



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 4 – 3rd August 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

Welcome to Week 4! It was another busy and engaging week at Birregurra Primary School last week with students continuing to embrace a range of learning experiences both within and



beyond the classroom. It has been wonderful to see our students celebrating important milestones, connecting with our wider community and participating in opportunities that support their learning and wellbeing. Last week we enjoyed celebrating our prep students reaching 100 days of school, hosting our Small Schools Cluster Meeting, continuing our Grade 6 woodwork program and participating in Life Education sessions for our senior students.

School Council - July Meeting

Last Monday evening we held our July school council meeting where Principal, Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Junior School Council and P & F reports were presented and accepted. The main items discussed included:

- Classroom Observation visits from local schools
- JSC PJ Day successful fundraiser
- Our upcoming 3/4 Camp
- Grade 6 Men's Shed Partnership
- Clubs
- National Science Week
- Children's Book Week
- NAPLAN results once again very pleasing
- Enrolments and the placement policy
- Attitudes to School survey preliminary data, some pleasing results from our 4-6 students and some areas for future focus
- BBQ at upcoming market, jam making with the CWA
- Potential family outdoor movie night early Term 4
- Staff Professional Learning outlined
- Curriculum Reports from classroom teachers

We also ratified finance reports for June. If you wish to find out more about any of the items discussed, please chat to one of our school council members.

Life Education Sessions

Last Thursday, students in Grades 4 to 6 participated in the 'Talk About It' Program, facilitated by Jen from Life Education. This important program is a key part of our curriculum, designed to support students' understanding of body safety, personal boundaries, and puberty.



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

Our students were engaged throughout the sessions and asked thoughtful questions, demonstrating their interest and understanding of these important topics.

We encourage families to take the opportunity to chat with their children about what they learnt, to help reinforce these valuable lessons and support open, ongoing conversations about wellbeing and personal development.

Grade 6 Woodwork Sessions

Our Grade 6 students continued their woodwork program on Friday, participating in their second session. Following their first session in the Art Room at school, students had the opportunity to visit the Birregurra Men's Shed and continue developing their practical skills in a real workshop environment.

Students worked alongside experienced community volunteers, learning how to safely use a range of tools and techniques while building their confidence and understanding of woodworking processes. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for students to develop practical skills, problem-solving abilities and connections with members of our local community. Special thanks also to our dad helper for coming along to support the workshop.



Welcome back Abbey

This week we welcome Abbey Kerr back to our school for her second placement in Grade 1/2. 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 we're excited to have her as part of our school community once again. Abbey will be with us for the next four weeks.



Staffing Update

We have a few staffing changes occurring over the coming weeks. Mrs Melican will be supporting students in PE this week while Mr King is away, with the timetable remaining unchanged. Miss Kirsty will be joining us for a few days this week to provide support while Ms Bree is away. Miss Tayla will also be stepping into this role during Week 5. Miss Tayla is currently studying primary teaching at Deakin University.

Mathematics Professional Learning

This Wednesday, our staff will spend half a day working with James Dobson, a mathematics consultant and coach. James will be supporting our teachers through modelling mathematics lessons in some classrooms and working alongside staff to strengthen our mathematics teaching practices.

This professional learning aligns with our ongoing focus on effective mathematics instruction and ensuring all students are actively engaged and supported in their learning. We look forward to continuing to refine our approaches to mathematics teaching and learning across the school.



Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is an important part of ensuring students make the most of their primary school education. Each day provides opportunities for students to learn new skills, build relationships, participate in classroom discussions and be part of the many experiences that make school such a valuable time in their lives.

We understand that there are times when students are unwell and need to stay home to recover. Supporting your child's health and wellbeing is always important. However, regular absences can impact students' learning, confidence and connection to their class and school community.

The Department of Education identifies students with attendance below 80% as requiring further monitoring and follow-up. This means that if a student is absent for more than one day each fortnight, their attendance may become a concern.

If your family is planning an extended period of absence, please contact the school as early as possible so we can work with you to develop a learning plan to support your child's continued learning during this time.

We encourage all families to continue supporting strong attendance habits by arriving at school on time and attending as regularly as possible. Thank you for working with us to help every student make the most of the opportunities available at Birregurra Primary School.

New Playground Project

We are excited to share that we are fundraising towards a new playground for our students. Our goal is to create an engaging and inclusive space where students can play, connect and continue to develop their physical, social and creative skills.

The upcoming Otway Women's Day fundraiser, being organised by a wonderful group of parents, is supporting this important project, with proceeds going towards our new playground. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who is supporting this event and helping us move one step closer to bringing this vision to life.

If you are unable to attend Otway Women's Day, or would prefer to contribute in another way, donations towards our playground project are warmly welcomed. Every contribution, big or small, will help us create a wonderful new space for our students and future generations of Birregurra Primary School.

Thank you to our school community for your ongoing support and for helping us continue to make exciting improvements to our school. Further information about the fundraiser is available on the poster included in this newsletter.



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.
- The balance of \$317 for the 3/4 camp is due by 25th August.
- Milo Monday (\$1 Milos available at lunchtime)
- Toasty Tuesday (\$2 cheese toasties available at lunchtime)
- Assembly is on Friday at 2.45pm. Prep/1 will be sharing their class presentations.

Have a wonderful week everyone. As always, thank you for your continued support of our school, and please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can assist your family in any way.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

Monday 3 rd August	- Clubs 12.30pm - Milo Monday
Tuesday 4 th August	- Toastie Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th August	- Lunch Orders due by 9am
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
Wednesday 12 th August	- Lunch Orders due by 9am
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
Wednesday 19 th August	- Lunch Orders due by 9am
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
Wednesday 26 th August	- Lunch Orders due by 9am
Thursday 28 th August	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 31 st August	- Clubs 12.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd September	- Lunch Orders due by 9am
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



Help Us Build Our

NEW PLAYGROUND!

A PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN & GROW TOGETHER

BIRREGURRA



PRIMARY
SCHOOL

*Every
donation*

helps create an
exciting new
play space for
our students!



TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A PLAYGROUND OUR STUDENTS
WILL ENJOY FOR YEARS TO COME!

SCAN TO DONATE



Thank you for
your support!



Your support will help us
create a safe, inclusive and
inspiring place for our
students to play, connect
and thrive.

Thank you!



Your generosity makes a lasting
difference to the children of
Birregurra Primary School.

★ STRONGER TOGETHER. BRIGHTER FUTURES. ★

COMMUNITY – ASPIRE – RESPECT – EXCELLENCE

FUNDRAISER FOR BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tickets Are On Sale *Now!*

Join us for Otways Women's Day
and help raise funds for
new play equipment at
Birregurra Primary School.



 INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS	 LOCAL DRINKS & CANAPÉS	 LIVE AUCTION	 A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON FOR A GREAT CAUSE
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SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026
12.00–5.00PM
BIRREGURRA MECHANICS HALL

Book now
TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT!



EVERY TICKET HELPS BUILD SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR THE CHILDREN OF BIRREGURRA.



Purchase your tickets [here](#)

For more information –

please see our Instagram Page - @otwayswd or Facebook – Otway Women's Day

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



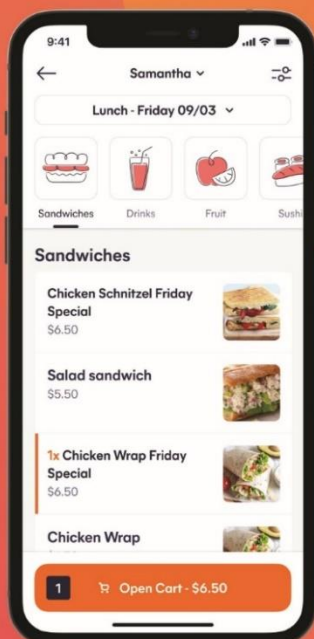
\$2 CHEESE TOASTIES

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!



Angair Wildflower & Arts Show



ANGLESEA
COMMUNITY HUB
MCMILLAN ST

Saturday &
Sunday
19th & 20th
Sept 2026

10am to 4pm



Image: Jewel Beetle, John Fennell

Wildflower displays, plant sales,
guided walking tours, educational
displays, kids activities, art show and
sales, food and drink stalls.



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LORNE SLSC Junior Programs: Nippers, SRC & GapYear Confidence • Community • Skills • Lifesaving

Nippers (Fri 5pm, Sun 10am) & Summer Intensive (27/12 - 2/1)
Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC):
GapYear (Grow Act Patrol)
Bronze Adult and Youth
Volunteers

u6s-u13, inc Starfish All Abilities
u14/15s
u15/16s
New or returning members
Adult & Youth welcome

Weekly Nippers program is a fun, inclusive and active beach community where children build confidence, water safety and surf lifesaving skills.

Summer Intensive is the flagship Nippers program, delivering an exciting week of activities. Some highlights include guest presenters, educational sessions, specialist skills, Nippers Art Show & Karaoke.

Gap Year participants enjoy their own engaging daily program during Summer Intensive while playing a vital role in supporting the Nippers program.

SRC Program provides young members with a dedicated daily training program focused on surf rescue skills, emergency response and leadership. Participants achieve their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) and join an active surf lifesaving patrol.

REGISTRATION FOR Nippers, SRC and GapYear

1 Sep 26 – Early Registration for Volunteer families

5 Sep 26 – Registration opens for all.

- * In order to register for **NIPPERS, SRC and GapYear** Lorne SLSC **Club Membership** must be paid and approved before registration. [Click here to renew your family membership.](#)
- * In order to register for **NIPPERS** and **SRC** a [Preliminary Swim Assessment form](#) must be signed by Swim Teacher or Coach. Complete form before 1/9/26. [See attached form.](#)
- * In order to register for **Gap Year**, [Skills Maintenance](#) must be completed prior to 31/12/26.

Lorne Surf Life Saving Club is a registered Get Active Kids Activity Provider .

Please contact Kirilee youth@lornesurfclub.com.au, Alice admin@lornesurfclub.com.au or Paul & Jo nippers@lornesurfclub.com.au if you would like further information or need assistance with payments.