



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 3 – 19th October 2026

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 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

WEEK

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Welcome to Week 3. As this is the last newsletter I'll be writing for the year, I'll be handing over the reins to Alistair Burrell for the remainder of the term. I'm confident Alistair will do an amazing job and look forward to seeing the term continue to be a positive one for our school community. A huge thank you again for the lovely messages of support I've received. It means a lot to know that I have the support of our wonderful school community, and I really appreciate everyone who has taken the time to reach out.

Colac Division Basketball

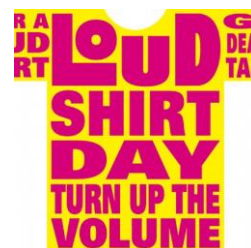
Last Monday, a group of senior girls and boys travelled to Colac to participate in the Colac Division Basketball Competition. Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students who were willing to participate in the tournament and represent our school. Both teams performed exceptionally well on the day, with the girls making it through to the semi-final and the boys narrowly missing out on the finals by percentage.

A big thank you to the parents who assisted with transporting our students, scoring and supporting them throughout the event. Special thanks also to Mr King for coaching both teams.



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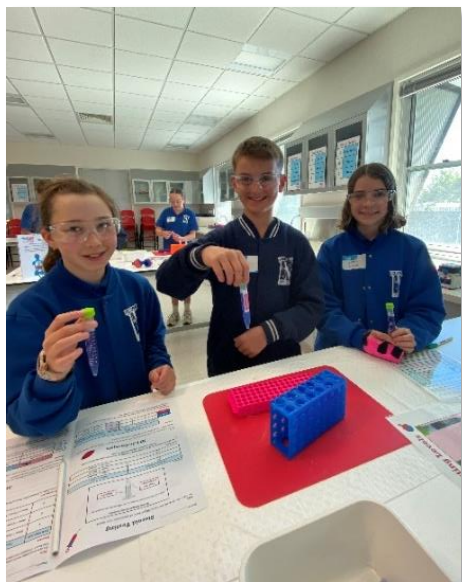
Thanks to everyone who wore a LOUD shirt last Wednesday for LOUD Shirt Day! It was great to see so many bright and colourful shirts as we raised money to support children living with hearing loss. A big thank you to everyone who got involved and supported this great cause! We raised \$104 for this great cause!



BioLAB Excursion

Last Friday, our Grade 5/6 students attended BioLab, where they had the opportunity to learn in a different environment through hands-on experiences. These opportunities allow students to explore new concepts, build their knowledge and engage with learning in a practical way. It was great to see our students getting involved and making the most of this experience!

School Councillors – Kelly Dodds, Emily McDonald, Cassie Stephens, Sarah Green, Katie Delahunty, Belinda Matheson, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.



Sharing our Literacy Practice

On Tuesday, we will welcome staff from Rollins Primary School who are visiting to observe our literacy block in practice. Our students are used to having visitors pop into their classrooms, and we love the opportunity to open our doors and share our teaching and learning with colleagues from other schools. It's always great to be able to share the work happening at Birre and learn from one another.

Birregurra P.S. Talent Quest & Market Day 2027

Our annual Talent Quest and Market Day is coming up on **Friday 6th November**, and we are looking forward to seeing the many talents and creative ideas our students have to share! Students in Years 1–6 are invited to participate in the Talent Quest, which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room from 9:30am. Our Prep students will watch the Talent Quest this year rather than perform. This gives them an opportunity to become familiar with how the Talent Quest works, watch their peers perform in front of a large audience and begin developing the confidence they will need when it is their turn to participate in future years. This year, we are providing some additional support to students as they develop their performances. Students will work with their classroom teacher to share their ideas, decide whether they would like to perform individually or with others, and identify who they would like to perform with. Teachers will also assist students who need help finding a group or developing their performance idea. Students will have opportunities to develop and practise their performances at school before classroom auditions are held during Week 4. Once performances have been confirmed, families will receive information about their child's performance and any costumes, props or music they may need to provide.



Following the Talent Quest, 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.

Reminders

- Ice-creams available at lunchtime today - \$1
- Toastie Tuesday – cheese toasties available at lunchtime for \$2.
- Lunch orders due by Wednesday morning 9:00am via Spriggy Schools for Friday lunch.
- 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 if you have any questions or queries.

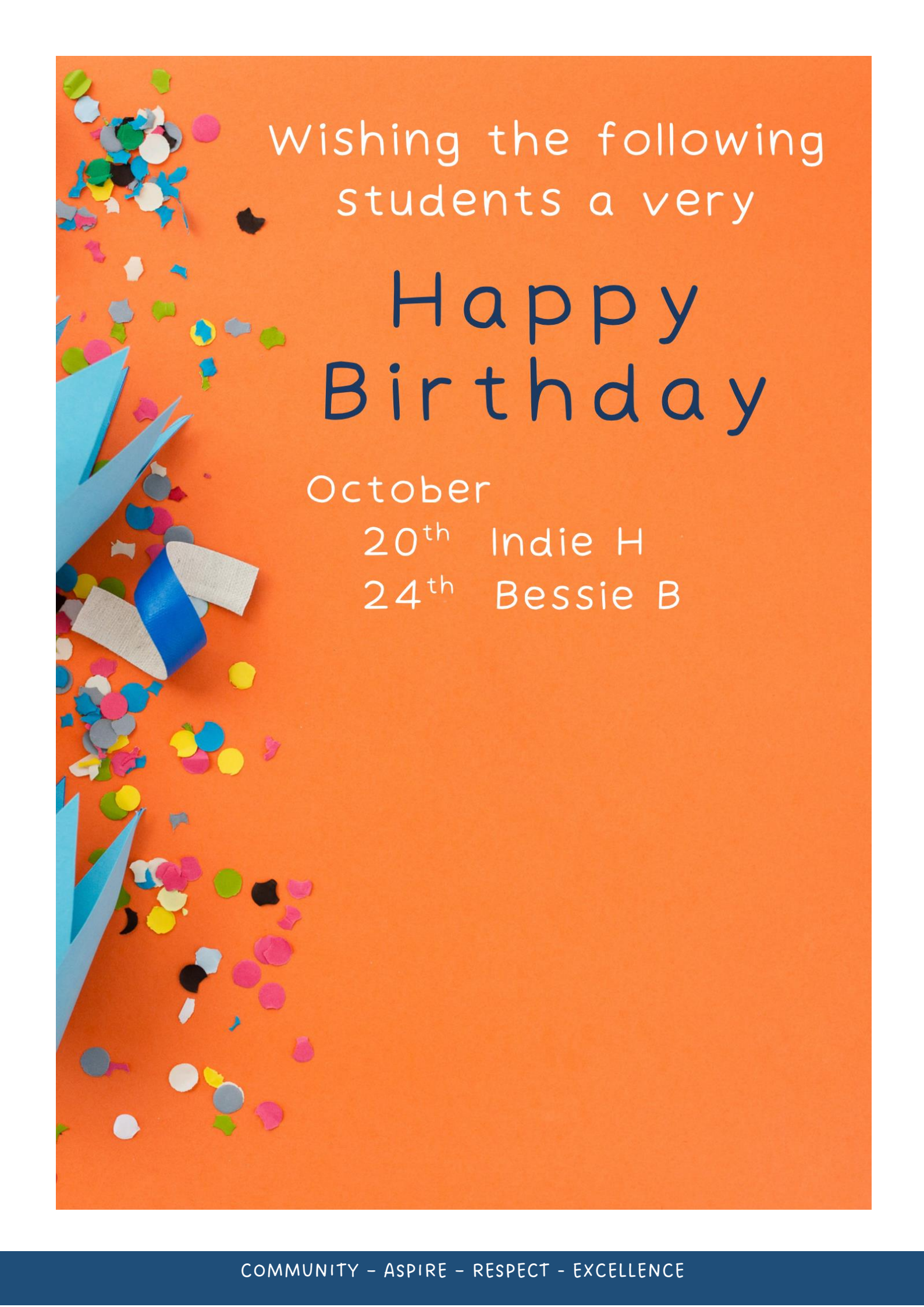
Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 4	
Monday 19 th October	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams \$1
Tuesday 20 th October	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties \$2
Thursday 22 nd October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 26 th October	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams \$1 - School Council 6.30pm
Tuesday 27 th October	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties \$2
Thursday 29 th October	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 30 th October	- World Teachers' Day - Grade 5/6 Ocean Leader's Day, Lorne - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 1/2 Class Presentation
Saturday 31 st October	- Otway Women's Day 12pm-5pm
Monday 2 nd November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams \$1
Tuesday 3 rd November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 5 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Cricket Lightning Premiership, selected students
Friday 6 th November	- Talent Quest & Market Day
Monday 9 th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams \$1 - Lorne Band Visit
Tuesday 10 th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties \$2 - Grade 5 Buddy Visit to Kinder
Thursday 12 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 13 th November	- STOMP - Assembly 2.45pm, Prep/1 Class Presentation
Monday 16 th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams \$1
Tuesday 17 th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties \$2
Thursday 19 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 20 th November	- 2027 Prep Transition Session 1 – 9am – 11am - STOMP
Monday 23 rd November	- Common Professional Practice Day – No students at School
Tuesday 24 th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties \$2
Thursday 26 th November	- Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day
Friday 27 th November	- 2027 Prep Transition Session 2 – 9am -11.30M - STOMP - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation

Students of the Week

Respect	Ivy L	For the thoughtful way you interact with everyone in our classroom. You show kindness, compassion and respect. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model Ivy!
	Hattie K	For the kind and caring way you have been including many of your class friends. Thank you for making everyone feel welcome!
	Val C	For the way you consistently use your manners and show respect towards your peers and staff. You are a wonderful role model, Val! Keep it up!
	Maddie D	For the way you consistently show respect for our classroom expectations and encourage others to do the same. You always lead by example and help those around you make positive choices. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model and for showing our school values every day. You are a star, Maddie!
	Byron S	You have made a great start to the term by contributing to a positive classroom environment by following expectations and showing respect towards your peers and teachers. Keep up the wonderful work!
	Indie H	For consistently showing respect to your peers and teachers, by being polite and following classroom expectations. Awesome effort Indie, keep up the great work!
Excellence	Nova A	For showing persistence during our reading and writing activities. It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow. Keep it up Nova.
	Alice L	For your fantastic effort identifying dependent and independent clauses while reading our mentor text 'Tiddler'. Awesome work, Alice!
	Wallace B	For being a superstar learner this week and completing all your work. You have taken pride in your learning and consistently tried your best. Well done, Wallace! Keep up the fantastic effort!
	Blake S	For the fantastic way you have challenged yourself in your learning since returning to school, particularly in Maths. You have shown a willingness to tackle tricky tasks, try new strategies and push yourself out of your comfort zone. Keep up the great effort, Blake!
	Roy C	For demonstrating enthusiasm and a willingness to challenge yourself during Sounds-Write lessons. You actively participate, apply your learning and put your best effort into every activity. Keep up the fantastic work!
	Augie C	For showing a willingness to challenge and extend yourself in Maths. You have been doing a terrific job, keep up the great work Augie!
Art	Clementine D	Well done Clem on always giving every art lesson your absolute best! You show creativity and care in every piece you complete!
Indonesian	Isabelle S	For consistently approaching Indonesian with a positive attitude and focus. You always strive to do your best. Bagus, Isabelle!
Phys Ed	Flynn L	For taking an absolutely spectacular catch during PE! Your fantastic hand-eye coordination and quick reactions were outstanding. What a grab!



Wishing the following
students a very

Happy Birthday

October

20th Indie H

24th Bessie B

November Mental Health First Aid Course

Four Wednesday evenings in November, funded through Let's Talk Colac and open to the community.

We've got 13 spaces left in our November Mental Health First Aid course, funded through Let's Talk and open to anyone in the community aged 18 and over. Lucky 13, if you like.

Most of us have had that moment when someone we care about seems off and we aren't sure what to say, or whether to say anything at all. Mental Health First Aid gives you the skills and confidence to:

- Notice the signs that someone is finding things hard
- Start a conversation in a way that feels natural and not awkward
- Listen without judgement
- Point someone toward the right support, including professional help

You don't need any background in mental health. It's a practical course for everyone: parents, coaches, colleagues, neighbours, regular everyday people.

Course details

When: Wednesday 4, 11, 18 and 25 November, 6.00pm to 9.30pm each evening

Where: Salvation Army Colac Meeting Room, 57 Dennis Street, Colac

Who: Anyone 18 years and over

To receive your accreditation, you'll need to attend all four evenings and complete an online component, so please check your calendar before you book.

[BOOK YOUR SPOT → <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1542300>]

Spaces are limited, so if you've been thinking about it, now's the time. And if you know someone who'd be great at this, forward them this email.

Got questions about the course? Get in touch at letstalkaustralia.org/contact-us and we'll help.

Warm regards,
The Let's Talk Colac team

If you or someone you know needs support right now, Lifeline is available 24/7 on 13 11 14.

[Secure Your Seat](https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1542300)

Thursday CLUB

Lunchtime

1:45–2:15

in the
Art Room with
Ms Bath



**For our first project
you will need to bring
a used CLEAN glass jar.**



UNVEILING OF THE
KLAY McCORMACK
PLAQUE AND STONE

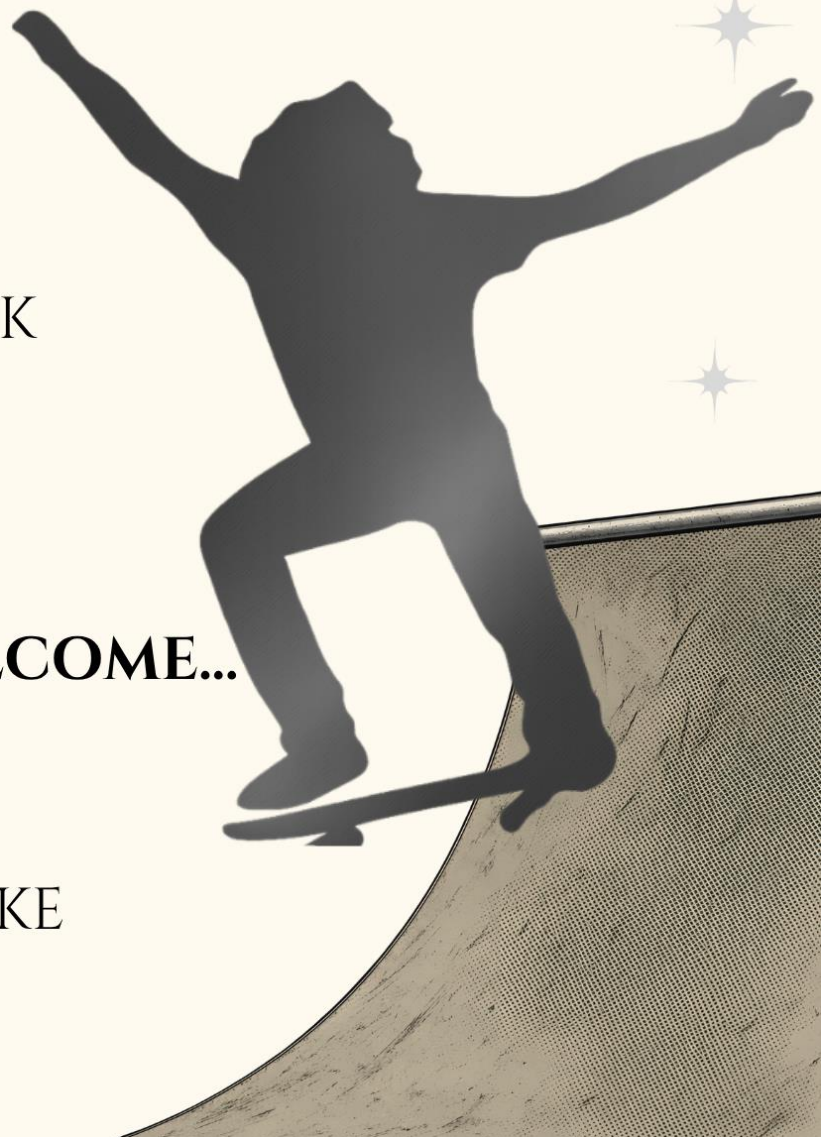
AT THE BIRREGURRA SKATEPARK

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2026
AT 12 NOON

FREE SAUSAGE
AND SOFT DRINK
AFTER THE
UNVEILING

EVERYONE WELCOME...

BRING YOUR
SKATEBOARD,
SCOOTER, OR BIKE
SEE YOU THERE!





ANNIVERSARY 10 YEARS

RUN THE MARSH 2026

JOIN US FOR OUR 10TH BIRTHDAY!

RUN THE MARSH Frogwood Arboretum

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER
9AM - 11AM
 THE COTTAGE & FROGWOOD ARBORETUM

CHOOSE FROM...

- 5KM OPEN RUN
- 2KM PRIMARY OR 2KM SECONDARY RUN
- 3KM WALK

\$15 ADULTS | \$5 KIDS
REGISTER TODAY

Great Prizes to Be Won
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for 5km Open, 2km Secondary & 2km Primary Runs
 Chocolate Medals for All!

Entertaining Warmup
 A fun and easy way to get started for a family friendly fun run!

Coffee & Refueling
 Enjoy a coffee when you arrive plus fresh fruit platter & head to The Store for lunch after the run!

Sustainable Event
 Enjoy a fun active morning in the beautiful Arboretum. BYO drink bottle. Sorry NO dogs allowed!



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SURF COAST COUNCIL **THE COTTAGE**

FREE

Halloween Family Event

Thursday 29th October

Check your local store for more details

Activities and fun for the whole family

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Come Trick or treating to the Timber yard.
 Best dressed prizes, Sausage sizzle.
 Daring treasure dig, Games, Halloween Craft.
 DIY Lantern and Candle decoration.
 Vote for your favourite Scarecrow entry.

Don't miss out, register now!

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BUNNINGS warehouse




Rotary

says **NO** to **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Join us on
Saturday October 24th
 at the annual
Walk for Respect
 to help put an end to
 domestic violence.

10:30am - 12pm
Memorial Square, Colac

Rotary 

OCR FM and Majella Brown present a

Country Music and Mixed Dance Afternoon

Sunday 25th October
1pm to 5pm
at the Colac RSL




Starring Ian 'Bidge' Boyd, Jenny Little, Robyn Gleeson and Norm Whitton

An OCR FM fundraiser
 Door prize and raffles on the day
 Tea and coffee available
 Admission \$12
All welcome




For more information contact Majella 0429 358 441