



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 11 – 15th 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



While we always say time flies, it certainly does at this time of year! Welcome to the final week of the 2025 school year. It's amazing to think how much our students and staff have achieved over the course of the year.

Last week was full of energy and celebration, with Step Up Day/Orientation on Tuesday, Semester reports going home on Wednesday, our final Breakfast Club for the year on Thursday, and our wonderful concert and graduation on Friday. It was a big week for everyone, as we now move even closer to wrapping up the year.

This week, students will be finishing the year with Christmas learning tasks, organising their classrooms, and taking time to reflect on their growth across the year. The final day for students is Thursday, finishing with our Colour Fun Run at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing families there.

School Concert & Graduation

What a fantastic evening we had on Friday, celebrating a significant milestone for our Grade 6 students and enjoying the incredible class performances at our concert. Each year, I am continually impressed by our students, their courage to perform on stage, the commitment they show in practising their dances, and the enthusiasm they bring to every performance. This year's event was another wonderful celebration and showcase of all these qualities. A huge thank you also goes to Sian from STOMP for her efforts in teaching our students their dances.

Our graduating students shared thoughtful speeches, recalling those who supported them throughout their primary school journey, sharing happy memories, advise for next year's Grade 6's and speaking about their hopes and aspirations for the future. Their final performance singing 'Unwritten' was a fantastic way to conclude the evening. Special thanks to Charlotte for her support with practice for the Grade 6 song.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Max Curtis, on behalf of the Birregurra Freemasons Lodge, Lewis Melican, the Birregurra Arts Group, the Bendigo Community Bank, and the Birregurra Medical Centre for their ongoing and generous donations of awards.



Congratulations to our 2025 award winners:

Jackson S – Birregurra Freemason's Lodge Award (Outstanding Academic Performance & Role Model)

Parker L – Shire of Winchelsea Award (High Academic success)

Savannah K – Lewis Melican Sports Award (Teamwork, Sportsmanship & Athletic Performance)

Vivienne G – Bendigo Community Bank Award (Modelling of our School Values)

Adele G – Birregurra Arts Group Award (Creative Flare, Knowledge & Passion within the Arts)

Angus B – Birregurra Medical Centre Award (Strong interest, Knowledge in Science/STEAM)

I would like to thank all Year 6 students for their contributions to the Birregurra school community during their time at our school. It has been a privilege to watch them grow and develop over the years. I wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their education and look forward to hearing of their continued success at secondary school.

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

Instrumental Music Showcase

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:15, our instrumental students will showcase what they have learnt throughout the year with Pam and Shanti. All classes will attend and we look forward to seeing these students shine!

Community Colour Run



We are looking forward to bringing our community together for our Community Colour Fun Run on the final day of the school year for our students, this **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 person participant. The event will kick off at 2:30pm. 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!

Thanks to our Breakfast Club Team

A big thank you to our amazing team of Breakfast Club helpers, whose support ensures the smooth and successful running of our weekly breakfasts, available to all students. Led by Mrs Bath, this program has provided countless delicious breakfasts throughout the year! We would also like to extend our gratitude to the student volunteers, without whom this program wouldn't be possible. We truly appreciate your contribution to making Breakfast Club such a success! Breakfast Club will be back in 2026, each Thursday morning!

Thanks School Council Members

Luke Fitzpatrick, Rob Lidgerwood, Kelly Dodds, Emily McDonald, Cassie Stephens, Sarah Green, Jaymie Lowe, Alistair Burell, & Kate Leigh (minutes secretary).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and staff who give their time so generously to serve on School Council. I am very grateful for the support this group provides, which certainly helps make the role of principal easier. Thank you for being consistently supportive, approachable, flexible and generous with your time.



Thanks to our Parent Community

I want to express my thanks to all parents for your ongoing support. It is well understood that strong home and school partnerships make a significant difference to student outcomes, and your involvement continues to strengthen our learning community.

A special thank you to the parents who have contributed to fundraising and events throughout the year, including toilet paper orders, lunch orders, the trivia night and the gingerbread fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of our parent community, we have raised significant funds that provide tremendous benefits to our school. Your support is genuinely valued.

Thanks to Staff & Farewells

Thanks also to our wonderful, passionate and dedicated team here at Birregurra P.S. I have enjoyed working with you all throughout 2025 and appreciate the time, effort and genuine care you provide to all students.



As the year comes to an end, we will sadly say farewell to Ms Kirsty Oborne. Ms Kirsty has developed strong connections with students and staff. She has supported students with patience, kindness and genuine regard for every individual. Kirsty has also supported teachers across a range of learning environments and has consistently gone above and beyond, drawing on her creativity to enhance classroom activities and engagement. We thank Kirsty for her passion and the positive difference she's made in our school community. She will all be greatly missed, and we wish her the very best for the future.

Reminders

- Today is our final assembly for the year and will be held in the Multipurpose room at 2:45pm. The short video of our Grade 6 students and their primary school journey, shown at graduation, will also be shared at assembly.
- Community Colour Run is on Thursday at 2:30pm.
- The final day for our students is Thursday with a normal dismissal time of 3:15pm.

- Breakfast Club will be on Thursday mornings in 2026, commencing on Thursday 5th February 2025.

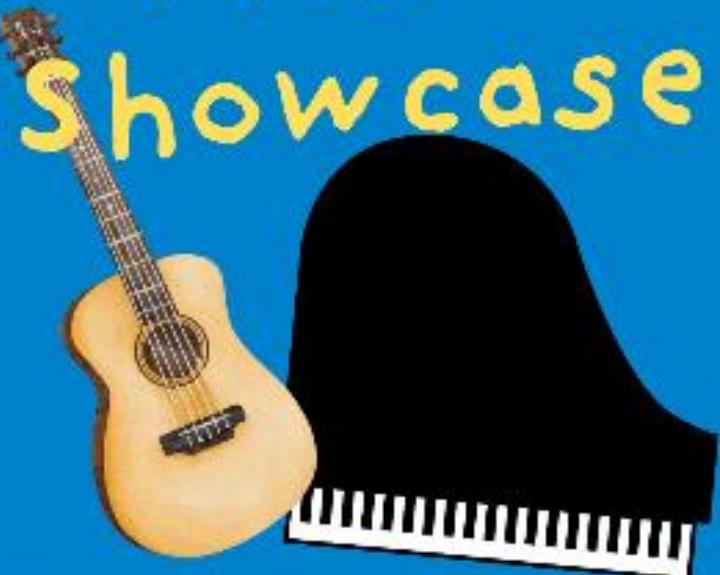
On behalf of all at Birregurra Primary School, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas with family and friends, and Happy and Safe New Year! We look forward to 2026 and all that it has to offer for our school community!

Jess Kattwinkel & team



BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Student Music Showcase



SHOWCASING THE INCREDIBLE TALENTS OF OUR YOUNG
STARS AS THEY SHARE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

16TH DECEMBER

JOIN US FROM 2.15PM
IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



What a Show! You all rocked the stage
and we're so proud!

Dates for the Diary

TERM 4

Monday 15 th December	- Final assembly @ 2:45pm
Tuesday 16 th December	- Instrumental Music concert @ 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th December	- Last Day of the school year for students - Colour Run
Friday 19 th December	- Curriculum Day - no school for students

2026

TERM 1

Tuesday 27 th January	- Staff Commence, office open! Curriculum Day - No students at school
Wednesday 28 th January	- First Day of School for all students
Wednesday 4 th February	- No Preps - Welcome BBQ 5.00pm
Thursday 5 th February	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 9 th February	- Prep-Gr 2 Information Session 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 11 th February	- No Preps
Thursday 12 th February	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 16 th February	- Gr 3-6 Information Session 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th February	- No Preps
Thursday 19 th February	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Wednesday 25 th February	- No Preps
Thursday 26 th February	- Breakfast Club 8.15am



Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday

December

17 th	Fletcher L & Bodhi G
20 th	Mia B

Students of the Week

Community	Angus C	For the thoughtful way you supported your new class friends during our 'Step Up Day'. You were a wonderful role model and helper. Thanks Angus, you superstar!
	Ollie M	For making responsible choices and staying focused. You showed thoughtfulness by thinking about how your actions affect others and helping everyone to join in and learn. Great work, Ollie!
	Georgia K	For being thoughtful and supportive of your peers during 'Step Up Day' by being a role model and ensuring they are still upholding our classroom expectations. Great work!
	Ella G	For always offering to help others and supporting your classmates whenever they need it. Your kindness, patience and willingness to look out for everyone make our classroom a warm and welcoming place. Fabulous work, Ella!
	Bella G	For consistently demonstrating the community school value and being kind and caring to others. Great work Bella!
	Stevie G	For consistently looking out for others, lending a hand without being asked, and showing everyone what it means to be a caring, supportive classmate. We're so lucky to have you in our community Stevie!
Aspire	Finley R	You have shown fantastic dedication in maths by working to become quicker and more fluent with your addition facts. Fabulous work Finley!
	Joe M	For the fantastic effort you have shown in growing your maths skills. You can now solve addition and subtraction problems to 20 quickly and accurately. Well done, Joe!
	Bella C	For consistently giving your best in everything you do. You confidently contribute your ideas during class discussions and take pride in producing high-quality work. You embrace challenges with a positive attitude, well done Bella!
	Roy C	For always challenging yourself in every learning task... and challenging me just as much. Your curiosity, determination and willingness to push your thinking show real leadership in our classroom. Thanks for being a superstar, Roy!
	Hunter S	For being a STOMP superstar and giving your all during rehearsal. You have been a great role model to others. Well done Hunter!
	Logan S	For quietly but consistently putting in the hard work. You take pride in doing your best, listen carefully to feedback, and always look for ways to improve. Keep it up, Logan!
Art	Byron S	Well done Byron on the wonderfully focused effort you applied to your 'Gingerbread Cottage Card'. You should be very proud of your design!
STEAM	Soraya M	For your creative approach during our STEAM 'Windup Mechanism Clay Creation'. Your design was well planned, carefully built and thoroughly unique - well done!
Indonesian	Jackson S	You always do your very best in every lesson, showing great confidence when speaking aloud using Indonesian. Your clear pronunciation and positive attitude make you a fantastic role model. Bagus, Jackson!
PE	Nate B	For demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship and fun all lesson.



Principal's Award

Stevie G

For consistently being an outstanding role model for her peers and a wonderful support to our newest students.





JOIN US FOR

PUPIL FREE DAY CARE

PLAY. FUN. CREATE

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Care provided from
7AM - 6PM

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea
provided

Please pack Hat, Drink bottle and packed lunch

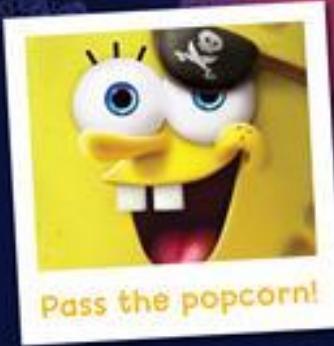


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⌚ School Holiday Program – Ages 7–10

Game-based cricket activities that get kids moving, learning, and having a blast! Perfect for beginners and junior club players.

Soft balls - **no pads needed**.

📍 Geelong Cricket Ground, Kardinia Park

📅 Wednesday 14 January & Wednesday 21 January

⌚ \$89 per session or **\$160 for both**

👉 Click here to register: <https://www.melbournerenegades.com.au/schoolholidaycamps?>

⌚ School Holiday Academy – Junior Academy (14 & Under)

For young players ready to take their skills up a notch! Sessions include batting, bowling, fielding and match awareness, all with real balls and full protective gear.

📍 Barwon Regional Cricket Centre, South Geelong

📅 22–23 January

⌚ \$250 (2-day program)

👉 Click here to register: <https://formstack.io/9EF68>