



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 10 – 4th December 2023

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 10! The countdown to the end of the school year has commenced with some significant events already ticked off the list for 2023, including our amazing Talent Quest/Market Day and kinder to primary school transitions. However, we still have lots to look forward to in the next few weeks, including end of year excursions, the concert, and graduation. I was once again fortunate to spend the day with our current preps on Friday, celebrating all things Christmas along with some wonderful new picture story books just added to our collection.

Talent Quest/Market Day

What a truly wonderful day we had last Thursday at our annual Talent Quest and Market Day. Every year I am blown away by the courage our students demonstrate in taking the stage to share their unique talents. Our whole school community was entertained with some wonderful singing, dancing, music, comedy, and even a cooking demonstration! Well done to all performers, we are very proud of you! The talent quest was followed by a parent morning tea and then our Market Day stalls. Huge congratulations to our stall holders for your wonderful preparation and organisation. There was a fabulous variety of stalls with a mix of food and fun! Thanks also to our dedicated staff who were willing to brave the bombardment of water balloons being thrown at them. Of course massive thanks to our families for supporting the talent quest and stalls. The day was a fabulous success raising over \$1000 for our Junior School Council.



Regional Golf

Thursday last week was also an important day on the sporting calendar for two of our students. Beau and Michael qualified for the regional golf tournament at Curlewis Golf Course following their performances in Colac. Both boys once again demonstrated their golfing skills and abilities representing our school very well. Thanks to our families for supporting the students and thanks to Mr King for attending with the students. In pleasing news, Beau will now progress to the State finals in Melbourne mid December. Congratulations!

Prep Transition & Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea

Our final kinder to school transition day was held on Friday. It was wonderful to welcome our 2024 preps for a longer session. The students were very excited to stay for recess and lunch play. Miss Erskine did a great job once again as did our grade 5 students who revelled in their roles supporting their new buddies.

Thanks to the 2024 parents and carers for attending our 'Meet and Greet' afternoon tea in the Multi-Purpose room and the opportunity to chat with other parents and staff. We are all very excited for 2024 and this important milestone for children and families.



Secondary School Transition

Today Grade 6 students attending Trinity College in 2024 are attending their first transition day at the secondary setting. Students attending Colac Secondary College will begin their onsite transitions tomorrow. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences.

School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood (President) Luke Fitzpatrick, Claire Leeson, Abbey Gannon, Kelly Dodds, Emma Mezzatesta, Emily McDonald, Alistair Burrell, Brendan King.

Class Structures and Staffing for 2024

When planning a new school year there are a lot of things to consider, all of which are carefully thought out. Everything we work towards is working on what we believe is in the best interests of all learners at our school. Every child here is as important as the next. No decision is ever made lightly. Planning for a new school year is a complex process where we carefully consider each student, their educational and social/emotional needs and their personality so that we can create balanced learning communities that enhance a stable and collaborative learning environment.

We are getting very close to finalising staffing placements for 2024. Class structures, teacher allocations specialist subjects and additional staff roles will be distributed to our school community this **Wednesday, 6th December**. 'Step Up' day is this **Thursday 7th December**, where students will be assigned to their classes and spend two hours with their 2024 class and teacher – always an exciting time! This is designed to support a smooth transition for 2024.

Reports to Parents

Teachers have been busy over the last month or so collecting data, analysing data and writing reports for students. These will go home next **Monday 11th December** via the XUNO platform. To our grade 6 families, please note that after **30th December**, you will be unable to access school reports on XUNO.

I am currently reviewing all the reports. It is uplifting to observe the growth our students have achieved throughout the year.

Grade 6 Graduation & School Concert

Our Grade 6 graduation and school concert will take place on **Tuesday 12th of December**, beginning at 5:15pm with a picnic in the 'Yardz' next to the Birregurra Hall. Students and their families are invited to bring along a picnic rug and/or chairs and enjoy a picnic together. Our school concert will begin at 6:00pm sharp in the Hall. Grade 6 graduation will follow the concert. We are very much looking forward to celebrating this special milestone with our Grade 6 students and their families, the wider school community and ending the year on a positive note.



End of Year Excursions

On **Thursday, December 14th**, staff and students will be attending our end of year excursions. The junior team is visiting the Marine Discovery Centre and beach in Queenscliff, where they will participate in beachcombing and visit the aquarium. Our senior students and staff will be heading to the Lorne Foreshore to participate in a session with Go Ride a Wave. Details of these excursions are available on XUNO. Please log in and fill in permissions by **December 8th**.



Community Colour Run

Following the success of our first community colour run in 2022, we are excited to say that it is back in 2023. We are really looking forward to bringing our community together on the final day of the school year for our students, Tuesday 19th of December. This event is open to the whole community, with kinder children, secondary school students and other community members welcome to attend. The cost is \$2 per person participant. Community members are required to RSVP to the office via phone 5236 2222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **Wednesday 13th of December**. The event will kick off at 2:00pm. It's highly recommended that participants wear clothing that they don't mind getting dirty. This could be old clothes that you have in your closet or something that you plan on using solely for the Colour Run. Wearing white clothing can make the colour really pop! As well as powder colour, students may be sprayed with water so please ensure your child brings along a towel to sit on, leaving minimal colour transfer from their clothes when they're on the bus or in the car.

If any parents would like to get involved, please let us know, but even if you can't help, we'd love to see you down there on the day cheering the kids on!

Reminders

- Please log on to XUNO and approve permission for our end of year excursions ASAP.

Have a wonderful week everyone! Please reach out if we can assist in anyway.

Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

Dates for the diary ...

Monday 4 th December	- Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day for students attending Trinity College
Tuesday 5 th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day for students attending Colac Secondary College
Wednesday 6 th December	- School Council 6.00pm
Thursday 7 th December	- Step Up Day 9am to 11am
Friday 8 th December	- Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 11 th December	- Semester Two reports available on XUNO
Tuesday 12 th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - CSC & Trinity Orientation Day - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 14 th December	- P-2 excursion to Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff - 3-6 excursion to Lorne foreshore - Go Ride a Wave
Monday 18 th December	- Final Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th December	- Colour Run - Last day of school for students - normal dismissal
Wednesday 20 th December	- Curriculum Day
2024	
Monday 29 th January	- Term 1, 2024 commences for Staff - No Students
Tuesday 30 th January	- Curriculum Day - No Students
Wednesday 31 st January	- Term 1, 2024 commences for all students



Scouts Christmas Cave

Fri 8th Dec. 6:00 to 8:30pm
 Sun 10th Dec 6:00 to 8:30pm
 Sat 16th Dec. 2:00 to 3:00pm
 Sat 16th Dec. 6:00 to 8:30pm
 Sun 17th Dec 6:00 to 8:30pm

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STUDENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Last Thursday, I was fortunate to have the pleasure of accompanying Michael Habib and Beau Callahan around the Curlewis Golf Club, for the Geelong Division Golf tournament. Both boys played exceptional golf on a very tricky course, demonstrating a wonderful level of talent and sportsmanship all day.

Not only did the boys represent the school with outstanding sportsmanship, Beau managed to finish in the top six earning him the right to progress onto the Victorian Championships, played in Melbourne on December 13th! This is an outstanding achievement and one that the school is extremely proud of. Congratulations Beau!

I also would like to remind readers that Michael is a Grade 4 student, competing against children two years older. Therefore, his accomplishment of reaching the Division level final is a significant achievement in its own right!

For Birregurra Primary to have two students reach this level is a remarkable achievement and credit should be given to their parents for supporting the boys with their golf and to the Birregurra Golf Club who encourage and support the town's young golfers.

Finally, I'd like to wish Beau all the best when he represents our school in Melbourne. Good luck Beau!

Brendan King



BIRREGURRA PRIMARY
SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT & *Graduation*



Tuesday
12 December



5.15pm Picnic
6pm Concert



Birregurra
Hall



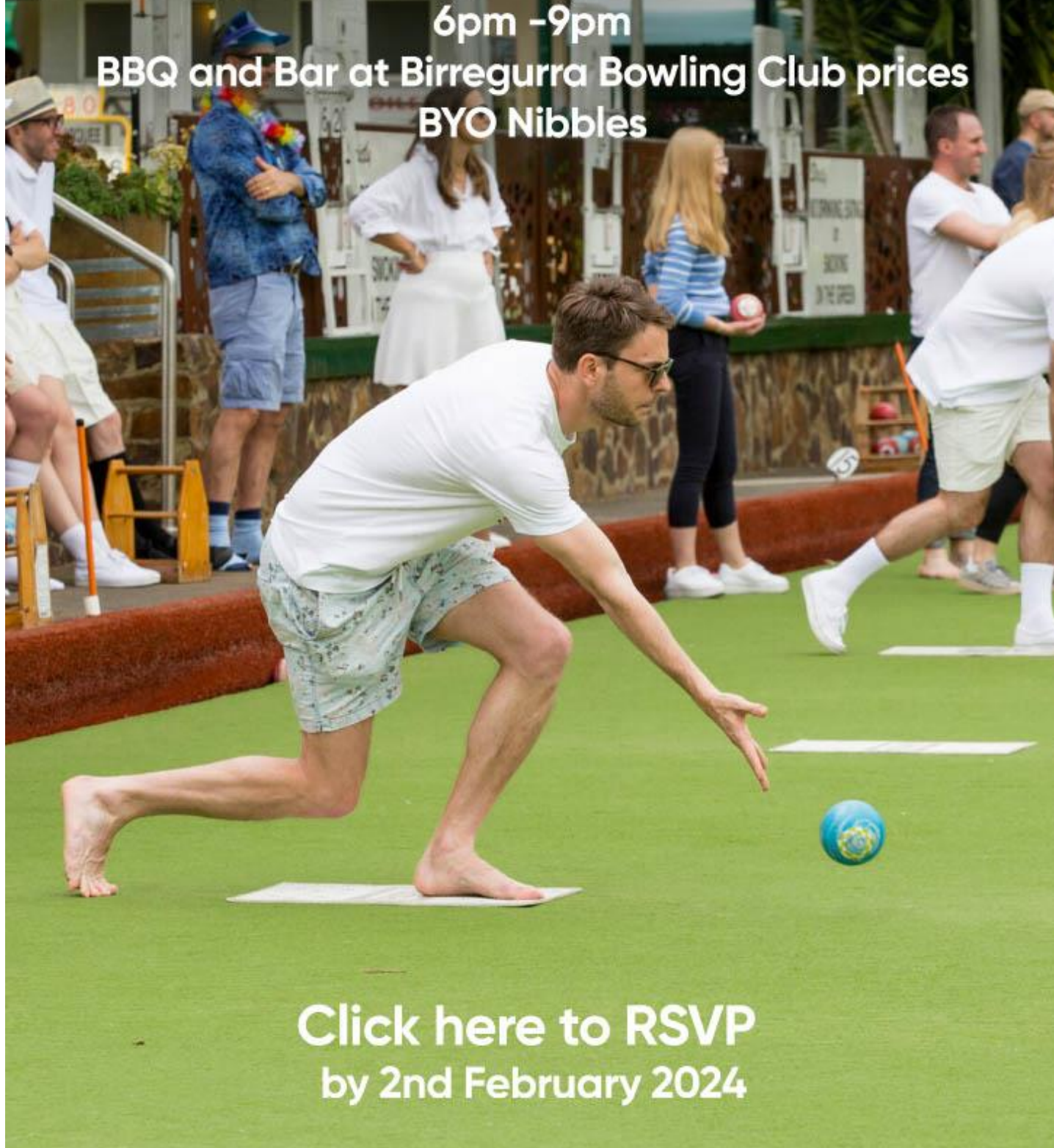
Birregurra Primary School Barefoot Bowls

Friday 1st March 2024

Birregurra Bowling Club, 58 Roadknight St.

6pm - 9pm

BBQ and Bar at Birregurra Bowling Club prices
BYO Nibbles



Click here to RSVP
by 2nd February 2024