

Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 2 – 9th October 2023

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

<u>Aspire</u> - 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 Two! We had a wonderful first week of Term Four enjoying the spaces in our new building and the use of our top oval once again. We have been impressed with how easily our students have settled into daily routines despite the change in environment for many of our students. Students have been excited to show their new classrooms to their families and we encourage you to pop in and have a tour of the building, its impressive!

Last week works continued in levelling out where the old building used to be. Our builders will continue to work on this area in the coming weeks completing landscaping and creating access paths to all buildings. Students have enjoyed watching the machines at work!

Welcome

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to John (Grade 5) and Evie (Prep) and their family to Birregurra Primary School and trust that our school community will make them feel welcome. We look forward to getting to know them better and working together to ensure a positive educational experience for all. Welcome to Birregurra Primary School!

Greater Western Regional Athletics

On Friday, Elodie, Vivienne, Mia and Georgia travelled to Llanberris Athletics Reserve in Ballarat to participate in the Greater Western Regional Athletics along with Mr King. The girls represented our school extremely well and should feel very proud for making it to this level of competition. Vivienne placed 7th in the triple jump and Georgia placed 4th also in triple jump. Huge thanks to the parents/carers that transported their children to the event





and encouraged their participation. Well done girls!

Clubs is Back!

Last week we had our first session of our new Term Four Clubs. Feedback from staff and students has been very positive with students enjoying the opportunity to be hands on, creative and to mix with other students in an area of interest. There are lots of happy snaps from our first sessions in today's newsletter.

2024 Preparations & Transitions



This is a busy time of year where we begin to plan for 2024 and engage in important transition programs including *kinder to school* and *primary to secondary* school transitions. This *Tuesday* **10**th **of October**, our grade 5 students will walk to the pre-school

to meet their 2024 Prep buddies and reminisce about their own kinder days. This is always a highlight for our grade 5 students and kinder students alike. Alternative arrangements for those not attending the pre-school to meet their buddies have been made.

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

On *Wednesday October 18th*, we will welcome grade 6 students from other local schools, including Beeac, Deans Marsh, Forrest, and Alvie Primary Schools, to join our grade 6 students. These students will participate in structured activities designed to strengthen connections with others who will be joining them at their secondary school for the next exciting stage of their education.

We are also beginning to look at possible class structures and staffing for 2024. 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 you 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 2024 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 2024. This will help us to plan our class structures and staffing arrangements.

Lunch Orders

A reminder that lunch orders are available weekly. Orders must be placed by **9:00am Thursday morning** via QuickCliq (https://quickcliq.com.au/) for delivery on Friday. The menu utilises a traffic light system. Foods are classified as GREEN, AMBER or RED according to their nutritional value. Foods in the GREEN category represent the healthiest choices. AMBER foods should be selected carefully and consumed in moderation. Foods in the RED category are not considered essential for a healthy diet. If they are consumed too often, or in large amounts, they can lead to weight gain and chronic diseases. It is advisable to limit intake of RED foods.

Reminders

➤ 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 Tuesday morning. This is particularly important with the current works taking place at school and to ensure everyone's safety!



A friendly reminder that children should NOT bring toys from home to school unless for a specific purpose, for example show and tell or to assist concentration within the classroom as discussed with staff.

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

Jess Kattwinkel & team



Dates for the diary ...

Monday 9th 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
	- Grade 3/4 Camp Medical Form due
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
Friday 20 th October	- Final Payment for Gr 3/4 Camp due
Monday 23 rd October -	- Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin - Anglesea
Tuesday 24 th October	· · ·
Tuesday 24 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 27 th October	- World Teachers Day
	- Book Club Orders due by 9am
	- Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 31st 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

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Please ignore dates on the flyer but use the QR code for kids to register.

The program was pushed back and begins on the 9^{th} of October.

