



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 1 – 2nd October 2023

From the Principal's Desk

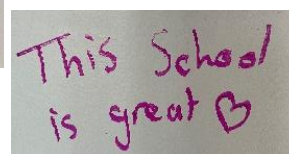
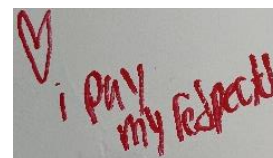
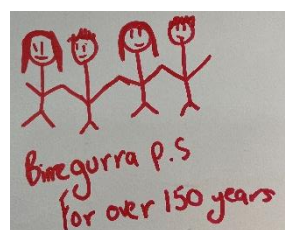
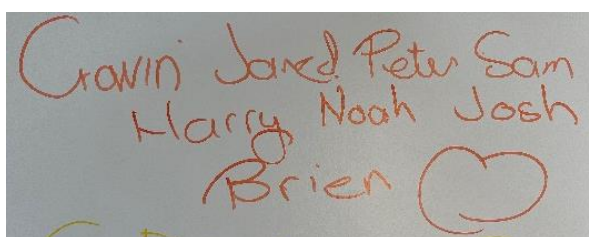
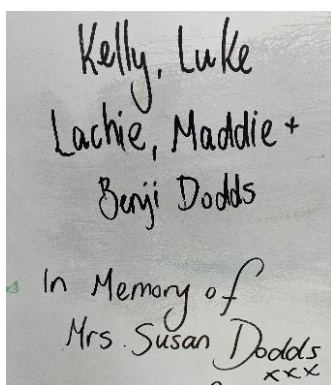


Welcome to Term Four! I hope everyone took the time to recharge over the holidays, ready for our final term of the year. I enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with family and friends and enjoy some sunshine.

The final week of Term Three was a very busy one with students and staff engaged in a range of activities. While our Grade 5 students headed to Colac on the final Thursday of term, the remaining students engaged in a range of activities acknowledging R U OK? Day run by Mr King, Mrs Melican and our Education Support staff. The remaining staff supported by our amazing school community were able to move three classrooms, staffroom and two offices over to the new building in record time! A huge thanks to those that were able to help us on this day, we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks also to the TheirCare team for feeding our helpers with a delicious sausage sizzle!



We also had a community walk through of our old building on the Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to hear from the many people that had completed their schooling in the building and listen to their precious memories. We know the building has been an integral part of our community for decades, nurturing the minds of countless students who have passed through its doors. Community members, staff and students enjoyed signing their names and leaving messages on the walls of the building!



On the final day of term, students and staff celebrated Footy Colours Day. Thanks to everyone that made the effort to dress up in their sporting colours. Thanks also to our parents for organising a delicious canteen, a wonderful way to end the term!

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

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 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.

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

On **Thursday 14th of September** our Grade 5 students accompanied by Mr Burrell, travelled to Colac Secondary College to experience 'a day in the life of a high school student' alongside other local students. The students engaged in cooking, science and PE lessons, allowing them to get a taste of how a secondary school operates. From all accounts the day ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Colac Secondary School for providing this opportunity for our students and supporting the beginning of a positive transition to secondary school in 2025.



Our New Building!

Throughout the holidays, our builders worked extremely hard to ensure our new building would be ready for the beginning of the term. Our school was a hive of activity throughout the two weeks as the finishing touches were made to the building to ensure it was ready for occupancy. Huge thanks to the staff that gave up their time over the holidays to come and setup classrooms, offices and spaces. We are thrilled with the new building and excited to be teaching and learning in these new spaces.

The old building was demolished during the second week, creating an open space. While we are excited to be in our new building, there are still ongoing works occurring on-site, and some areas remain fenced off. Our 3/4 students will be working from the Wellbeing Room while their classroom is made functional with the addition of a deck. All teachers will discuss with students' accessibility to certain areas.

The front access to our school has moved slightly to align with the new building.



Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent /Teacher conversations are being held this week commencing today through to Wednesday between 3:30-4:30pm. Bookings for Parent/Teacher conversations are available on XUNO. Parent/Teacher conversations provide an opportunity for families to connect with teachers to ask any questions regarding your child, their progress and provide any feedback. Conversations will be for 10 minutes via telephone with teachers phoning parents at the nominated

time. If the nominated times do not suit, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. Please note, the parents that have recently been involved in a Student Support Meeting do not need to book a P/T conversation.

Greater Western Regional Athletics in Ballarat

Congratulations to Elodie, Savannah, Vivienne, Mia and Georgia for qualifying for the Greater Western Regional Athletics in Ballarat this **Friday 6th October**. The girls' times/jumps and placings in the Colac Division Athletics earlier in the year, earned them a spot in the team for Ballarat. Mr King will represent the Polwarth schools at the event. Wishing the Birre team all the very best for Friday.

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 has the school hat at school each day and that it is clearly named. Many thanks for your support.

Have a wonderful week everyone and please reach out with any wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel and team 😊

Dates for the diary ...

Monday 2 nd October	- Term 4 Commences
Monday 2 nd October - Wednesday 4 th October	- Parent / Teacher conversations 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 6 th October	- Greater Western Athletics Ballarat - selected students
Monday 9 th October	- Colac Division Basketball (selected senior students)
Tuesday 10 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Kinder Buddy visit
Friday 13 th October	- Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 17 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Wednesday 18 th October	- Grade 6 Small Schools transition day @ Birre
Thursday 19 th October	- Gr 5-6 Bike Ed Challenge
Monday 23 rd October - Tuesday 24 th October	- Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin - Anglesea
Tuesday 24 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 27 th October	- World Teachers Day - Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 31 st October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Lorne School Band performance @ Birre
Friday 3 rd November	- Inter School Cricket - (selected senior students)
Tuesday 7 th November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - no school
Friday 10 th November	- Assembly 2.45pm - Prep Transition 9:00-11:00am
Monday 13 th November	- School Council 6:30pm

Students of the Week

Prep	Mack H	For working hard to develop your letter formation, ensuring your writing can be shared. Awesome work Mack!
	Zeb C	For mastering all 200 Magic Words. Well done Zeb, you are a word whiz!
Gr 1	Roy C	For your sensational effort transforming your sentences into wow sentences using adjectives. Your sentences were so descriptive and interesting! Well done Roy!
	Riley H	For the kind and thoughtful way you treated your class friends this week! Thank you for being a great part of our Grade One learning team. Go Riley!
Gr 2/3	Fletcher L	Well done Fletcher for your dedication to complete your Space & Earth presentation. You have worked really hard and I'm impressed by your new knowledge.
	Daphne G	For always being friendly and kind to her peers and working at 110% in all learning tasks. Keep up the great effort Daph!
Gr 3/4	Elodie T	Well done Elodie for your enthusiasm during our writing sessions. You have been doing an amazing job with your recipes!
	Jackson S	For being so enthusiastic with our novel study, Burrumbi Kids. You have been very thoughtful with your summaries. Great work.
Gr 5/6	Georgia R	For being a great allrounder. You give your best in all activities and contribute to the best of your ability when working in groups. Well done Georgia.
	Blake H	For your dedication to your writing and looking to improve at all times. It's great to see your hard work paying off!



Principal's Award

Kate McD

For her respectful and inclusive nature,
contributing positively to our whole school
community. You are an attribute to our school
Kate!

WISHING THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

3rd Sam G

5th Hunter S

6th Soraya M



HEALTH & WELLBEING



14
September
2023
RUOK? DAY™



On RUOK? Day, a small group of students helped create a new green sensory space out the front of the Wellbeing Room. Students planted six flowering camellia bushes that will help provide a shady, fragrant, green space for our buddy bench. This was possible due to our successful ACCIONA Grant this year.





If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

– African Proverb

Today's spotlight is on **Teamwork**.

*Working well and contributing in a positive way
as a member of a group.*

Leadership is a strength which is closely related to other strengths of Justice, like Leadership and Fairness. These strengths are about how individuals interact with and contribute within a group.

Kids high in the character strength of teamwork demonstrate commitment, contribution and care while working on a team. With social responsibility, citizenship and loyalty, they work well with others toward a shared goal. They demonstrate social responsibility and participation in group activities.

SUGGESTED LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

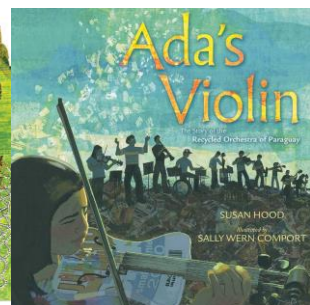
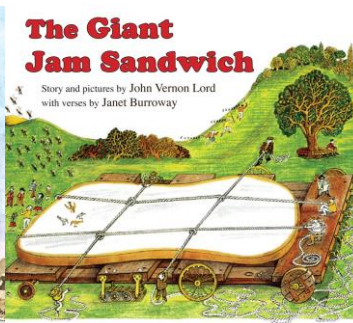
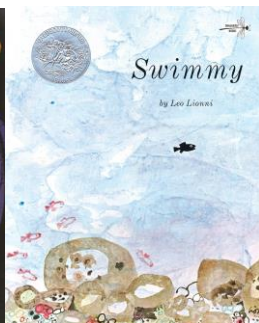
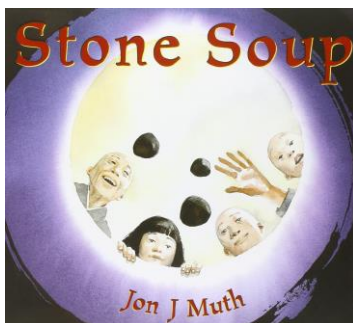
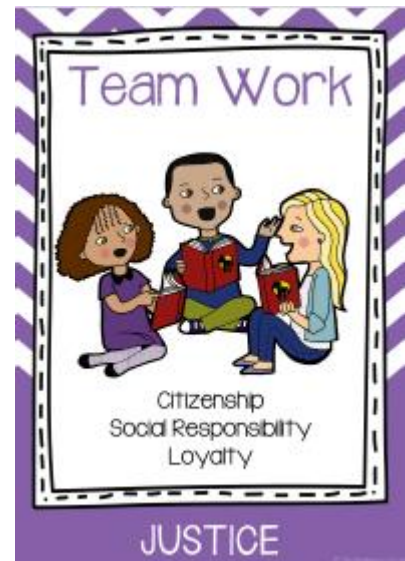
Collaborative games, like building LEGO, or a tower from blocks, create opportunity to build teamwork ethics.

Watch a movie that highlights teamwork...identify what makes a great team.

If you have a musical inclination, singing in a group is a wonderful way to recognise and feel teamwork.

Conversation starters...TED Talk by Adam Grant – Are You a Giver or a Taker?

....Note, you may want to listen to this first and decide if it suits your family dynamics.



...Sue

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