



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 3 – 16th 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

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



Welcome to Week Three! I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. Last week was another great week with lots of fun learning opportunities including division basketball for our senior students, a buddy visit and the very popular clubs.

2024 Preparations

We are 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 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.

Colac Division Basketball

Last Monday, some of our Grade 6 students headed to Colac to participate in the Colac Division Basketball competition. Congratulations to the following girls- Layla, Georgia, Mia, Daisy, Kyra and Tilly for their efforts and willingness to represent our school at this level. Congratulations also to our boys’ team- Marshall, Ollie, Jonah, Beau, Tyrell, and Sebi who were competitive throughout the day narrowly missing finals based on percentage. Thanks also to Mr Burrell for coaching and supporting the teams and to the parents that transported their children to and from the event.

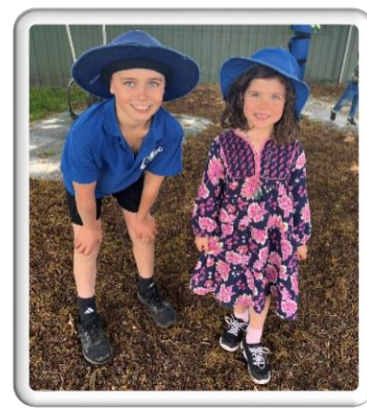


Kinder Buddy Visit

Last Tuesday, Miss Erskine and I, accompanied by our Grade 5 students, eagerly ventured to Birregurra Pre-School to meet our 2024 Prep buddies. This provided a wonderful opportunity to establish important connections in anticipation of the pre-school children's first transition day later this term. The senior students shared their experiences and provided guidance, nurturing a strong sense of support that will be of great value as they commence their educational journey together. The visit was also a great opportunity for Miss Erskine, our 2024 Prep teacher, to chat to the children and learn more about their likes and interests.

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

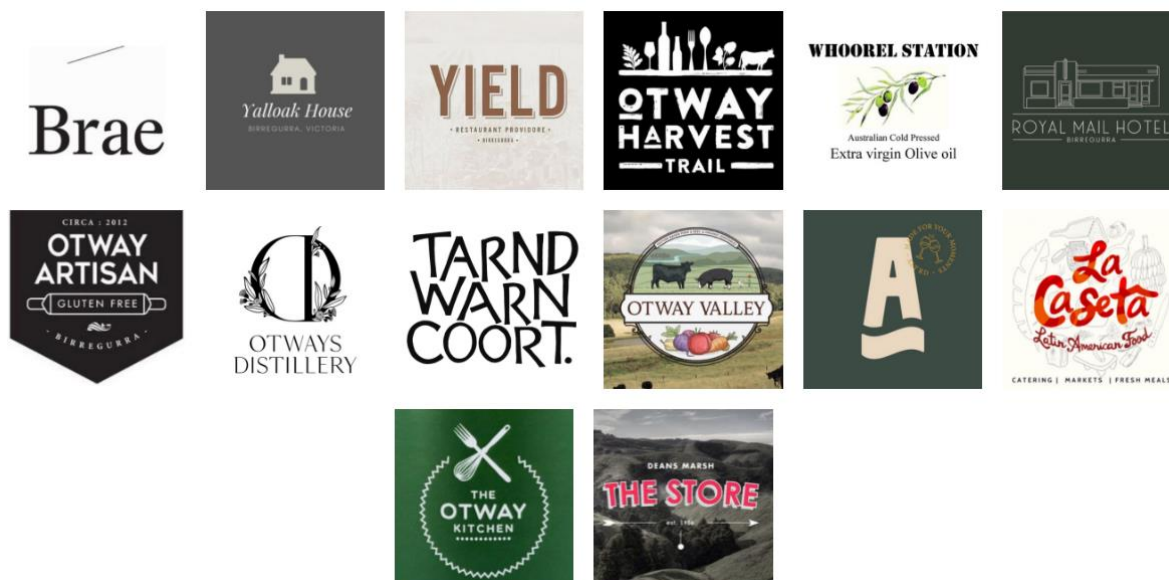
We look forward to more interactions and activities as the term progresses, strengthening these budding friendships, as we prepare for a successful 2024 at Birregurra Primary School.



2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle

Our 2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle launches **today**, and we are thrilled to announce that this year's raffle is our largest one yet, featuring over \$6,000 in prizes. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jules Bagnato for once again organising and coordinating this amazing raffle fundraiser! We greatly appreciate the support of Jules and Dan at Brae Restaurant, as well as the backing of other fabulous local businesses that have helped make this year's raffle our most successful yet. This year, some of our region's favourite food, wine, and travel experiences have come together to raise funds for our school's new learning spaces.

Buy a \$5 ticket online at <https://rafflelink.com.au/bps2023> for a chance to win a share of over \$6,000 in prizes from Brae Restaurant, Yallock House, Yield, Otway Harvest Trail, Whoorel Station Olives, Royal Mail Hotel Birregurra, Otway Artisan, Otways Distillery, Tarndie Farm, Otway Valley, Alt Road, La Caseta, The Otway Kitchen, and The Store Deans Marsh.



Lunch time Activities

We are thrilled to reintroduce Hip Pop Monday and Feel Good Friday during our lunchtimes, starting today. Hip Pop Monday will offer students of all ages the chance to enjoy music, dance, and a positive atmosphere, kickstarting the week. We will then end the week on a high note by providing our students with the opportunity to express their creativity through pavement chalk drawings. We look forward to seeing student's enthusiasm and participation.

Small Schools, Big Connections

This **Wednesday October 18th**, Grade 6 students from Beeac, Deans Marsh, Forrest, and Alvie Primary Schools, will join our grade 6 students to participate in a range of team building activities designed to build interschool connections ahead of secondary school. We look forward to sharing more about this day next week!



Bike Education Challenge

This **Thursday October 19th**, nine students from Grade 5/6 will represent our school at the 2023 Bike Education Interschool Challenge being held at the Colac Showgrounds. The challenge involves the students riding a specially designed course, demonstrating bike and road safety, knowledge and skills.

Events in the Middle East

Many school communities across our state are being affected by the devastating events in the Middle East. As the situation continues to unfold, this time may be distressing for staff, students, families, and carers who have extended family and friends in Israel and Gaza, as well as those with connections to the region. It is possible that extremely distressing scenes from the conflict may be posted online in the coming days. Please ensure that your children are aware of where they can find support in the event, they come across such images. At our school, this includes talking to Mr. King (Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader), Sue Bath (Chaplain) or I. We have also provided some links to resources that may be helpful:

[Helping my children after trauma: A guide for parents.](#)

Support is also available through external services including:

[headspace](#): 1800 650 890

[Kids Helpline](#): 1800 551 800

[Lifeline](#): 13 11 14

[Beyond Blue](#): 1300 224 636.

Reminders

- Breakfast Club is on Tuesday morning @ 8:15am
- Lunch orders are available weekly via Quickcliq, orders due **Thursday 9:00am** for Friday delivery.
- Please communicate changes to afternoon arrangements to your child's teacher via diary, SeeSaw or Xuno or by phoning the office. This will avoid any confusion after school.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Wishing everyone a fabulous Week 3.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the diary ...

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 - 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 - Book Club Orders due by 9am - 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



BIRRE & DEANS MARSH HOOPS!

PREP & GRADE 1 BOYS & GIRLS
 MONDAYS 3.30 – 4.15 PM
 BIRRE RECREATION RESERVE
 WITH COACH PIA

6 WEEK PROGRAM
 MONDAY 23RD October – MON 27TH November

\$40 Registration Includes SIZE 5 BASKETBALL

EMAIL: BIRREDEMONSBC@OUTLOOK.COM

Students of the Week

Prep	Evie L	For a wonderful start to school at Birregurra. You have settled in with ease and are an enthusiastic learner. Keep up the great work Evie.
	Wallace B	For your wonderful weekend writing. You worked so hard to record your ideas. Well done Wallace!
Gr 1	Thomas McG	For the outstanding effort you put in to create your acrostic poem. You listened to feedback and had some fantastic ideas. Well done Thomas!
	Psalmody T	For your terrific effort finding the relationship between division and multiplication and accurately recording the number sentences. Awesome effort Psalmody!!
Gr 2/3	Mahalia M	For working collaboratively in Maths and persisting when she finds a task challenging. Your effort is paying off!
	Indie H	For working hard in all learning areas. You are showing great leadership with your effort towards learning, well done!
Gr 3/4	Harry C	For your effort in all of your schoolwork. You show real persistence and confidence when completing independent tasks. Well done!
	Vivienne G	For your enthusiasm for our writing lessons. You are doing such a great job with your sentence structure lessons, and you have embraced our quick write topics at the beginning of our lessons. Fantastic job and keep it up!
Gr 5/6	Daisy D	for your enthusiasm, teamwork and skill at the Lightning Premiership Basketball Day. Hitting the game winning shot after the buzzer was a great highlight.
	John P	For a wonderful start to school at Birregurra. You have settled in well and contributed many insightful comments and opinions. Keep up the good work John.
Art	Psalmody T	I am always asking you to "slow down". This week you really did and produced some fantastic, careful art. Keep it up!
	Georgia K	I love how much you love Art! Thank you for bringing the biggest smile and bundles of enthusiasm to every lesson.



Principal's Award

Michael H

For his positive start to the term and willingness to challenge himself.

WISHING THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

17th Kyra G

20th Indie H



HEALTH & WELLBEING

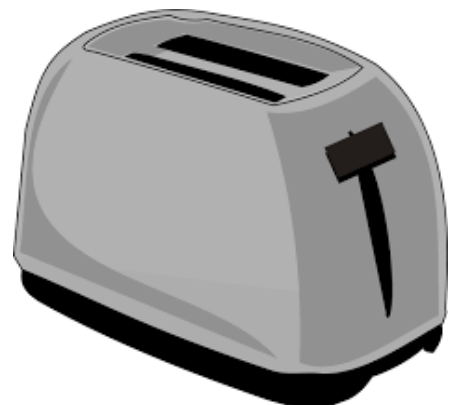
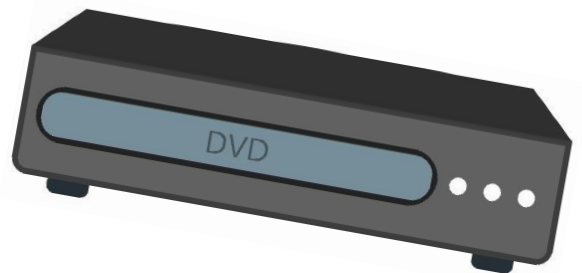
We are looking for donations of used goods to support our Friday, Tech Tinkerers and Furniture Fixes club. These items can include but are not limited to:

- Old or non-functional appliances (e.g., toasters, blenders, coffee makers)
- Broken electronic devices (e.g., laptops, smartphones, tablets)
- Defunct power tools or gadgets
- Outdated audiovisual equipment (e.g., DVD players, speakers)
- Old bikes, motors, gardening tools
- Any other electrical items that you'd like to donate.

Any donations can be dropped into the Wellbeing Room.

Thanks,

Brendan King





Lets Talk is a community driven not for-profit initiative that aims to reduce mental health stigma in our community, increase help seeking behaviours and raise the level of community competence in supporting someone with mental health issues.

Lets Talk Colac are hosting their annual Walk the Walk for Lets Talk, which is a virtual walkathon that spans the whole month of October (Mental Health Month). This event aims to bring the community together to walk, ride, jog or swim and racking up kms to get us virtually around the world. We know how important physical activity is for not only our physical but mental health. This month-long event is an opportunity to focus on your overall wellbeing, whilst raising awareness of all levels of Mental Health.

There is still time to get involved. You can find out more information on Lets Talk Colac's Facebook and Instagram pages or by following the QR code on the attached flyer.

We are hosting a session at Enchanted Cafe in Birregurra this Wednesday 18th October at 6.30pm baking biscuits for our end of month Random Act of Kindness giveaway. Feel free to pop along and assist in the baking session. Many hands make light work.

Walk the Walk for



This October!

LETSTALK



Month-long Walkathon

\$45 includes event shirt

Free weekly events

Enter as a team or individual

Walk, Run, Swim or Cycle!

Sign Up Now





Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: \$27

Place your order by: 27th October 2023

Order: Via below link or QR code

[Order Here](#) Money raised will be used for the building upgrade at the Kinder.

For Further information contact: Nickeeta
0417688558 or Secretary@birregurra.kindergarten.vic.gov.au



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which TheirCare resides, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

This Week!

It's Chess Week! We are going to be having heaps of fun playing and learning about Chess! We will also be celebrating 100 Years of Walt Disney with some fun Disney themed activities! Come along and join in on the fun!

Last Week!

We had so much fun throughout Space Week! We made Balloon Rockets, Shaving Cream Planets and Pom-Pom Solar Systems! We also learnt so many fun facts about the Solar System!

Reminders!

As we are in Term 4, all children are required to wear a hat and sunscreen while outside. Please make sure your child has a hat and sensitive sunscreen (if your child requires it) in their bags.



WeCare

This term, we are working towards a goal of raising money for Edgar's Mission alongside the other TheirCare services in our region.

Once we reach 100 stickers, TheirCare will donate \$50 to the charity on our behalf.

We are awarded stickers for displaying positive behaviours and attitudes throughout the term.




TIMES

Before School: 7:00am - 8:45am

After School: 3:15pm - 6:00pm

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