



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 2 – 13th 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 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.

From the Principal's Desk



remind us why we love coming to school each day to work with your children.

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4! We had a settled and positive start to the term last week, despite some windy and wild weather on Friday. It's always lovely to see the students after the break, and I've been especially impressed by how many have gone out of their way to stop, say hello, and ask staff about their holidays. It's those small, thoughtful gestures, when students take the time to ask how we are, that truly reflect the caring culture of our school. These moments

Greater Western Regional Athletics

On Friday, a small group of students travelled to Llanberris Athletics Reserve in Ballarat to participate in the Greater Western Regional Athletics. The team represented our school extremely well and should feel very proud for making it to this level of competition. Huge thanks to the parents/carers that transported their children to the event and encouraged their participation. Well done team!

Bike Ed Challenge



We are pleased to share that our school has once again been invited to participate in the Colac District Bike Education Challenge. This event brings together students from across the district to demonstrate their cycling knowledge, skills, and teamwork in a fun and competitive setting. Our school first took part in 2023, achieving an impressive second place overall. This year, the challenge will be held at the Colac Showgrounds this **Thursday 16 October**.

A team of 10 students has been selected to represent our school. Selection was based on their overall engagement, effort, ability to listen, support for others, and the skills and knowledge demonstrated during our two-week intensive Bike Education program last term. We congratulate these students on their selection and wish them all the very best for the event.

Colac Division Basketball

Next **Monday 20th October**, some of our senior students, along with Mr King, will be heading to Bluewater in Colac to take part in the Colac Division Basketball Tournament. We had a strong level of interest from our senior students in representing the school, particularly among the boys. Priority for selection was given to Grade 6 students who play basketball, as well as students who consistently play basketball (winter and summer) and have demonstrated strong teamwork and sportsmanship.

We have a team of nine girls competing in the morning, followed by a group of boys playing at 12:00 pm. We wish all those competing the very best of luck as they represent our school and thank the parents who are assisting with transport to Colac.



Trivia Night- this Friday night!

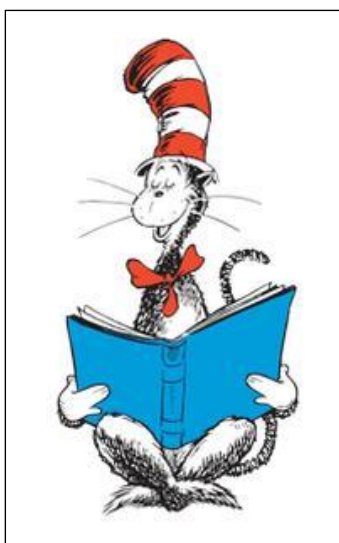
Our highly anticipated Trivia Night is this **Friday 17th October!**

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

We still have some tickets remaining, so if you haven't purchased yours yet, be sure to do so ASAP to avoid missing out. It is BYO nibbles with drinks available for purchase at bar prices. If anyone is available to help with setup on **Friday morning at 10:30am** we would love some support! Looking forward to a fun and social night!



Reading Relay is back in 2025!



Following the success of last year's Reading Relay, the Junior School Council (JSC) is excited to be hosting another one on **Thursday 30 October**, in just under three weeks. This year's event will raise money to support our new library cataloguing and borrowing system, which we hope to have up and running in 2026, as well as to purchase some new books for our growing collection.

It's a huge job to barcode and catalogue every book, and Mrs Leigh and Kristie Malone have been working hard behind the scenes to make this happen.

What is a Reading Relay?

On Reading Relay Day, our amazing students will keep the pages turning from 9am to 3pm, with breaks for recess and lunch (because even the best bookworms need to refuel!). Each class will have their moment to shine in our comfy, inviting Multi-Purpose Room, decked out just for the occasion.

Students are encouraged to bring along their favourite book or whatever they're currently reading. But wait, there's more! We're calling on parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to sponsor this bookish marathon. Keep an eye out for a sponsorship form being sent home this week.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful event and helping us continue to build a love of reading at Birregurra Primary School.

Talent Quest & Market Day

Preparations are underway for our annual Talent Quest and Market Day, which will be held on **Friday 7th November**. This is a day where we celebrate the talents, courage and creativity of our students as they perform in front of the whole school community.

Talent Quest forms have been distributed to students in Years 1–6 and need to be returned by **Monday 27 October**. Our prep students will attend as spectators, allowing them to experience the event and gain an understanding of what it is all about.

The Talent Quest kicks off at 9:30am and will be followed by the Birre Café, open to parents and carers in the Art Room from 11:00 to 11:30am, proudly run by our Junior School Council representatives.

Following this, our Market Stalls will operate from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Teachers are currently supporting students to plan and prepare their stalls, helping to ensure a balance of fun activities, items to purchase, and a small selection of food and drink options.

Don't forget to pop this one on your calendar as it is always a wonderful day of creativity, collaboration and community spirit.

Lunch Orders

A big thank you once again to Jemma and helpers for the delicious lunches on Friday. Just a reminder that order forms are due back by 9:00am on **Wednesday mornings**. Payments can be made by sending cash to the office, or through EFTPOS or direct deposit into the school bank account.

Please see the volunteer roster below. Volunteers assist with packing lunches, handing out to classrooms and cleaning up. If you'd like to join, just send an email to birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au. If the date doesn't suit, let us know and we can arrange a swap.

DATE	VOLUNTEERS (Approximately 1:00- 2:15)
Friday 17 th October	Sarah Scott
Friday 24 th October	Jess Buchanan
Friday 31 st October	Sarah Green
Friday 7 th November	No lunch orders due to Market Day

Friday 14th November	Kristy Stagg
Friday 21st November	Cara Lidgerwood
Friday 28th November	Kristy Stagg

Calendar

The *Dates for the Diary* section has been updated for the remainder of the term to give everyone plenty of advance notice. Be sure to check it out and mark those important end of year events in your diaries. We have lots to look forward to, including end of year excursions, our school concert, graduation and the always exciting Colour Run.



2026 Preparations & Transitions

This is a busy time of year where we begin to plan for 2026 and engage in important transition programs including *kinder to school* and *primary to secondary* school transitions.

On **Tuesday October 21st** we will welcome Year 6 students from other local schools, including Beeac, Deans Marsh, Forrest, and Alvie Primary Schools, to join our Year 6 students. These students will participate in structured activities designed to strengthen connections with others who may be joining them at their secondary school for the next exciting stage of their education. This year this day is being supported by BATFORCE. There is also an online parent information session being held on **Tuesday 28th October** for Grade 6 families from 7pm-8.15pm. The session will cover topics such as:

- Importance of building school family partnerships in secondary school
- Supporting your Young Person to be their authentic self
- Supporting healthy & respectful relationships
- Supporting kids to ride the bumps
- The importance of role modelling
- Boundary setting & conflict resolution
- Importance of community connection
- Family tech support
- Where to go when worry happens
- 'What's your plan?' tool

The following link will take you to the session on the 28th –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970661216?pwd=gyChwR31CafzrmqEbahzs2zhrUtoJE.1>

We are also beginning to look at possible class structures and staffing for 2026. It can be a real “numbers game” and the more accurate in terms of student enrolments we are the better. If you have a child (or know of a child) that is of school age next year and have not yet completed an enrolment form for them to attend Birregurra Primary School, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you have changing circumstances in 2026 and this will be reflected in your child’s enrolment at our school, we kindly ask that you contact our school office to inform us of your intentions for 2026. This will help us to plan our class structures and staffing arrangements.

Reminders

- Assembly is on Friday @ 2:45pm. Grade 1/2L are presenting.
- A reminder yard supervision commences at 8.40am daily. Students **should not** arrive earlier than this time unless they are either attending Before School Care with TheirCare or Breakfast Club on a Thursday morning.
- Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled so that they can be returned to the owner if found.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week. As always please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or I if you have any concerns or questions.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
Thursday 16 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Bike Ed Challenge in Colac – selected students
Friday 17 th October	- Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 1/2L Class Presentation - Clubs 12:30-1:30 - Trivia Night - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Monday 20 th October	- Colac Division Basketball – selected students
Tuesday 21 st October	- Tools for Transition Day – Gr 6 Students
Thursday 23 rd October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 24 th October	- Surf Lifesaving Day – Gr 5/6 Students - Clubs 12:30-1:30
Tuesday 28 th October	- Buddy visits for incoming 2026 preps
Thursday 30 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Reading Relay
Friday 31 st October	- World Teachers Day - Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 1/2M Class Presentation
Tuesday 4th November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 5 th November	- Lorne Band visiting 11:30am
Thursday 6 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Cricket – selected students
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 - Grade 6 Excursion – TBC
Friday 28 th November	- 2026 Prep Transition Session 2 – 9am – 11.30am - STOMP Session - Assembly 2.45pm – Gr 5/6 Class Presentation

Tuesday 2 nd December	- Small Schools Transition Day CSC & Trinity College
Thursday 4 th December	- P-2 End of Year Excursion - 3-6 End of Year Excursion
Friday 5 th December	- STOMP session
Tuesday 9 th December	- Statewide Transition Day for Grade 6's attending CSC & Trinity - 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 - 9am - 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	- Semester Two reports distributed to parents
Friday 12 th December	- STOMP session - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
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





Kids Voucher Program

“Get Active Victoria” are helping eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation.

The Program delivers vouchers of up to \$200 to Victorian children who are listed on a current Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Australian Government Medicare Card.

You will be able to present your voucher to your activity provider when you pay and get up to \$200 off your child’s registration and membership fees and any included uniform and equipment.

Important Dates

- Applications open: 10am 15 October 2025
- Applications close: 13 November 2025 (or earlier if the budget allocation is fully exhausted)
- Voucher expiry date: 31 December 2025

For further details and to apply for the vouchers head to

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/>



**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



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



HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 6:00 TO 8:00 ALL AGES
THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 6:00 TO 9:00 ONLY THE BRAVE!
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 6:00 TO 9:00 TRICK OR TREATERS
Sunday 2nd Nov 4:30 to 6:30pm LIGHTS ON NO SCARES

\$5 per person



LOG CABIN SCOUT HALL

Funds raised support local Scouts





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