



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 7 – 24th 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

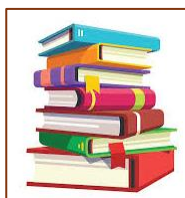
Community - growing positive partnerships between school, home and the broader community

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 7! We have another exciting week ahead at Birregurra Primary School, with Book Week celebrations, our Grade 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp and plenty of our regular activities continuing.

Science Week

What an incredible week of discovery we had last week! Our students fully immersed themselves in Science Week, exploring this year's theme, "Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All". While our Science Week nature photo display sparked lots of wonderful discussion and inquiry, some classes also became scientists and engineers as they designed and created their very own Chia Seed heads and houses! Students explored what seeds need to germinate, investigating the importance of water, warmth and air. The activity also provided an opportunity for students to explore fair testing and scientific variables. Students considered what they could change, what they would observe or measure, and what needed to remain the same to ensure a fair test. They will continue to observe, measure and record the growth of their chia seeds over the coming days.



Book Week

This week we celebrate Book Week with the theme "Symphony of Stories". It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and the many different stories, characters and worlds that books bring to life. In light of Book Week, I encourage families to spend some dedicated reading moments with their children throughout this week.

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

To help celebrate this special week, students and staff have dressed up today, showcasing many well-known book characters. It's always wonderful to see the creativity, excitement, and love of stories come to life in our school community. Thanks to those that were able to join us for our book week parade.

A reminder that our Giant Book Swap will take place tomorrow **Tuesday 25th August**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share books they have enjoyed and discover something new to read. Thank you to everyone who has already donated books to support the event.

Welcome Lionel Scott

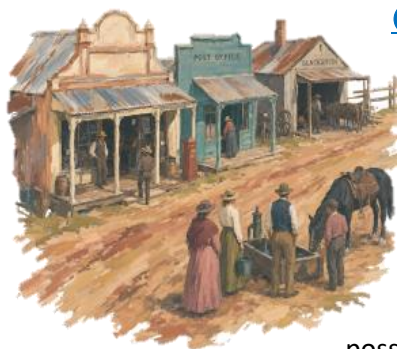
This week we welcome back Mr Scott to our school. Mr Scott is a Pre Service teacher completing his second placement at our school this year and will be supporting our 3/4 class for three weeks. We look forward to supporting Mr Scott's growth and development over the coming weeks.

Milo Monday & Toastie Tuesday

Milo Monday and Toasty Tuesday will continue this week! Students can bring along:

- \$1 for a warm Milo on Monday
- \$2 for a cheese toastie on Tuesday

These popular activities continue to be a great way to start the week and raise funds for extra curricular activities.



Grade 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp

Our Grade 3/4 students head off to Sovereign Hill this Wednesday for three exciting days away, returning on Friday. A massive thank you to Mr Burrell for all his organisation and preparation that has gone into making this camp possible. The students have a packed itinerary ahead of them and it looks set to be a fantastic three days of learning, adventure and shared experiences.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff attending camp. Giving up three days away from their own families is a significant commitment, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, care and energy they are giving to make this experience possible for our students.

While our Grade 3/4 students are away, the Grade 2 students from Miss McLaren's class will join Miss Dillon for the three days. They will be well supported by Mr Scott and our Education Support staff, ensuring they have a positive and settled three days at school.

As I will also be attending camp, Mr King will be available at school should families need any support during the week. We wish our Grade 3/4 students and staff a wonderful camp!

Sporting Schools

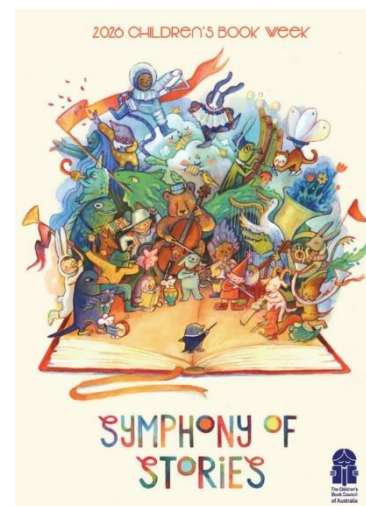
This term we have been fortunate to receive Sporting Schools funding to support a 4-week netball program at our school for students in Grades 3-6. Molly, a junior netball coach from the GFL is delivering the program during students scheduled PE times each Wednesday. While the weather last week wasn't ideal for our first session, students were still actively involved in the session. This is a great opportunity for our students, thanks to Mr King for his organisation with this.

Father's Day Breakfast

On **Friday the 4th of September** we warmly invite father's, father figures or another special person in our students lives to join us for breakfast. Please come along with your child/ren from 8:00am to enjoy breakfast. To assist with preparation, we would appreciate if you could please RSVP by phone 52362222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.edu.au to the office by 31st August along with any dietary requirements. We look forward to acknowledging the father figures that support our students and their education!

Parent/Guardian Opinion Survey

A reminder that our Parent/Guardian Opinion Survey link was sent to families last week. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, we would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your thoughts. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey and provided their valued feedback. Your feedback is an important part of helping us reflect on our school and identify areas where we can continue to improve.



Parent Payments 2026- Reminder

A sincere thank you to all parents/guardians who have paid for your child/ren's 2026 curriculum contribution items, set up a payment plan, and/or donated towards our voluntary contributions. This is greatly appreciated. As we enter the second half of Term 3, a friendly reminder to those who are yet to pay to please make payment arrangements as soon as possible. To discuss payment options, or to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs Leigh in the office at your earliest convenience.

Reminders

- A reminder lunch orders are due by Wednesday morning 9:00am for a Friday lunch.

Enjoy the week. Please reach out if we can further support in any way.

Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

Dates for the Diary...

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	- Milo Monday - Clubs 12.30pm
Tuesday 1 st September	- Toastie Tuesday
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	- Milo Monday - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 8 th September	- Toastie Tuesday
Wednesday 9 th September	- JSC RUOK Day?
Thursday 10 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 11 th September	- JSC Disco
Monday 14 th September	- Milo Monday - Clubs 12.30pm
Tuesday 15 th September	- Toastie Tuesday - Whole School Photo
Thursday 17 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 18 th September	- Assembly 1.45pm, Grade 3/4 Class Presentation - Last Day of Term 3, 2.15pm finish

Students of the Week

Community	Oak W	For always being a wonderful role model, setting a great example for those around you. You try your best, stay focused and always help those around you. Thank you for all your hard work Oak!
	Charlie G	For contributing to the BPS Science Week display with your wonderful picture of a Giant Boletes mushroom. I loved your curiosity and willingness to share your learning with the school community. Great work, Charlie!
	Will S	For looking out for your peers within our classroom and kindly assisting them with different tasks to help them be successful. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and willingness to support others make our classroom a better place. Well done, Will!
	Evie L	You make a positive contribution to our classroom community by consistently showing respect, cooperation and responsibility. You are thoughtful and considerate when working with others and help make our classroom a welcoming and inclusive place for everyone. You're a gem, Evie!!
	Abbey G	You are a great community member by being ready to learn and setting a positive example for others. Keep it up Abbs!
	Logan S	For demonstrating a positive attitude in his learning and being a role model by bringing in his homework. Great work Logan, keep it up!
Aspire	Grace C	For your determination to write independently during our Quick Write activity. You came up with wonderful ideas and wrote using fully punctuated sentences. Keep up the amazing work Grace!
	Tate G	For purposefully working towards finishing your poem about friendship during Text-Based Learning. Tate, your poem was amazing! Great work!
	Tim S	For consistently completing your home reader and homework to a high standard. Your commitment to your learning and the pride you take in your work are fantastic to see. Well done, Tim!
	Bella C	For always giving your learning 100%. You approach every task with determination and consistently strive to do your very best. Your commitment to your learning is inspiring. Keep being brilliant, Bells!
	Hettie G	You challenged yourself to complete your Sudoku. You demonstrated persistence, focus and a willingness to keep working when it became tricky. Well done Hettie!
	Mahalia M	For using a positive and growth mindset when completing your recent Maths work. Great persistence Mahalia, well done!
Art	Nova A	For your careful and focused work while creating intricate Indonesian batik designs. Well done, your creativity shines!
Indonesian	Violet P	For consistently approaching Indonesian with a positive attitude and focus. You always strive to do your best. Bagus, Violet!
Phys Ed	Fletcher L	Your catching and throwing skills continue to develop and were on full display during our recent PE lesson. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful improvement!
STEAM	Angus C	For his excellent teamwork and communication when building a newspaper shelter in STEAM. He worked collaboratively with his team and carefully considered how to design a strong and effective structure. Keep it up, Angus!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Matthis B

For entering school each day with a big smile
and displaying enthusiasm for learning.



Heart Age Calculator



I recently discovered an online Heart Age Calculator on the Heart Foundation website that I thought was worth sharing.

The 3-minute questionnaire is intended for people between the ages of 35 – 75. To get the most accurate results participants should have their most recent cholesterol and blood pressure results. The link below will help provide access to the calculator and numerous other pieces of information relating to heart health.

<https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/heart-age-calculator>

- Brendan King



🎉 Congratulations, Birregurra U11 Netballers! 🎉

A huge congratulations to our U11 Birregurra netballers, who took home the Grand Final win on Friday night by just one goal! 🏆

What a fantastic effort from the team — congratulations girls! 🙌🎉

**2026
CWA POLWARTH GROUP
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Come & see us at the
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SATURDAY 7TH November 2026

Bruce St Colac
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Official Opening @ 10.00am
Devonshire Tea
& Cake stall Available

ALL WELCOME


The Country Women's
Association of Victoria Inc.



The Great Book Detective

Can you solve all 15 mysteries?"

1. I am small, green and very hungry. I eat my way through the week, but eventually I disappear inside a cosy little home of my own.
2. I arrived in a new country with only a suitcase, a red hat and a label asking someone to look after me.
3. My bedroom contains a secret entrance to another world. What looks like an ordinary piece of furniture turns out to be anything but ordinary.
4. I am a spider, but I am not frightening. I use words rather than webs alone to help my best friend.
5. I thought I was going to have an ordinary afternoon at home. Then a very unusual visitor arrived, wearing a hat and bringing chaos with him.
6. I am not like the other elephants. My bright colours make me easy to spot, but being different turns out to be something worth celebrating.
7. I received an invitation that changed my life. I travelled by train, learned about magic and discovered that I belonged somewhere extraordinary.
8. I am a tiger. I don't live in a jungle. Instead, I turn up at someone's house just in time for afternoon tea.
9. I am a young girl following a strange creature. I fall down a very long hole and find myself somewhere where cakes, rabbits and talking animals make perfect sense.
10. I am hiding among many others, but I am not quite like the rest. I may be grazing, playing or resting. Can you find me?
11. I am a young lion who should one day become king. But before that happens, I must leave home and learn some very important lessons about courage and responsibility.
12. I entered a competition that took me inside the most extraordinary chocolate factory in the world. There were sweets, inventions and some very unusual rules.
13. I am told to stay on the path while walking through the forest. Unfortunately, I meet someone who is very good at pretending to be someone he isn't.
14. I live in a world where animals wear clothes, have jobs and live in houses just like people. One day, a very unusual letter arrives and sets off an extraordinary adventure.
15. I am a boy who discovers that the world is much bigger and stranger than he imagined. I meet a very unusual giant who speaks in a rather unusual way, and together we become involved in an enormous adventure.

Help Us Build Our

NEW PLAYGROUND!

A PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN & GROW TOGETHER

BIRREGURRA



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WILL ENJOY FOR YEARS TO COME!

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Thank you for
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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.

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COLAC KIDS FESTIVAL

Wednesday,
30 September
10AM - 3PM



A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

At the Bluewater Stadium, 118-134 Hearn St, Colac VIC 3250

WHAT'S IN STORE?

The Mik Maks live at 11am

Plus Melbourne Stars, Red Door Theatre Co, DJ Dance Party by Kris Seabert, Wildlife Xposure, free swimming, free popcorn, fairy floss, Free smoothie bike, face painting, arts and craft, food vans, interactive stalls and more!

Entry by \$5 donation per child, with sponsorship available. No child will be turned away. Families who need support can contact Colac Salvos before the event on 0484 935 165.

Food vans, snacks and treats available for purchase on the day.

YOUR DONATION HELPS LOCAL KIDS, STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS GROW IN CONFIDENCE, CONNECTION AND HOPE.

Funds raised support Colac Salvos programs including Mini Movers, Engage and Second Shift.



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