



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 1 – 6th October 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 are 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 Term Four! I hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the holidays and is feeling refreshed for the final term of the 2025 school year. Term Four is always a busy and exciting time, with many highlights ahead, including senior interschool sport, end-of-year excursions, STOMP, the school concert, and of course, graduation!

We finished Term Three on a high with our Footy Colours Day celebrations. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun by dressing in their sporting colours. A special thank you to Jemma for organising the delicious pizza lunch, it was a fantastic way to finish the term. Thanks also to our Grade 3 students, who contributed to the assembly with an interactive presentation, interviewing staff about their sporting preferences and experiences.

Thank you as well to everyone who purchased tickets in our footy raffle. We raised \$435.00 for our Junior School Council.

Parent/Teacher Conversations

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents who took the time to engage in parent-teacher conversations at the end of last term. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's learning journey, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss their progress, achievements, and areas for growth.

Congratulations, it's a girl!

A huge congratulations to Miss Riseley and Josh on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Stevie Lee, born on 29 September. Both mum and bub are now doing well, and the family is settling into life together at home. We are absolutely thrilled for Chloe and Josh as they begin this exciting new chapter, and we look forward to meeting little Stevie Lee in the future. On behalf of the whole school community, we send them our love and best wishes during this very special time.



Ecolinc Incursions

This **Wednesday the 8th of October**, Nicole from Ecolinc will be visiting our school to deliver incursions for our Grade 3–6 students. The sessions will explore marine and coastal education, with a particular focus on marine ecosystems and the importance of sustainable fishing practices. Students will take part in interactive activities, including a Jenga-based game to model marine ecosystems and a game designed to highlight sustainable fishing practices, making the learning engaging and hands-on.

This incursion forms part of our STEAM program, giving students the opportunity to apply science concepts through interactive and creative learning experiences. A big thanks to Mrs Welsh and Mrs Williams for organising this valuable opportunity for our students.

Greater Western Regional Athletics in Ballarat

Congratulations to Harvey, Stella F, Hettie, Lottie, Kate, and Savannah for qualifying for the Greater Western Regional Athletics in Ballarat this **Friday 10th October**.

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

Their times/jumps and placings in the Colac Division Athletics earlier in the year, earned them a spot in the team for Ballarat. Wishing the Birre team all the very best for Friday.

Clubs

Following the success of last term's Clubs, they will continue this term, starting this Friday. Clubs will run for the first four weeks, every Friday from 12.30 to 1.30 pm, giving students four weeks in their chosen club before our Market Day/Talent Quest in Week 5 and the return of STOMP sessions in Week 6. The same clubs will remain in place, and ballots from last term will be used to allocate students to another one of their top preferences. It's going to be a busy and exciting term of learning opportunities for our students.

Trivia Night

Tickets are available for our Trivia Night which is fast approaching on **Friday October 17th**! You can book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1468618>. When booking, feel free to choose any table, seating arrangements can be sorted on the night. Spread the word throughout the community, everyone is welcome! We are looking forward to a fun, social evening together. All proceeds from the night will go toward our continuing grounds work, including a new playground for our students to enjoy.

If you or your business are able to contribute a donation towards prizes for the evening, this support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you would like to make a contribution.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will continue on Fridays throughout this term thanks to Jemma. A reminder order forms are due back to school on Wednesday morning by 9:00am for Friday lunch.

Reminders

- A reminder that students are required to wear wide brimmed hats throughout Term 4, as outlined in our SunSmart policy. Please ensure your child brings their school hat every day, and make sure it is clearly labelled. Sunscreen is available for students to apply at school, but we encourage them to apply it before arriving. It would be helpful if you could show your child how to apply sunscreen so they can do it independently at school. Thank you for your support!

Have a wonderful first week of term and please reach out with any wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel and team 😊



Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
Monday 6 th October	- Term 4 Commences
Wednesday 8 th October	- Gr 3-6 Ecolinc Incursion
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 - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Tuesday 21 st October	- Small Schools Transition Day - Gr 6 Students
Thursday 23 rd October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 th October	- Surf Lifesaving Day - Gr 5/6 Students
Friday 31 st October	- World Teachers Day - Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 1/2M Class Presentation
Tuesday 4th November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 6 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 7 th November	- Talent Quest & Market Day
Monday 10 th November - Friday 14 th November	- Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 10 th November	- School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 11 th November	- Deakin Vision Screening Prep - Gr 2
Thursday 13 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 14 th November	- STOMP Session - Assembly 2.45pm - Prep Class Presentation
Tuesday 18 th November	- Deakin Vision Screening Prep - Gr 2
Thursday 20 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 21 st November	- 2026 Prep Transition Session 1 - 9am - 11am - STOMP Session
Monday 24th November	- Common Professional Planning Day - Student Free Day
Thursday 27 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 28 th November	- 2026 Prep Transition Session 2 - 9am - 11.30am - STOMP Session - Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 5/6 Class Presentation

Students of the Week

Community	Bessie B	For the care you show to our classroom. Thank you for making sure things go away properly and ensuring everything looks neat and tidy. You are a superstar Bessie!
	Sabi M	For giving up your time so generously to help support your peers with their persuasive texts. You showed kindness, compassion and patience, offering thoughtful ideas and encouragement. Keep it up Sabi!
	Mack H	For being a superstar on R U OK? Day by asking your peers if they are ok, and treating them with kindness. Keep up the great work!
	Alya N	For always brightening our classroom with your wonderful sense of humour and infectious laughter. You always bring positive energy to every lesson and help create a happy learning environment for everyone. Thanks, Aliya for being a star!
	Lottie K	For contributing so well to the organisation of the JSC Disco. You actively got involved in the dance rehearsals and encouraged the younger students to get involved. Well done Lottie!
	Logan S	You are a valued member of our classroom community. You consistently use your manners and are considerate of others' feelings, demonstrating this through your kind nature. Keep up the awesome attitude, Logan!
Aspire	Bridget S	For your tremendous writing about 'sand', showing a great understanding of what a sentence needs. I love how proud you were of all of your sentences. Well done Bridget!
	Fleur H	Fleur, you have worked so hard and made wonderful progress. You always complete your work to a very high standard and your Quick Write about the disco was a perfect example. Amazing job Fleur!
	Evie L	For challenging yourself in Writing by extending your persuasive sentences and using examples to support your opinion. You are also including adjectives in your writing independently, showing confidence in applying new skills. Keep up the great work!
	Zoe G	For your perseverance and determination in writing a narrative. Through careful editing and revising, you created a wonderfully creative and detailed story about unlikely friends. Keep up your wonderful work, Zo!
	Mahalia M	For always aspiring to do your best in all areas of learning. You consistently put in great effort, challenge yourself to improve, and approach tasks with a positive attitude. Well done, Mahalia!
	Lachie D	You participated equally with your partner to complete your Inquiry video. I loved seeing you share the roles of filming and editing to produce a very informative clip all about Electricity. Well done, Lach!
STEAM	Fletcher L	Well done Fletch on a wonderful term of STEAM. You consistently work hard, demonstrating enthusiasm and curiosity in every new project and challenge!
Art	Stevie G	For always demonstrating creativity, curiosity and care in every new art project. What a wonderful term of art - well done Stevie!
Art	Joe M	Well done Joe on a fabulous end to the term in art! Your focus, interest and completed work all show how much effort you are putting in. Keep up the great work!

PE	Fleur H	For consistently modelling our PE values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Well done Fleur!
Indonesian	Stevie G	Well done Stevie for your excellent skills when speaking in Indonesian. When asking for fruit, you spoke with great pronunciation and confidence. Bagus, Stevie!



Principal's Award

Ivy L

For her insightful reflections during STEAM this week.

Wishing the following students
a very
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

9th Kaide S





OnPsych Collaborations for Mental Health Care: Schools

We have received the following information regarding an initiative that supports parents and schools to work together to provide psychology support to students in need. The process is quite simple, with details provided below. Should you wish to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out to Brendan King.

A school's role in mental health care

It's estimated that 1 in 7 school-age children have a mental health problem, like anxiety, depression and behaviour problems, but only 1 in 4 gets the help they need.

Most cases of children having mental health problems are first identified in their schools. A location where many children experience their first of firsts, childhood can often bring about some traumatic circumstance - even if they happen outside schools. In that sense, school's often always become a child's first line of defense and ensuring they get the help they need early and well ahead of time is critical to making sure they retain confidence, succeed, and combat their challenges.

Caused by many factors, a child's mental health can be easily affected. **It's estimated that around one in seven Australian kids experience mental health issues and about half of all serious mental health issues in adulthood begin before the age of 14.** One of the best approaches schools - and the teachers, principals, and administrators within them - can use is to recognise those students who need help and refer them to the right professionals - **after involving and working with the child's parents and GP.**

The onPsych Process (working with parents)

Parents complete the onPsych referral form



They book an appointment with their GP



They discuss any concerns regarding the child's condition



The GP forwards the plan via Fax (1300 651 580) or Email (contact@onpsych.com.au)



Obtain a referral to onPsych under the Better Access Initiative (2715/2700)



Call us on [1300 659 350](tel:1300659350) if they have trouble finding the right GP or one with more expertise

Our psychologists and their accreditations

All psychologists working in onPsych are fully registered with the Psychology Board of Australia and also satisfy the requirements of Medicare to become a provider under the Better Access and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program.

They are qualified to provide psychological services to organisations targeting specific behavioural and emotional problems. It is a requirement of registration that psychologists have comprehensive insurance, which satisfies PBA guidelines. OnPsych psychologists have current police checks, which are provided to organisations and "working with children" permits appropriate to each state - when they are required to work with a school.

**Birregurra
Primary School**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**JOIN US ON
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER
BIRREGURRA MECHANICS HALL
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM START**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DFONI**



You're invited:
Twilight Social bowls/Barefoot bowls
When: Wednesdays from 5pm Oct 8-Dec 3
Where: Birregurra Bowling Club. 60 Roadknight St
Cost: \$2pp Nibbles provided and drinks available.
No equipment or experience necessary.
Bring a partner or get paired up on arrival.
(Kids activities available on back grass area)
No serious stuff! However grudge matches will be allowed and occasionally encouraged.
Weekly prizes for highest score and lucky scorecard.

COLAC LITTLE ATHLETICS

SEASON 2025/2026

Registrations are now open for this seasons Little Athletics!

Meets: Saturday mornings in Term 4/1 (break over summer holidays)

FREE trial offer available to all new little athletes.

Ages 6-17

ALL WELCOME!

Run, jump & throw with us this season!



SIGN-UP LINK



www.lavic.com.au

Keep an eye out on our socials for season updates, meet schedule and competition details

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LITTLEATHLETICSCOLAC
EMAIL: COLAC@LAVIC.COM.AU

FOR SALE

ITALIANO DICTIONARIES

VISUAL ITALIAN TO ENGLISH DICTIONARIES @ \$10 EACH

THE PERFECT WAY TO LEARN!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A CPR 'LITTLE ANNIE' DOLL.

'LITTLE ANNIE' IS BEING TAKEN OVER TO TIMOR LESTE IN OCTOBER TO HELP TRAIN A NUMBER OF VILLAGES IN CPR. IT WILL THEN BE DONATED TO THE AINARO HOSPITAL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A DICTIONARY, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

GRAZIE MILLE, SIGNORA



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

Birregurra Primary School

Term 4 2025 Uniform Order

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Item	Sizes Available	Price	Size	Qty	Total
Short Sleeve Polo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$24.00 \$26.00			
Long Sleeve Polo	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$26.00 \$28.00			
Hoodie	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$40.00 \$45.00			
Windcheater	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$29.00 \$34.00			
Bomber Jacket	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$39.00 \$42.00			
Rugby Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$20.00 \$22.00			
Microfibre Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$22.00 \$24.00			
Soft Shell Jackets	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$60.00 \$70.00			
Double Knee Track Pants with zip pockets	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 16	\$27.00 \$32.00			
Wide Brim Hat	S, M, L, XL	\$12.00			
Bucket Hat	S, M, L, XL	\$9.00			
School Bag	-	\$65.00	-		
Beanies	One Size	\$20.00	-		
TOTAL					
Please circle to indicate how payment will be made					
CASH	EFTPOS	DIRECT DEPOSIT			

Payment to be made at time of order via Cash, EFTPOS, Direct Deposit or School Saving Bonus.

Direct Deposit details – BSB: 063 510 ACC: 1002 1678 Birregurra Primary School Council

Please contact Mrs Kate Leigh in the office on 5236 2222 if you have any questions.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER