Junior Bots, and a microscope exploration activity. This incursion will be a fantastic opportunity

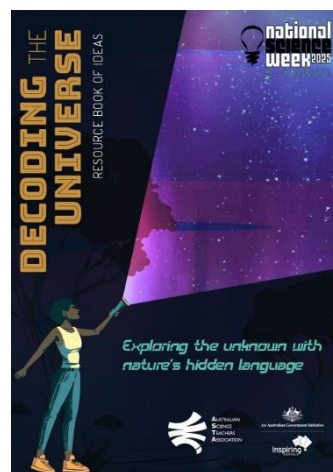
for students to develop their problem-solving skills, curiosity, and teamwork while exploring a range of exciting STEAM concepts. A big thank you to Mrs Williams for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students.

National Science Week

National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of all things science and technology. This year's celebration will be held from Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 August 2025, with the school theme '*Decoding the Universe – Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language*'.

This ties in beautifully with our science-focused inquiry units this term. Our junior classes are exploring *Machine Makers*, learning how simple machines work and make everyday tasks easier, while our senior students are delving into *Its Electrifying*, investigating the world of electricity and circuits.

National Science Week also happens to fall during the same week as our Year 3–6 camp to YMCA Anglesea, making it an exciting and busy time for our students! We look forward to celebrating curiosity, problem-solving and innovation both at school and on camp.

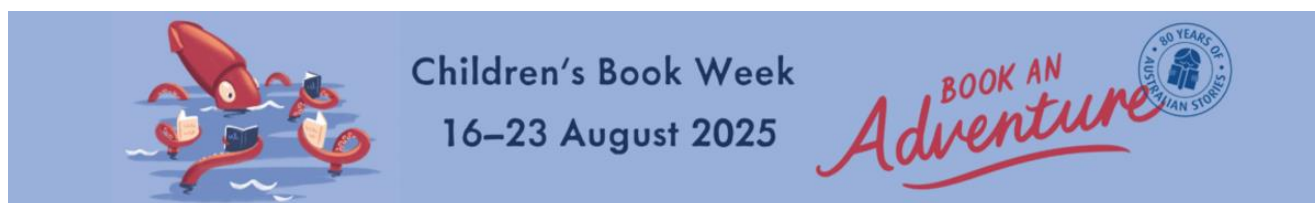


CBCA Children's Book Week 2025

Book week is just around the corner (Week 5) and the theme for Book Week this year is 'Book an Adventure'. To help celebrate, we are inviting students and staff to dress up on **Monday 18th August**. Costumes may be linked to the theme or a favourite book character. Costumes need not be new or elaborate – they can be made from anything you have at home and can be simple and creative with minimal fuss. We will kick off the celebrations with a Book Week Parade at 9:00am on Monday morning the 18th of August, where students and staff will have the chance to show off their amazing costumes.

Following last year's success, we will also run the BPS Giant Book Swap on **Wednesday 20th August**. Children can bring along second-hand books, and for each book they bring (up to a maximum of 5), they will receive a token. These tokens can then be exchanged for other second-hand books, a fantastic way to refresh their home library with some new reading material! To assist with setting up, students are encouraged to bring in their books on **Tuesday 19th August**. Teachers will keep a record of how many books each student brings in, so if a token is lost, we can easily issue a replacement.

We look forward to a fun and book-filled week of celebrations!



Parents & Friends Meeting

Our next Parents & Friends meeting will be held on **Monday 18th August** at 2:30pm in the main building, pop the date in your diary! We encourage all available parents and carers to come along, share their ideas, and be part of the conversation. It's a great opportunity to get involved, help shape upcoming events and initiatives and connect with other members of our school community. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there 😊

Life Education sessions

Our puberty health promotion sessions being delivered by the Life Ed team have been rescheduled for this coming Friday. Thanks everyone for your understanding.

Assembly – Thursday this week

Due to the change with our Life Ed sessions, this week's assembly will now be held on Thursday afternoon @ 2:45pm in the multi-purpose room.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are back this term and are once again being well supported by our school community. A big thank you to Jemma for generously giving her time and effort to ensure our students have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch. Thank you also to those who have joined the roster to help with delivering lunches to classrooms and assisting with clean-up. If a particular date doesn't work for you, please let us know or organise a swap.

Date	Helpers
Friday 8th August	Cara Lidgerwood
Friday 15th August	No lunch orders due to camp
Friday 22nd August	Anna Silvey
Friday 29th August	Kelly Dodds
Friday 5th September	Jess Buchanan

Reminders

- Breakfast Club runs each Thursday morning from 8:15am – all welcome, come along and join your friends for a healthy breakfast!
- Students are reminded to keep their treasures and valuables at home. Please note that any valuables brought to school are not the responsibility of the school.
- Smart watches should be in school mode during school hours. If watches are not in this mode, students will be asked to remove their watch as per our policy. Thanks for your support with this.
- Assembly is Thursday this week, not Friday!

Thanks for your ongoing support. Positive home school partnerships and relationships ensure the best possible outcomes for your child/ren. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a wonderful week.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary

TERM 3	
Monday 4 th August	- School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 6 th August	- STEAM Incursion - Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6
Thursday 7 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Assembly 2.45pm – Prep Class Presentation
Friday 8 th August	- Life Ed Incursion – Gr 3-6 students
Wednesday 13 th August	- Wheelie Wednesday Prep-2
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th August	- Gr 3-6 YMCA Camp, Anglesea
Thursday 14 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 18 th August	- Book Week Parade 9am - Parents & Friends Meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 20 th August	- Giant Book Swap - Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6
Thursday 21 st August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Clubs 2.15pm
Friday 22 nd August	- Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 5/6 Class Presentation
Wednesday 27 th August	- Wheelie Wednesday Prep-2
Thursday 28 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 29 th August	- Clubs 2.15pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	- Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6
Thursday 4 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 5 th September	- Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 4/5 Class Presentation
Monday 8 th September	- School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 th September	- Wheelie Wednesday Prep-2
Thursday 11 th September	- R U OK? Day - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 th September	- Clubs 2.15pm
Wednesday 17 th September	- Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6
Thursday 18 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 19 th September	- Last Day of Term 3, 2.15pm finish - Assembly 1.45pm – Gr 3 Class Presentation

Wishing the following students
a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

4th

Blake S

8th

Flynn L



ANGAIR WILDFLOWER & ARTS WEEKEND



20 & 21 September 2025

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TRINITY COLLEGE VET SPORT AND REC STUDENT VISIT

On Monday we were fortunate to have students from Trinity College, VET Sport and Rec class conduct Phys Ed classes for our Grade 4-6 students. Max, Toby, Ryan, Will and Kyran support by their teacher Lewis Antonac conducted a series of fun and entertaining lessons that kept the students on task and engaged.

It was a pleasure to support Trinity College and provide their students with the opportunity to develop their organisational, leadership and communication skills.

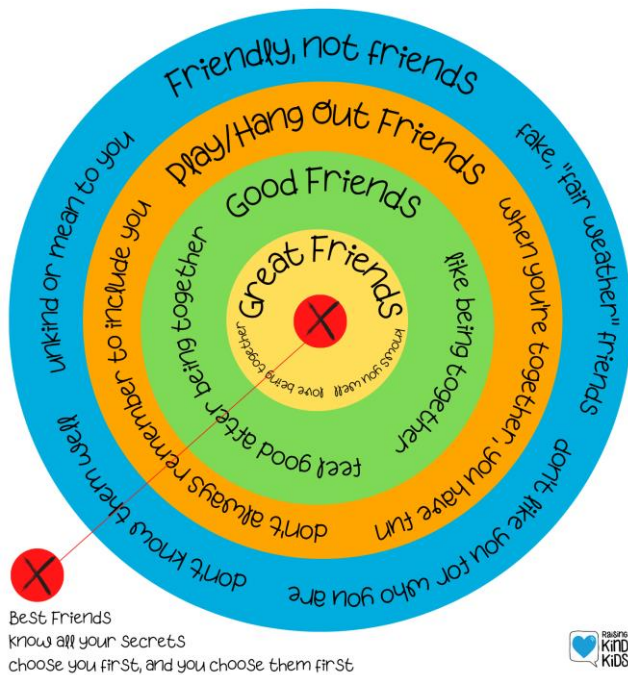
Brendan King



What does friendship look like??

Bullseye Friendships:

Where are people in your circle?



Some thoughts around what friendship might look like –

“A loyal companion that you can trust.”

“A friend that’s trustworthy and fun.”

“A friend is someone who sticks up for you and is always there for you when you’re having a hard time.”

“Having some people you are comfortable with and being around and having a small group of people you can trust.”

“Friendship means people who are kind to each other and when you’re upset, angry or worried you can go to them for help.”

“Someone that you can be certain will be with you when you’re going through something hard.... something hard like moving house, somebody is being rude to you, when an older friend or relative is dying.”

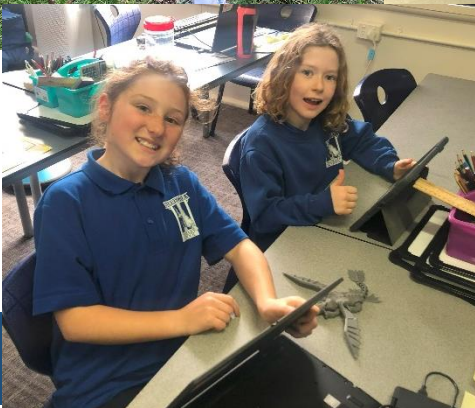
Children develop friendship skills through playing with other children. Because they are learning, they are sure to have times when things do not go as they would like. Sometimes they blame themselves for what has happened. They may say, “Nobody likes me ‘coz I can’t run as fast as they can.” Sometimes they blame everyone else for the problem. This might sound like, “The kids are all mean to me.” Even though they blame the other kids they may still think of it as a problem they cannot change. When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem-solving approach is often helpful.

‘Kids matter’.

- Sue Bath

Friends





DIGITAL DANGERZONES

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- starting high school?
- already using devices, social media or gaming?

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- knowledgeable guest speakers
- step by step setup for parental controls
- where to turn to for help & support

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