



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 10 – 8th December 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 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

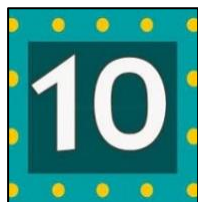
Community - growing positive partnerships between school, home and the broader community

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 and the final FULL week of the 2025 school year! As we approach the end of the year, there is definitely a sense of “end-of-year buzz” around the school. Teachers are working hard to maintain calm and respectful classrooms, and we know that this time of year can leave everyone feeling a little more fatigued than usual. We have lots to look forward to this week, with a transition day for all students on Tuesday, and our highly anticipated school concert and graduation on Friday night!

End of Year Excursions

What a stunning day of sunshine we had last Thursday for our end of year excursion. Our whole school enjoyed a fantastic trip to Village Cinemas in Geelong, where students relaxed in premium seats to watch Zootopia 2. After the movie, our Prep to Two students enjoyed a ride on the carousel, while our Years 3 to 6 students headed to Laser Quest for an exciting afternoon of activities. It was a great day out and a perfect way to finish a wonderful year together. Thanks to our teachers for their smooth organisation of the day.

Secondary School Transition

Last week some of our Grade 6 students had the opportunity to attend their secondary schools for their first transition visit. While this can feel a little daunting, it was an invaluable chance for them to experience the environments and expectations that await them next year. All Grade 6 students will attend their chosen secondary school tomorrow for the statewide transition day. We look forward to hearing all about their day!

Step Up Day

Tomorrow we will be holding our 'Step Up Day' from 9:00am to 1:30pm. On this day, students will have the opportunity to spend time in their 2026 classes, experiencing a day in their new classrooms with their classmates and teachers. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to get a preview of what next year will be like and to begin transitioning into their new routines and environments. We're excited to see them embrace this experience! Staffing arrangements will be shared today via XUNO and all students will receive an envelope with a letter from their 2026 teacher – keep an eye out for this in your child's school bag!

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 this **Wednesday 10th December** via the XUNO platform. To our Year 6 families, please note that after **30th December**, you will be unable to access school reports on XUNO so if you would like a printed copy, please contact the office. I am currently reviewing all the reports. It is wonderful to see the growth our students have achieved throughout the year. The work that happens in planning sessions by staff, the delivery of curriculum to students at a variety of ability levels, the care shown to students, the extracurricular opportunities planned and organised and so much more, should be celebrated. I hope you will join with me and show your gratitude to teachers before the end of the year.

Grade 6 Graduation & School Concert

Our final stomp sessions will be this Friday. These sessions will be held at the hall to support students' familiarity with the stage and the running of concert night.

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

Our Grade 6 graduation and school concert will take place this **Friday 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. We ask that students then make their way around to the Strachan Street side entrance to the hall at 5:45pm. Families are to then enter through the front entrance of the hall. Our school concert will kick off at 6:00pm sharp, running for approximately 45 minutes. Following a short interval, we will commence the Grade 6 Graduation at 7:00 pm. Families are welcome to leave after the concert if they wish. Please note that space is limited, and the hall will be at capacity. We ask that any younger children please remain with their parents/families and not with the primary students. This will support a smooth running of class concert items.



Community Colour Run

We are looking forward to bringing our community together for our Community Colour Run on the final day of the school year for our students, **Thursday 18th 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 participant, which covers the cost of the colour. This applies to all BPS students, kinder children, secondary students and community members. Community members are required to RSVP to the office by phone on 5236 2222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Friday 12th December. We would like cash brought to the office prior to the event. The event will begin at 2.30 pm.

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! If you would like to volunteer to assist with distributing the colour, please let us know.

School Council

Our final school council meeting of 2025 is being held tonight @ 6:00pm. School Council has been an exceptional team, made up of both parents and staff, all deeply invested in improving our school and facilities and ensuring that Birregurra Primary School is the best possible place for your children to learn, grow and play. They will continue their work together until March next year.

From 2026, parents, carers and community members who would like to join the school council need a working with children (WWC) clearance to nominate. If you are considering nominating for school council, and don't already have a WWCC, I encourage you to apply for a volunteer WWC check as soon as possible. This will allow for processing times, which are estimated to be from 3 to 12 weeks.

Please note that if you do not hold a WWC clearance, you will not be able to nominate for school council, so it is vital that you prepare in advance. Obtaining a WWC clearance is free for volunteers, and you can apply online at Service Victoria.

When applying for your volunteer WWC check, please nominate the Department of Education as the organisation you are working for.

If you already hold an employee WWC clearance, you do not need to obtain a volunteer WWC clearance to nominate for school council.

Current parents and community members of school council do not need to apply for a WWC check immediately. Current members only need a WWC clearance if their term ends and they wish to nominate or be co-opted again. For more information, refer to Ministerial Order 1280 (Constitution of Government School Councils) 2020.

Reminders

- Breakfast Club is at 8.15am, all welcome.
- RSVP for the Colour Run, \$2 per participant

Thanks for your ongoing support. Please contact either your child's teacher or me if you have any questions, queries or wonderings. Have a wonderful week.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
Tuesday 9 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statewide Transition Day for Grade 6's attending CSC & Trinity - 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 - 9am - 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semester Two reports distributed to parents
Friday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STOMP session - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final assembly @ 2:45pm
Tuesday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instrumental Music concert @ 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last Day of the school year for students - Colour Run
Friday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Day - no school for students
2026	
TERM 1	
Tuesday 27 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Day of School 2026
Wednesday 28 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students First Day of School
Wednesday 4 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Preps
Monday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prep-Gr 2 Information Session 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Preps
Monday 16 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gr 3-6 Information Session 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 18 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Preps
Wednesday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Preps

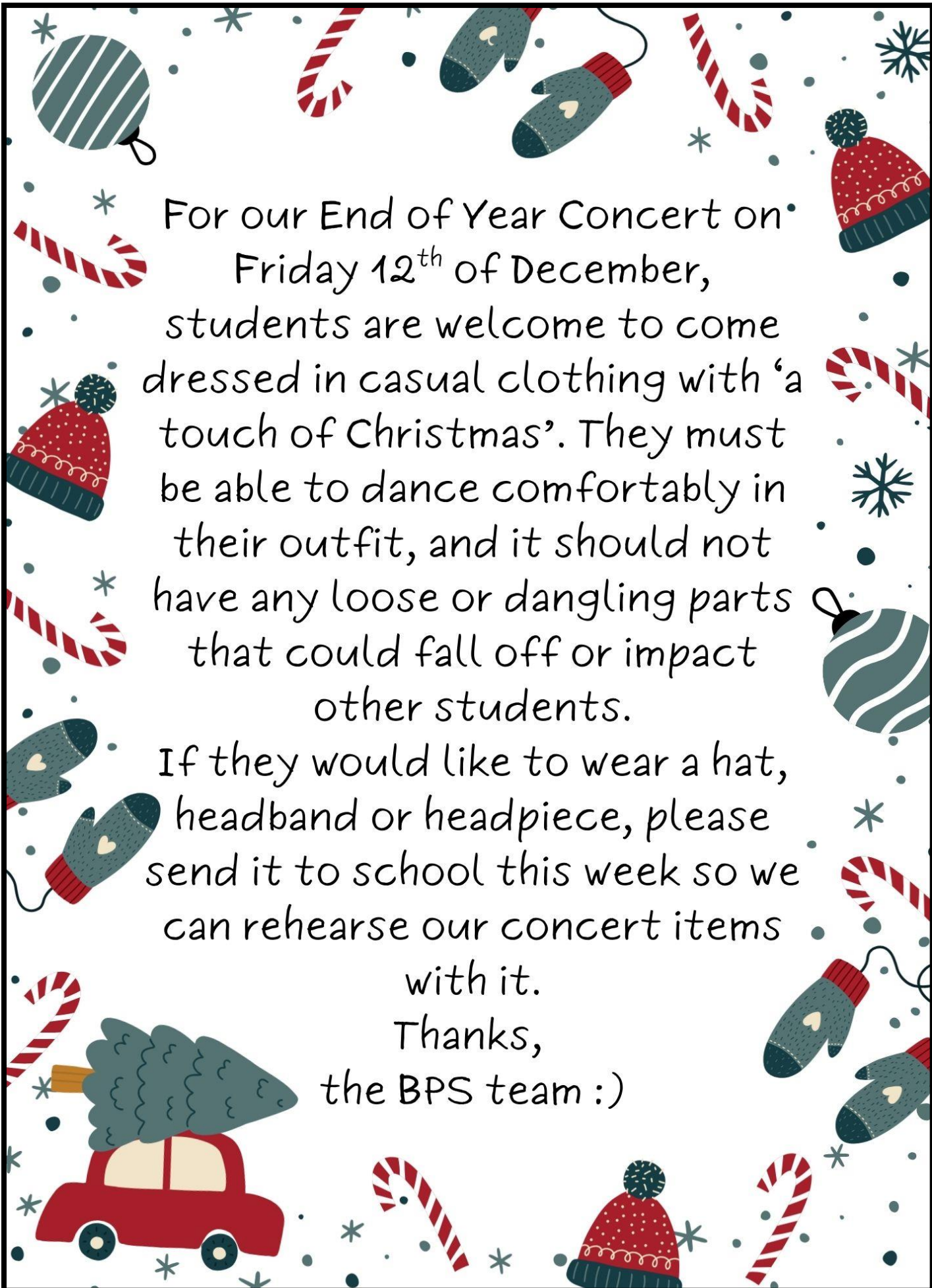


Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday

December

12th

Angus C



For our End of Year Concert on
Friday 12th of December,
students are welcome to come
dressed in casual clothing with 'a
touch of Christmas'. They must
be able to dance comfortably in
their outfit, and it should not
have any loose or dangling parts
that could fall off or impact
other students.

If they would like to wear a hat,
headband or headpiece, please
send it to school this week so we
can rehearse our concert items
with it.

Thanks,
the BPS team :)

Interoception and Self-Regulation



As a professional working the health and wellbeing space I have learnt about interoception; what it is and the importance of it.

Our bodies constantly send us messages through physical changes—our heartbeat speeding up or slowing down, our muscles tightening, or our breathing shifting. These sensations help us recognise our emotions and needs, such as feeling happy, anxious, hungry, or warm. The ability to notice and make sense of

these internal signals is called **interoception**.

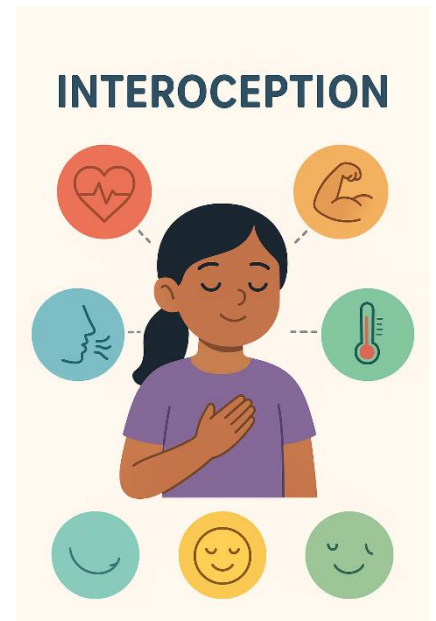
Developing strong interoceptive awareness helps children recognise rising emotions before they become overwhelming. When children build their interoception skills, they are better able to:

- regulate their emotions and responses
- stay calm and remain engaged in learning
- maintain positive wellbeing
- strengthen their overall academic performance

The following link provides information about interoception in greater detail.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/interoception-wellbeing>

Brendan King



Yellow

Yellow looks like the sun on a hot day,
Yellow sounds like the bees buzzing with
excitement,
Yellow smells like a cold lemonade on a
hot day,
Yellow feels like the hot sun on your skin,
Yellow tastes like a sharp bitternes,
Yellow is calming

Written by
Augie

PINK

**PINK LOOKS LIKE A
DEWEYDAISY,**

**PINK SOUNDS LIKE
A HARP IN A
EMPTY ROOM,**

**PINK SMELLS LIKE
A FRESH ROSE,**

**PINK FEELS LIKE A
SOFT FEATHER
MATTRESS,**

**PINK TASTES LIKE
A SWEET FRESH
STRAWBERRY,**

**PINK IS
ENJOYMENT**

Written by
Adele

Grade 5/6 Poetry Unit

Grade 5/6 students have begun their Poetry unit and are already producing some impressive work. Their first task was to write a descriptive poem based on a colour of their choice. Students used similes and connected their colour to the five senses, exploring how it looks, sounds, smells, tastes and feels. They also described the emotion they believed their colour represents. These poems will form part of a larger published poetry portfolio the students will complete over the coming weeks.

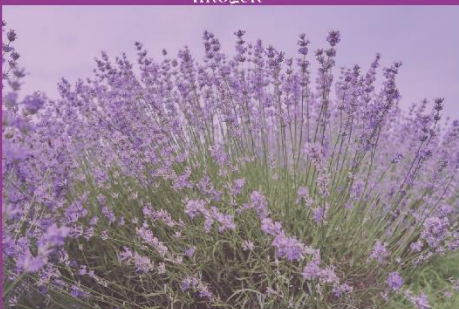
Purple

Purple looks like fluttering birds in the sky,
Purple sounds like calm wind rustling in the trees,
Purple smells like lavender bushes with buzzing bees,
Purple feels like a warm blanket next to the fire,
Purple tastes like a warm cup of hot chocolate.

Purple is calm.

Written by,

Imogen



Blue

Blue sounds like the waves at the
beach,

Blue smells like fish in the ocean,

Blue feels like rain on my skin,

Blue tastes like blueberries blossoming,

Blue is nervous

Written by,
Jack

BIRREGURRA PRIMARY
SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT & *Graduation*



Friday
12 December



5.15pm Picnic
6pm Concert
6.45pm Intermission
7pm Gr 6 Graduation



Birregurra
Hall



JOIN US FOR

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7AM – 6PM

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provided

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