



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

*'Living & Learning Together'*

Term 3, Week 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 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 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 LGBTQ+ 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.

Over the past week, our state has experienced a number of tragedies that have deeply affected many people, including the loss of lives in Porepunkah and Geelong. Many in our community will be aware of the tragic bus accident that occurred on the western side of Geelong involving school students. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are with the families, friends, and the Christian College school community at this very difficult time.

We know that events like these can have a wide-reaching impact. If you or your family have been affected, we encourage you to reach out and seek support. No one should carry this alone, and support is available for those who need it.

Last Wednesday, we also held a lockdown drill at school. These drills are an important part of ensuring we are prepared to respond calmly and safely in the event of an emergency. We'd like to thank our students and staff for the responsible way they participated, and we encourage families to talk with their children at home about the importance of these safety practices.

We appear to have a wide variety of illnesses occurring across the school and community. Please take the time to get well and rest so we can all enjoy learning at school. We have also had a number of staff impacted by illness. We thank the CRT's who have helped keep classes running.

## PJ Day

A huge thanks to everyone for dressing up today for our PJ Day and making it extra special! We raised **\$154.20** to support children in foster care. We appreciate your support and generosity!



## Hats Are Back!

With the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring, school hats are back. Students are required to wear a school hat (broad-brimmed or bucket) that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat may be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun in line with our Sun Smart Policy guidelines. Hats are available from the office for purchase. Please ensure hats are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thanks for your support!

## 4/5/6 Bike Education Program

Our two-week intensive Bike Education Program begins today for our Year 4/5/6 students. The program will be facilitated by Mr King, with support from classroom teachers, education support staff, and our local policeman, Josh Goonan. We look forward to seeing our students build their knowledge and understanding of road safety, including the road rules that apply to bike riders.



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

## Father's Day Breakfast

This **Friday the 5th 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](mailto:birregurra.ps@education.vic.edu.au) to the office by **TODAY**. We look forward to acknowledging the father figures that support our students and their education!



## JSC Disco

Our annual JSC Disco is just around the corner! It will be held on **Friday 12th September** from 5:30 - 7:00pm at the Birregurra Mechanics Hall. This year the JSC have introduced a fun new twist with the theme 80s Disco, so get ready for neon colours, glitter, sequins, and plenty of dance floor moves. All students from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to attend, with entry by gold coin donation. Parents are not required to stay, and please note that once students have entered, there will be no pass outs. It promises to be a fantastic evening of music, dancing, and good vibes! We can't wait to see everyone there!

## Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent /Teacher conversations will be held in Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 3 on **Wednesday 10th September, Monday 15th September** and **Wednesday 17th September** between 3:30-4:30pm. Bookings for Parent/Teacher conversations are now available on XUNO. Conversations will be for 10 minutes via telephone with teachers phoning parents at the nominated time. If the nominated times do not suit, and you wish to chat with teachers, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. Please note, the parents that have Student Support Meetings scheduled do not need to book a P/T conversation.

## JSC Footy Raffle

Thanks to those that have already purchased tickets for our JSC Footy Raffle. Tickets can be purchased through the link on the poster in today's newsletter. Payments can be made by direct deposit to the school account, by cash at the office, or via EFTPOS. Families who would like a physical ticket book to sell to friends and relatives can also collect one from the office. To see the full list of prizes, check out the poster! The raffle will be drawn at our final assembly on this term.

## Trivia Night

We are excited to announce that our annual Trivia Night is back in 2025. Save the date for **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025** @ the Birregurra Mechanics Hall! We are fortunate to have the wonderful Rob Cameron hosting this year's event. Stay tuned for more details.

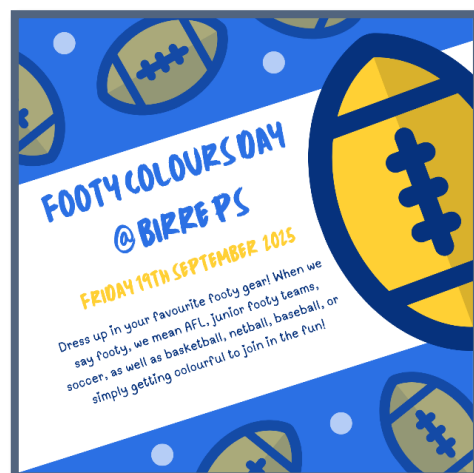
## Lunch Order Roster

A reminder that lunch order forms are due at the office by 9:00 am on Wednesday morning. Please see the roster below for the next few weeks and let us know if you need to make a change or arrange a swap with someone.

Date	Helpers
<b>Friday 5th September</b>	Jess Buchanan
<b>Friday 12th September</b>	Sarah Scott
<b>Friday 19th September</b>	Cara Lidgerwood

## Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Thanks to the families that have completed the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey. The survey will remain open until **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Please refer to XUNO for the survey link and PIN. Thanks in advance for providing your valuable feedback.



## Reminders

- Before school supervision commences at 8.40am. After school supervision concludes at 3.25pm. Please be mindful of these times. TheirCare is available for before and after school care, please book in.
- Breakfast Club is every Thursday from 8:15am, all welcome!
- Assembly is this Friday at 2:45pm in the multi-purpose room. 4/5 are on class presentations.

Have a happy and safe week and don't hesitate to make contact if we can have any questions, queries or wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

## Dates for the Diary

TERM 3	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	- RSVP for Father's Day Breakfast due - JSC Pyjama Day - Gold Coin Donation
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	- Bike Education - Gr 4-6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	- Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	- Father's Day Breakfast 8am - Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 4/5 Class Presentation
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	- School Council 6.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	- Bike Education -Gr 4-6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	- Wheelie Wednesday Prep-2 - Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	- R U OK? Day - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	- Clubs 2.15pm - JSC 80's Disco 5.30pm - 7pm - Gold Coin Donation
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	- Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	- Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6 - Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	- Last Day of Term 3, 2.15pm finish - Footy Colours Day - Assembly 1.45pm - Gr 3 Class Presentation
TERM 4	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	- Term 4 Commences
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	- Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 1/2L Class Presentation - Trivia Night
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	- World Teachers Day - Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 1/2M Class Presentation

Wishing the following students  
a very  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

September  
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### AFL Virtual Classroom

On Wednesday Grade 3-6 students participated in a virtual classroom experience hosted by Western Bulldogs AFL player Cody Weightman.

Cody's presentation around how to remain fit and healthy included: Advice on healthy eating, exercise, sleep, reading nutrition labels, stretching and minimising gaming.

All students thoroughly enjoyed listening to Cody and hopefully recognise the importance remaining active has on living a long and healthy life.

- Brendan King







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# TRIVIA NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Birregurra Mechanics Hall**



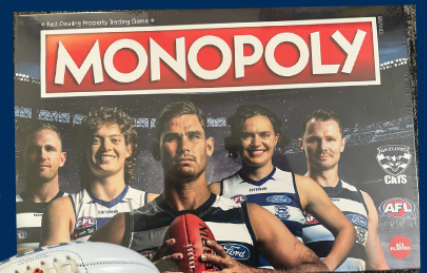
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## FOOTY RAFFLE

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Signed 2024 Cats jumper with Certificate of Authenticity, Geelong Cats Sherrin Football**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Geelong Cats Monopoly Game, Geelong Cats Sherrin Football**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Geelong Cats Throw Rug, Geelong Cats cap, Geelong Cats Sherrin football**



**4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Geelong Cats 960ml drink bottle, Geelong Cats Sherrin football**



**5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Geelong Cats Sherrin Football**

### RAFFLE DRAWN FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

**Purchase your tickets at  
<https://forms.gle/DpkBnEny3IYItLsd7>  
or from the School Office**



