



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 5 – 10th 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 5 of Term Three! It's hard to believe we are already into Week 5. Time is certainly flying, and it has been wonderful to see the continued learning, growth and enjoyment happening across our school.

It's also been nice to have some rain. As a friendly reminder, please pack some extra clothes, including socks, in your child's bag for those occasions when they may get themselves muddy while playing at recess and lunch.

Our Clubs program was another great success last Monday. Thankfully, the sun was shining for our outdoor group, who made the most of the beautiful weather by continuing their work on creating a bike track for all students to enjoy. It has been fantastic to see students working collaboratively, sharing ideas and developing a space that we hope will be enjoyed by all.



Mathematics Coaching Visit

Last Wednesday, we were fortunate to welcome James Dobson, a mathematics consultant and coach, to Birregurra Primary School for a half-day professional learning session with our staff.

James worked alongside our teachers, sharing his expertise through classroom observations, modelled mathematics lessons and professional discussion. A key focus of the session was the role of explicit teaching and mathematical vocabulary in developing students' understanding, along with practical strategies to support all learners.

Our staff gained a great deal from the opportunity to observe, reflect and discuss effective mathematics teaching practices. The session provided valuable insights and practical ideas that teachers can continue to implement in their classrooms.

Grade 6 Woodwork Sessions

Our Grade 6 students have enjoyed two wonderful woodwork sessions with volunteers from the Men's Shed so far. We have two more sessions remaining, which will take place on **Friday 4th September** and **Friday 11th September** from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Any Grade 6 parents who would like to join us for these sessions are more than welcome. If you would like to attend, please let the school know beforehand. Parents attending will need to hold a current Working with Children Check.

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

Welcome Abby

This week we welcome back Abby Hay into the Prep/1 classroom. Abby is completing her second placement this year in the Prep/1 room and is looking forward to seeing the growth in our junior students. Abby will be with us for two weeks.



Family Science Week Nature Photo Challenge

To celebrate National Science Week 2026 and this year's theme, *Seeds of Science: Nurturing Science for All*, we are inviting all families to take part in our Family Nature Photo Challenge!

Science begins with curiosity and careful observation. We encourage families to spend some time together exploring your backyard, local park, farm or neighbourhood and capture the amazing science that surrounds us every day.

Photograph one or more of the following:

-  A seed or seed pod
-  A flower or plant growing
-  An insect or pollinator
-  A bird or other native animal
-  A fungus or mushroom
-  An interesting leaf or plant
-  A spider web or another pattern found in nature
-  Something that shows the weather or seasons at work

Along with your photo, include a short caption (one or two sentences) answering the question:

What makes this interesting from a science perspective?

Email your favourite photo(s) and caption to the school at birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **Friday 14th August**.

We will use these photos to create a whole-school Nature Photo Display ready for National Science Week. Classes will have the opportunity to explore the display; discuss the science they notice and use the photos to inspire new questions and wonderings.

This activity encourages students and families to slow down, observe the world around them and discover that science is all around us. By sharing our observations, we can celebrate the curiosity and scientific thinking of our whole school community. We can't wait to see what you discover!

Book Week Celebrations Coming Soon!

Book Week is just around the corner, and we are excited to celebrate the joy of books, reading and storytelling with our students and families in Week 7.

The theme for Book Week 2026 is "*Symphony of Stories*". To help celebrate, we are inviting students and staff to dress up on **Monday 24th August**. Costumes can be linked to the theme or represent a favourite book character. Costumes do not need to be new or elaborate. We encourage students to be creative and use items they already have at home. Simple costumes made with imagination are often the most memorable!

We will begin our celebrations with our Book Week Parade at 9:00am on Monday 24th August, where students and staff will have the opportunity to showcase their wonderful costumes. Families are welcome to join us for this special celebration of reading.

Giant Book Swap



As part of our Book Week celebrations, we will once again be running our Giant Book Swap. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to share the joy of reading, give pre-loved books a new home and discover some new favourites.

Students can bring along second-hand books from now until **Monday 24th August**. For each book they bring (up to a maximum of 5 books), they will receive a token. These tokens can then be exchanged for other second-hand books during our Giant Book Swap on **Tuesday 25th August**.

Teachers will keep a record of the number of books each student contributes. Books should be in good condition and suitable for primary-aged students. Start checking your bookshelves now and see if you have any much-loved books ready to be passed on to another reader!

We look forward to a wonderful week celebrating books, stories and the joy of reading together.

Reminders

- Milo Monday (\$1 Milos available at lunchtime)
- Toasty Tuesday (\$2 cheese toasties available at lunchtime)
- Lunch Orders due by 9:00am Wednesday morning for Friday lunch!
- Breakfast Club runs each Thursday morning from 8:15am – all welcome, come along and join your friends for a healthy breakfast!
- The 3/4 camp balance is due by **25th August**.

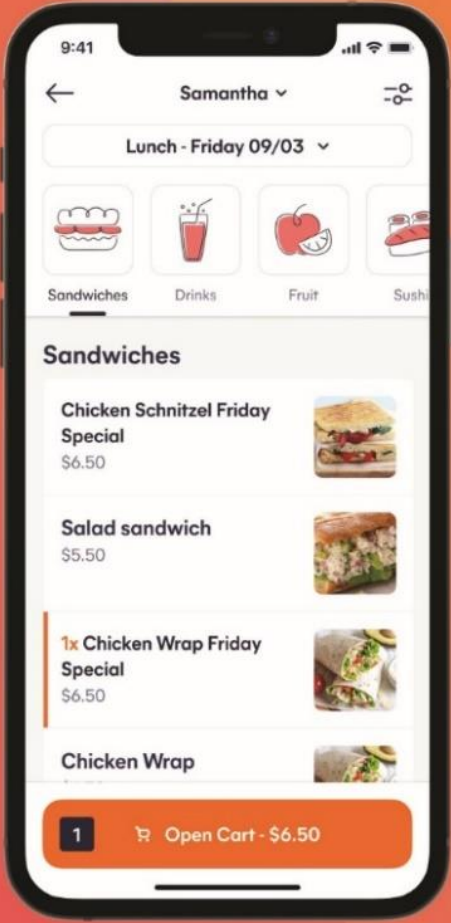
Have a wonderful week and please don't hesitate to reach out if we can assist.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

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Dates for the Diary...

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
Monday 7 th September	- School Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th September	- JSC RUOK Day?
Thursday 10 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 11 th September	- JSC Disco



Students of the Week

Respect	Ted L	For the respect you show to our classroom and class friends. You are always kind and ensure everyone has a go and quietly do all the little jobs. Thanks Ted!
	Juniper W	For always putting in additional effort to show respect to her teachers, peers and belongings. You are a superstar, keep it up Juni!
	Wyatt M	For always staying focused on your work and getting it completed to a high standard. Keep up the great work Wyatt!
	Rosa F	For the way you consistently show respect to everyone around you. You always treat your classmates and teachers with kindness, consideration and care. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model and for showing our school values every day. You are a star, Rosa!
	Ava R	You are a wonderful member of Grade 4/5. I love the way you follow instructions straight away and help those around you during learning time. Keep it up, Ava!
	Sam G	For a terrific start to the term in terms of your engagement in class and your attitude towards your learning is great to see. Keep up the positive start Sam!
Excellence	Jack L	For your terrific work during our unit on addition. I loved watching you challenge yourself to add 2 digit numbers together. Way to go Jack!
	Pippa D	For listening to your teachers' instructions and transitioning as expected. Keep it up Pip! You always strive to do your best and are a great role model to your peers.
	Maxi G	For demonstrating excellent focus during explicit Maths instruction, especially while learning about time. Your positive attitude, careful listening and willingness to participate have helped you achieve great success. Keep up the fantastic work, superstar!
	Kate P	For the amazing attention to detail you show in everything you do. You always take pride in your work and continually challenge yourself to produce your very best. Thank you for setting such an excellent example through your commitment to learning. Keep it up, Kate!!
	Riley H	Well done on an amazing week of learning. You used a growth mindset to challenge yourself and improve your skills. Keep it up, Riley!
	Stella F	For showing great initiative and leadership qualities by assisting to organise class tutoring with students in different grade levels. Great work Stella!
Art	Violet P	For your brilliantly designed 'Flying Bird'. You worked very hard to complete each stage by yourself. Well done!
Indonesian	Val C	For applying your knowledge of English sentence structure to write in Bahasa Indonesia, you showed great skill in making connections between the languages. Bagus, Val!
STEAM	Jaxson D	For working hard in a focused manner to successfully complete his Test Track Challenge car and scoring page. Well done Jaxson!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Indie H

For demonstrating resilience by embracing challenges, staying positive and always striving to do your best.



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!**

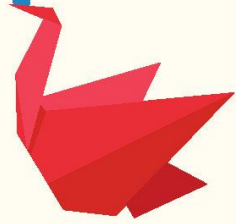
Toastie Tuesday



\$2 CHEESE TOASTIES

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

JUNIOR STEAM



With Ms Riseley

This term our STEAM topic is 'Paper'. We have looked at how paper is made, testing various types of paper and have used paper to build bridges, towers and shelters.



Enjoy these photos of some of the creations from our Junior classes!

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Welcome to August!

Our program has been full of fun, creativity and learning this term! Children have enjoyed taking part in a variety of themed activities, including celebrating NAIDOC week, where they explored and learned about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, a magical Winter Wonderland filled with seasonal crafts and games and Origami week where they developed patience, creativity and fine motor skills through the art of paper folding. It's been wonderful to see our children engaged, making new friendships and enjoying a range of exciting experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.



Monday 24 - Friday 28 August is
BOOK WEEK!!

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

We've got a FUN week of engaging games and craft activities planned based on our favourite books.

BOOK IN NOW!!

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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 .

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