



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 3, Week 8 – 8th 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 voices are respected, and their views 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 8! I hope that all our fathers, grandfathers, and special people enjoyed a wonderful day yesterday and the home-made cards and gifts were happily received. Special thanks to our staff for supporting our students to create a gift made with love for an important person in their lives. Thanks also to those that were able to join us on Friday morning for a pancake breakfast. We enjoyed acknowledging the significant role you play in your child's life and education.

It was nice to see some rain last week as well as some spring sunshine. We always aim to get our students outside for fresh air and physical activity whenever possible, as we understand the importance of balancing indoor learning with outdoor play. It might be a good idea to pop a jacket in your child's bag on those rainy days.

Due to the recent weather and a number of students coming in extremely muddy before school, we have made the decision that football / ball sports will not be permitted on the oval before school.

Books for Beginners

Last Wednesday, the Prep students were excited to welcome Carmel Yates as part of the Rotary *Books for Beginners* program. Carmel read three wonderful stories to the class, sparking lots of smiles and lively discussion. The students then had the opportunity to choose their favourite book, and each will receive their very own copy to keep and treasure at home.



4/5/6 Bike Education continues

Our Bike Education program began last week, and it has been fantastic to see the students so engaged. A big thank you to parents for making the effort to get bikes and helmets to school, your support helps make the program a success. The program will continue this week, giving students the opportunity to further build confidence and develop safe riding skills.

The program will conclude with supervised rides on the road, where students will gain valuable experience riding outside the school grounds under the guidance of qualified teachers and accredited Bike Ed instructors. These group rides will take place on **Thursday 11th September and Friday 12th September**. Parent permission is required, so we kindly ask that this be completed as soon as possible on XUNO.

JSC Recycling Drive

Our JSC team are once again running a recycling drive this week to support our 'Bottles for Birre!' campaign where we aim to raise money through the container deposit scheme. Families are encouraged to drop their eligible cans and bottles into the school this week. Thanks for your ongoing support with this initiative.

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

School Review – Final Day

Today is our final review day. The review panel will reflect on the findings from Days One and Two earlier this term to help shape our school's next steps. Together, we'll set clear goals for our new School Strategic Plan, outline key improvement strategies, and align our work with the Department's priorities. A big thank you once again to the panel, including Rob, our School Council President.

A day in the life of a High School Student...

This Wednesday our Grade 5 students accompanied by Miss Dillon and Ms Kirsty will attend a 'Come and Try Day!' at Colac Secondary College. The day is designed to provide students with insights into how a secondary school operates. Students will engage in subjects such as Cooking and Science in buildings specifically designed for these specialist subjects. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a day in the life of a high school student. Thanks to CSC for providing this opportunity for our students and supporting the beginning of a positive transition to secondary school.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

Parent/Teacher conversations begin this **Wednesday 10th September**, from 3:30–4:30pm. They will continue next week on **Monday 15th September** and **Wednesday 17th September**, at the same times. Bookings are available through XUNO. Each conversation will run for 10 minutes and take place via telephone, with teachers calling parents at their nominated time. If the available times don't suit, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative. Parents who already have a Student Support Meeting scheduled do not need to book a Parent/Teacher conversation.



R U OK? Day

This **Thursday 11th September**, is National R U OK? Day, a day dedicated to inspiring and empowering everyone to connect meaningfully with those around them by asking the simple question, "Are you OK?" Teachers will support students with activities throughout the day, and families are encouraged to explore the free resources available on the [R U OK? Website](#). In support of this day, students and staff are invited to wear a splash of yellow - a yellow hair tie, wristband, socks, shoelaces, zinc, or wig.

Please note it is not a casual clothes day.

JSC Disco

Our annual JSC Disco is this **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 80's 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!



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
Friday 12th September	Sarah Scott
Friday 19th September	Cara Lidgerwood

JSC Footy Raffle & Footy Colours Day

Thanks to those that have already purchased tickets for our JSC Footy Raffle. Tickets can be purchased through the link on the poster or at the school office. 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. The drawing of the raffle coincides with our Footy Colours Day. Students and staff are invited to dress up

in their favourite footy gear. When we say footy, we mean AFL, junior footy teams, soccer, as well as basketball, netball, baseball, or simply getting colourful to join in the fun!

Reminders

- Parent/Teacher conversations commence this Wednesday.
- Breakfast Club is Thursday morning from 8:15am, all welcome!
- Wear a splash of yellow on Thursday for R U OK? Day
- Clubs is this Friday!
- JSC Disco is also this Friday!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary

TERM 3	
Monday 8 th September	- School Council 6.30pm
Monday 8 th September – Friday 12 th September	- Bike Education -Gr 4-6
Wednesday 10 th September	- Wheelie Wednesday Prep-2 - Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 11 th September	- R U OK? Day - Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 12 th September	- Clubs 2.15pm - JSC 80's Disco 5.30pm – 7pm – Gold Coin Donation
Monday 15 th September	- Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 17 th September	- Wheelie Wednesday Gr 3-6 - Parent Teacher Conversations 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 19 th September	- Last Day of Term 3, 2.15pm finish - Footy Colours Day - Assembly 1.45pm – Gr 3 Class Presentation
TERM 4	
Monday 6 th October	- Term 4 Commences
Thursday 9 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 16 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 17 th October	- Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 1/2L Class Presentation - Trivia Night
Thursday 23 rd October	-
Friday 31 st October	- World Teachers Day - Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 1/2M Class Presentation
Tuesday 4 th November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wishing the following students
a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

7th Mahalia M

8th Abbey G

13th Arlo S

14th Mack H



GRADE 4-6 BIKE ED

Week one of our bike ed program has been completed with all students enjoying the opportunity to engage in a variety of challenging activities. The various range of activities supported students to:

- Understand what to do when faced with a variety of intersections
- Pick safe gaps in traffic with other bike riders and road users
- Gain confidence riding with other bike riders and managing hazards
- Understand how to make safe movements into and along roads
- Understand hazards and identify potential hazards on the road
- Know the ways to react to hazards to reduce danger

This week we look forward to the students further developing their bike handling skills and understanding of road rules and safe bike handling. The week will culminate in a ride around the streets of Birre! - Mr King



Students of the Week

Respect	Gigi R	For the respectful way you interact with your peers and the teachers. You always enter the classroom each morning with a fabulous smile and greet the teachers with an enthusiastic 'good morning'.
	Banjo M	For your sensational start to Grade One at Birregurra Primary School. We love having you as part of our learning community!
	Levi R	For showing respect to both adults and peers by carefully organising the shoes outside each day. You help keep our classroom neat and welcoming, and you show kindness by reminding others to place their shoes down thoughtfully. Thank you for being such a superstar!
	Imogen D	For showing respect in the garden and demonstrating genuine care for our growing flowers. Your thoughtful actions and gentle nature help our plants flourish. Bloom-tiful work, Immy!!!
	Hunter G	For the respect that you demonstrated to others. When completing Maths work you were willing to demonstrate the task to your classmates and lend a hand when needed. Well done Hunter!
	Kate M	You consistently demonstrate respect to others by being mindful of the space around you. I love the way you keep your desk organised and put your hand up to contribute. Keep it up, Kate!
Excellence	Alice L	For demonstrating excellence in our Sounds Write sessions, ensuring you correctly record your words and sounds. I love seeing your enthusiasm during our dictation sentences. Keep up the great work Alice!
	Isabelle S	For your amazing effort to read and write time to the hour and half hour on both analog and digital clocks, quickly and accurately. Awesome job Isabelle!
	Libby B	For demonstrating excellence in our multiplication and division unit. You challenged yourself by using a range of strategies and confidently applied them when dividing and multiplying, especially by two. Keep up the fantastic effort!
	Mina L	For consistently demonstrating our classroom expectations and showing determination to complete all tasks. Your focus, effort, and positive attitude make you a wonderful role model in our class. Thanks, Mini for being a legend!
	Byron S	You have given your all in class the past couple of weeks. Well done on demonstrating excellence in class and being willing to share your thoughts and ideas! Great work Byron!
	Savannah K	You have encompassed our class value of excellence this week by getting started with your learning immediately and asking for help to clarify your understanding. Keep up the awesome focus, Sav!
STEAM	Parker L	Well done Parker on your thoughtful Father's Day STEAM Engineering Project. You worked in a careful and creative way throughout the entire project.
Art	Zoe G	For coming to art curious and excited every week. You always give every new task your full attention and maximum effort. Well done Zoe!
PE	Lachie D	For shooting 2 clutch goals in a basketball competition to win the game for his team!
Indonesian	Aliya N	For using excellent conversational Indonesian to confidently ask your classmates about their favourite fruit. Bagus, Aliya!



Principal's Award

Joe M

For being a positive bystander and supporting others.

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SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Birregurra Mechanics Hall



A big thank you to Miss Lowe for taking time out of her weekend to watch the U9s Birre Saints Yellow play their last game of the season. The girls all got to show off some skills they have learnt during the year, thanks to coach Kelly D, including intercepts, passing and even scoring some goals.

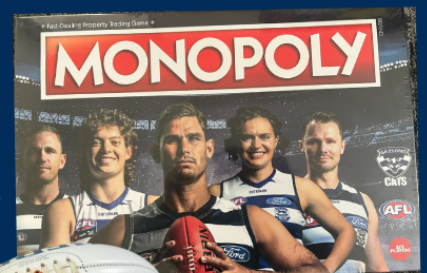
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FOOTY RAFFLE

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10



1st Prize – Signed 2024 Cats jumper with Certificate of Authenticity, Geelong Cats Sherrin Football



2nd Prize – Geelong Cats Monopoly Game, Geelong Cats Sherrin Football



3rd Prize- Geelong Cats Throw Rug, Geelong Cats cap, Geelong Cats Sherrin football



4th Prize – Geelong Cats 960ml drink bottle, Geelong Cats Sherrin football



5th Prize – Geelong Cats Sherrin Football

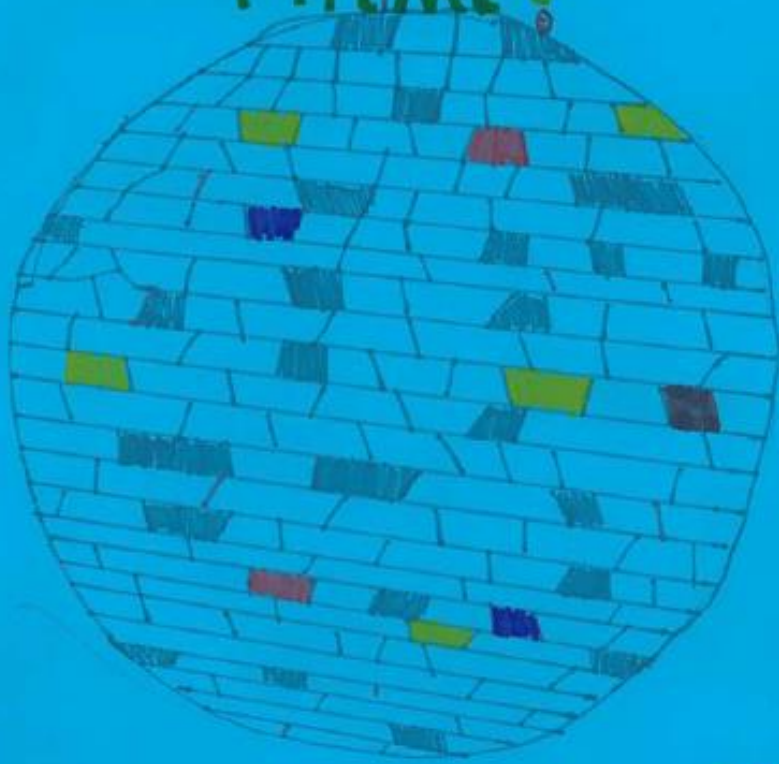
RAFFLE DRAWN FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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



80's

THEME!








ELIZA C

Sensory quiet time

at Bluewater Leisure Centre

Sensory quiet time aims to improve accessibility by creating a low-stimulating environment with changes based on community feedback.

 **Time:** Every Saturday 1pm – 3pm

-  Reduced music and PA announcements
-  Water features turned off
-  Reduced lighting
-  Phones turned down
-  Hand dryers turned off



Join our local Rotary clubs and
'Walk for Respect' to help put an
end to domestic violence.



Rotary

says **NO** to
**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

Saturday October 18th
Memorial Square
from 10:30am - 12pm

Everyone is welcome!

Rotary

Colac West and Colac



Polwarth & District Tennis Association

POLWARTH TENNIS SEASON DATES.

**NEW PLAYERS + TEAMS
WELCOME IN ALL PENNANTS.**

Saturday Junior + Senior Pennant

STARTS 11/10/25

Wednesday Social 4s

Senior + Div 1 pennant 29/10/25

Friday Junior Aggregate

Singles + Doubles @ Elliminyt T.C. 31/10/25

12-15 y.o 4pm | 15-18 y.o 5pm

**Free Coaching Clinic for beginners
Grades P-6 @ Elliminyt T.C**

September 10th, 17th, 24th 5-5:45PM

Hosted by Polwarth A Grade tennis players

TENNIS OPEN DAY ALL WELCOME

@ Elliminyt T.C – 10am - 2pm 5/10/25

- Free tennis clinics
- Stalls
- Australian Open Trophy

CONTACT US

Facebook: Polwarth & District Tennis Association

Instagram: Polwarth_tennis

Email: polwarthtennisinfo@gmail.com

Free mulch giveaway!



Barwon Water is teaming up with Colac Otway Shire to provide Birregurra residents with free mulch this spring.

Council has been busy clearing trees and making mulch which will be available for pick up in October.

It's a perfect time to get in the garden and do some spring gardening.

Why use Mulch?

Keeping your garden mulched is essential for creating healthy soil and maintaining a water efficient garden!

- Mulch keeps your soil cool, suppresses weeds, adds nutrients and reduces run off and soil movement.
- Mulch can reduce evaporation from soil by up to 70%.
- Any mulch is better than no mulch

Free mulch giveaway

When Sunday 5 October 2025, pick up anytime between 9am-12pm

Where Birregurra Recreation Reserve – follow the signs at the entrance of the Football ground which will direct you to the site.

Bring your gloves, mulch fork, shovel, trailer, bags or buckets and come and grab some local mulch.

For more information, please email sustainablewater@barwonwater.vic.gov.au

To find out more about Birregurra Sustainable Communities – Water, please visit <https://www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/birregurra>

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**Keep an eye
out for more
giveaways
on the day!**

