



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 3 – 20th 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

WEEK 3

Welcome to Week Three! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful weekend. We've had a busy and exciting start to our final term of 2025, with a range of incursions, Clubs, and the Bike Ed Challenge.

Our Clubs program continues to be a great opportunity for student voice and choice. It's been fantastic to see students from different year levels coming together in multi-age groups to share their interests and passions. There are two more Clubs sessions to go this term before we look forward to our Talent Quest and Market Day, followed by the start of our STOMP sessions.

Colac District Bike Education Challenge

Last Thursday, a team of nine students proudly represented our school at the Colac District Bike Education Challenge, held at the Colac Showgrounds. The event brought together schools from across the district to showcase students' cycling knowledge, skills, and teamwork in a fun and competitive setting.

Our students demonstrated great focus, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. As the first team to complete the course, they didn't have the opportunity to see how it ran beforehand, which made their positive attitude even more impressive. Their preparation during our two-week intensive Bike Education program last term was evident, and they should be very proud of their efforts. A big congratulations to our team on their participation!



Trivia Night Thanks



What a great night of fun and connection we had at last Friday's Trivia Night! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, whether by purchasing tickets, joining in the competitions, or grabbing a drink at the bar. Your generosity made it a wonderful night, helping us move closer to our goal of installing a new playground for our students to enjoy in the future.

A special thank you to Peter and Judy Brain for running the bar, and to Colac Cinemas, RAK Davis, Leanne Fitzpatrick, and our staff for their generous donations towards the winning table and competition prizes.

Colac Division Basketball

Today, a group of our senior students are representing our school at the Colac Division Basketball Tournament, held at Bluewater in Colac. Both our girls' and boys' teams are competing throughout the day, supported by Mr King and a number of parent helpers.

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

We wish both teams the very best as they take to the court today and thank the parents who have assisted with transport and support.

Tools for Transition – Small Schools, Big Connections

This **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, the day is being supported by BATFORCE. Please note that Grade 6 students will be making their own lunch and snacks, funded by the project.

There is also an online parent information session being held next **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>

Year 5/6 Surf Lifesaving Day

This **Friday 24th October**, students in Years 5/6 will head to Lorne Beach for an exciting Leadership Day focused on surf lifesaving. They'll learn about nippers, beach safety, and what it takes to become a surf lifesaver. Guided by qualified Bronze Medallion leaders and experienced surf lifesavers, students will take part in a variety of beach and water-based activities designed to build teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills.

Activities will include basic first aid, beach safety, identifying rips and currents, rescue board and tube practice, environmental sustainability and the marine environment.

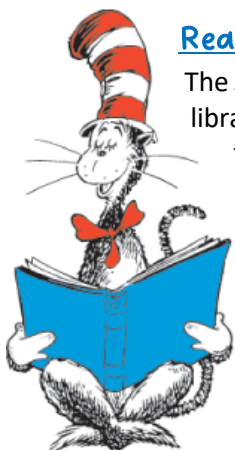
Students are to arrive at school by 8:45 am and will return by 3:15 pm for normal dismissal. Please ensure students wear school uniform with bathers underneath.

Wetsuits will be provided. Students should bring lunch, plenty of snacks, and water for an active day of fun and learning. Please ensure permissions and payment are completed on XUNO as soon as possible.



Clubs

Due to the Grade 5/6 Surf Lifesaving Day on Friday and staffing, clubs has been moved to Wednesday this week at 11:30am.



Reading Relay

The JSC is hosting a Reading Relay next **Thursday 30th October**, to help 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.

Thank you to those who have already returned their reading relay sponsorship forms and money. These can be returned right up until the day.

On the day, students are invited to bring along their favourite book, a special teddy, and/or a blanket to keep them comfortable during their hour of reading in the Multi-Purpose Room. Below is the schedule of when each class will be reading. Parents are most welcome to join in the fun!

Reading Schedule:

- 9:00-10:00 – Grade 5/6
- 10:00-11:00 – Grade 4/5
- 11:30-12:30 – Grade 3
- 12:30-1:30 – Grade 1/2L & 1/2M
- 2:15-3:15 - Grade Prep

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 the date doesn't suit, let us know and we can arrange a swap.

DATE	VOLUNTEERS (Approximately 1:00- 2:15)
Friday 24 th October	Jess Buchanan
Friday 31 st October	Sarah Green
Friday 7 th November	No lunch orders due to Market Day
Friday 14 th November	Kristy Stagg
Friday 21 st November	Sarah Scott
Friday 28 th November	Kristy Stagg

Reminders

- Year 5/6 Leadership Day – Lorne Beach, this Friday 24 October. Arrive by 8:45 am, return by 3:15 pm. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Permissions and payment due on XUNO.
- Colac Division Basketball is today. Good luck to our team representing the school. PE changes: Prep PE will run Monday as normal, and Years 1–6 will have PE on Thursday this week.
- Small Schools Transition Day for Grade 6 students is on Tuesday.
- A reminder that hats are required for all outdoor activities this term. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.
- Tissues and Spare Uniforms. Donations of tissues and small spare uniform items (especially shorts and track pants) are appreciated for classroom and office use.

Wishing everyone a fabulous week. As always, please don't hesitate to make contact should you have any questions, queries or feedback.

Jess Kattwinkel & team 😊

Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
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



Principal's Award

Bella C

For demonstrating impressive personal growth through consistent effort, positive attitude, and a willingness to take on new challenges. Awesome work Bella!

Students of the Week

Community	Chloe S	For the kind and caring way you interact with your peers, always checking in to make sure that everyone is okay! Thanks for being so thoughtful Chloe.
	Nate B	For the positive and inclusive way you participate in all classroom activities, ensuring everyone has a fair turn. You're a superstar Nate!
	Charlie G	For being a valuable member of our classroom community. You always listen carefully to instructions and show a positive 'can do' attitude towards every task. You are kind and helpful to your peers, always ready to lend a hand when they need it.
	Hudson G	For consistently showing generosity, empathy, and kindness towards your peers, and for bringing positivity and care to the classroom. Keep being you, Huddo!
	Hunter S	For showing a strong sense of community by supporting your classmates and always being willing to lend a helping hand. You set a great example of teamwork and respect. Keep it up Hunter! 杭特 (Háng tè)
	Augie C	You contributed to our community this week by supporting your classmates. Your enthusiasm and encouragement toward others' well-being is admirable. Well done, Augie!
Aspire	Angus C	For your tremendous effort during your maths fluency. I love how enthusiastically you complete our activities. You have made wonderful growth Angus!
	Sunny H	For your outstanding effort to write engaging and entertaining dialogue with accurate punctuation. Awesome work, Sunny!
	Phoebe M	For setting high expectations for yourself during our fluency lessons. You embrace challenges with enthusiasm and show great support towards your fluency partner. Keep up the fantastic work!
	Tess M	For making a wonderful start on your explanation text. You organised your ideas clearly and used descriptive language to really hook in your reader. Amazing work, Tess!
	Fletcher L	You aspire by putting genuine effort into your learning and show determination to improve. You take on challenges with a positive attitude. Well done Fletch!
	Jackson S	I couldn't fault your organisational skills this week. You have consistently come prepared and ready to learn for each lesson. Keep up the great work, Jacko!
Art	Harvey B	Well done on an excellent start to our Art and STEAM Topographic Model and Contour Map project. Your interest, focus, and precision in your work was excellent - well done Harvey!
PE	MuYa C	For always demonstrating our Phys Ed values of Teamwork, Sportsmanship and Fun!
Indonesian	Rosie H	For consistently approaching each task with focus, a positive attitude and determination. You welcome challenges and always strive to do your best! Bagus, Rosie!



Stress, Worry or Anxiety?

This was sent to me recently and I thought it was worth sharing with the community. The flow chart steps the reader through a decision making process to determine if a problem you or your child is encountering is stress, worry or anxiety. Kids Helpline have some wonderful resources available online and this could be a useful tool if your child is experiencing one of these emotions. Please remember to seek professional help if needed.

- Brendan King



kidshelpline.com.au | 1800 55 1800



2025/26 Junior Blasters



Commencing 20th Nov 2025
at 5pm

Thursday nights at 5pm
Birre cricket ground

Recommended for
girls and boys aged 4-11
years



Register via the link

Children's Week 2025

Everyone should know about Children's Rights

18-26 October

Date & Time: Thursday 23rd October 2025, 10am – 1pm

Where: 3rd 4th Scout Hall - 100 Dennis Street
[down the hill behind the Police Station]



Artwork Winner: Keiko Prasetyo (6YO) 'Bubble Rights' - "I love to play with bubbles. This drawing is about children's rights to be safe and grow. They need to have a family, to have a safe home, a warm bed and to eat. They need to have a school, to play, to talk or to say what they want and to be listened to - even with a book (PECS) if they can't talk."



MELI



Department of Education



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
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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

