



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 8 – 31st 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



It is hard to believe we are already into Week Eight of Term Three. We have another busy and exciting week ahead, and I would like to begin by reflecting on some of the wonderful experiences our students have enjoyed over the past week.

Book Week

What a fantastic Book Week we had last week! We were incredibly impressed by the creativity and effort shown by our students and families in dressing up for our Book Week Parade on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many imaginative costumes celebrating a love of books and reading. Check out the photos in today's newsletter. Congratulations to our Book Week Parade winners from each class. Our winners were selected by our Junior School Council representatives, who had the very difficult job of choosing from so many fantastic costumes!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed books to our Book Swap on Tuesday. It was fantastic to have such a great selection of books available and to see students excited to choose a new book to take home, read and explore.

Thank you also to the families who participated in our Book Week Family Challenge. It was great to see families working together to identify the famous book titles from the clues provided. We hope it provided some fun conversations and perhaps reminded everyone of some much-loved books! Congratulations to the Ritchie Family who were randomly selected from the correct entries as the winners of the Family Challenge. They will receive a \$50 Dymocks voucher.



Sovereign Hill Camp

Our Grade 3/4 students had a wonderful time at Sovereign Hill. The camp provided students with a fantastic opportunity to develop their independence and confidence in a supported environment. From managing their belongings and routines to trying new experiences and spending time with their classmates, there were many opportunities for students to challenge themselves and grow.

A big thank you to our staff who supported the students throughout the camp. Camps require a significant amount of preparation and commitment, and we are very grateful for the time and energy our staff put into providing these experiences for our students. We have included some happy snaps of our campers in today's newsletter!

Indonesian Visitor

We are excited to welcome Pak Bayu to Birregurra Primary School this week, following a successful grant application by Ibu Ritchie. Pak Bayu will be supporting our Indonesian classes throughout the week, as well as working with students to create a mural for display at school and spending time supporting learning in other classrooms.

We are very grateful for this opportunity to broaden our students' cultural learning and provide them with an authentic connection to Indonesian language and culture. We are excited to have Bayu with us and look forward to seeing what our students create together!

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



School Hats Are Back!

With the end of winter and the beginning of spring, school hats are back! In line with our SunSmart policy, students are required to wear a school hat that protects the face, neck and ears when outdoors. Students who are not wearing an appropriate hat may be asked to play in the shade or in another suitable area protected from the sun.

School hats are available for purchase from the office. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our students SunSmart.

Father's Day Breakfast

This **Friday the 4th of September** we warmly invite father's, father figures or another special person in our students lives to join us for a pancake breakfast. Please come along with your child/ren from 8:00am to enjoy breakfast. Please RSVP by phone 52362222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.edu.au **TODAY** to assist with preparation. We look forward to acknowledging the father figures that support our students and their education!

Grade 6 Woodwork Classes

Our Grade 6's are looking forward to their next woodwork class this Friday with the support of the Birregurra Men's Shed. The class will be held here at school in the Art room from 11:30-1:30pm. If any Grade 6 parents with a working with children check would like to come along, please let us know.

JSC Disco

The highly anticipated annual JSC Disco is coming up on **Friday 11th September** from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Birregurra Hall. This year's theme is NEON, so we are looking forward to seeing lots of bright and colourful outfits! All students from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to attend. Entry is by gold coin donation. Parents are not required to stay. Once students have entered the disco, there will be no pass outs, so please ensure students have everything they need before entering. We look forward to another fun evening organised by our Junior School Council!



Term Three Parent-Teacher Conversations

Our Term Three Parent-Teacher Conversations will take place during the final week of term on:

- **Tuesday 15th September, 3:30pm to 4:30pm**
- **Wednesday 16th September, 3:30pm to 4:30pm**
- **Thursday 17th September, 3:30pm to 4:30pm**

Conversations will be for 10 minutes via telephone with teachers phoning parents at the nominated time. These conversations are optional and provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to touch base about student learning, progress and wellbeing. Bookings are now open on XUNO.

Reminders

- Our Sporting Schools Netball sessions continue this week on Wednesday for our Grade 3-6 students.
- Breakfast Club is every Thursday from 8:15am. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast and a friendly start to the day.
- Assembly is this Friday at 2:45pm in the Multipurpose Room. Grades 4/5 will be presenting their class presentation.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school. We are looking forward to another positive and productive week of learning at Birregurra Primary School.

Jess Kattwinkel & team



JSC DISCO

NEON THEME

⇒ **FRIDAY** ⇒
11TH SEPTEMBER

5.30PM – 7PM

**POPCORN AND
FRUIT PROVIDED**


**GOLD COIN
DONATION**

**BYO
WATER
BOTTLES**

**BRIGHT LIGHTS, LOUD MUSIC,
GOOD VIBES, GREAT DANCING!**



BIRREGURRA HALL

Dates for the Diary...

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 5.30pm - 7pm
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



**2026
CWA POLWARTH GROUP
CREATIVE ART & HOME
INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION**

Come & see us at the
Colac Show
SATURDAY 7TH November 2026
Bruce St Colac
Homecraft Hall
Official Opening @ 10.00am
Devonshire Tea
& Cake stall Available

ALL WELCOME


The Country Women's
Association of Victoria Inc.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

Helping our children bounce back and thrive



WHAT IS RESILIENCE?



Resilience is the ability to manage everyday stressors and challenges.



Resilience helps people cope with change and bounce back from challenges.

Resilience doesn't mean we never experience stress, disappointment or difficult emotions. It's about having the tools to work through challenges and keep going.



WHY IS RESILIENCE IMPORTANT?



Resilience has been associated with:



Better academic performance



Positive behaviour and stronger relationships



Greater confidence when facing challenges



An increased ability to cope with change and setbacks



Greater opportunities and positive outcomes later in life, including employment and satisfying relationships.

CHILDREN BUILD RESILIENCE WHEN THEY...



Have positive and supportive relationships



Have opportunities to experience and overcome challenges



Learn from mistakes and keep trying



Feel capable and believe in themselves



Know that trusted adults are there to support them



Resilience is a journey, not a destination.

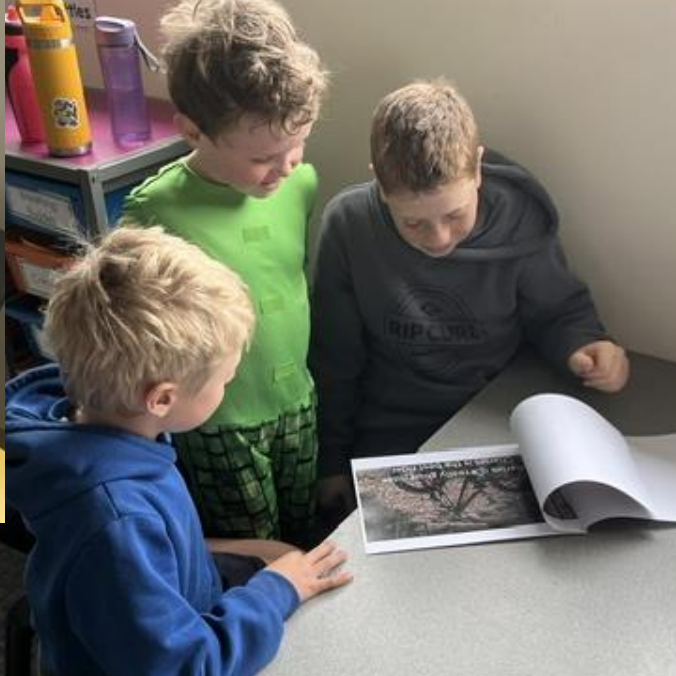
Let's continue to support our children to develop the skills, confidence and mindset to thrive—today and in the future.





BOOK WEEK 2026







Grade 3/4 Camp - Sovereign Hill







LORNE P-12 COLLEGE PRESENTS

ARE WE THERE YET?

15/16 SEPTEMBER
MANTRA LORNE

This whole-school musical theatre production is written, directed and performed by the students of Lorne P-12 College.

Are We There Yet? follows the Cobbler family as they set off on a quirky caravan adventure across Australia after discovering a mysterious message hidden inside an old vintage van. As they follow a trail of clues left behind by Martha Wick, one mystery remains... What exactly is the "treasure" they are searching for?



Adults \$20, Secondary Students \$5
Pre & Primary School Kids - Free





Trauma Acceptance Commitment Therapy Program

An 8-week practical, group program for women (aged 18 plus) who have been impacted by sexual assault and family violence, and who are experiencing post-traumatic stress symptoms.

The Trauma Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (TACT) Program is based on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy and is underpinned by research and evidence on trauma. The TACT Program is a joint initiative of The Sexual Assault and Family Violence Centre and Colac Area Health, with group sessions held in both regions.

More Information

Please contact Tracey in the TACT program team at Colac Area Health on 03 5232 5100 or 0499 323 782

Colac Program

2026 Group Sessions

When: Tuesday 6th of October 2026
(the first of 8 sessions)

Where: Colac - TBC

Participants Learn:

- Skills to assist with identifying and understanding the symptoms of trauma from sexual assault and family violence.
- Practical techniques to assist with managing the symptoms and triggers of trauma, gained through individual and group-based learning and discussion, as well as skills such as mindfulness, writing, music, art, and the use of nature.



Trauma Acceptance and Commitment Therapy is proudly funded by the Victorian State Government.



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



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

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.

