



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 4 – 26th 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 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



As we move through Week 4 of Term 4, there is plenty happening across Birregurra Primary School and lots to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

I have recently stepped into the role of Acting Principal and look forward to continuing to work alongside our staff, students and families to ensure we finish the year positively. Birregurra Primary School is in a great place, with exciting learning experiences and activities ahead, and our focus remains on providing a supportive, engaging and consistent environment for all students.

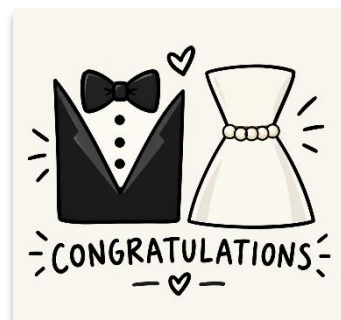
Open communication and strong relationships with our families remain a priority. Please feel welcome to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to have a chat. I value the connection between home and school and want to ensure our families continue to feel informed, supported and connected to what is happening across the school.

I look forward to the weeks ahead and finishing the year on a positive note as a school community.

Congratulations

We would like to wish Miss McLaren and her fiancé, Bailey, a huge congratulations as they prepare to get married! We wish them both a wonderful wedding and all the very best for this exciting next chapter together.

Miss McLaren will commence leave on Wednesday and return at the beginning of Week 6, Monday 9 November. During her absence, Alison McDonald will be teaching the Grade 2/3 class. We look forward to welcoming Miss McLaren back to school in November and wish her and Bailey a fantastic celebration!



Altered Eating Times

Over the next four weeks, we will be trialling a slight change to our daily eating and playtime schedule. The main change will be that students eat after their outside playtime, rather than before. Students will continue to have their fruit break at 10:00 am and will be encouraged to eat their lunch after our first break. Students will have their first playtime from 11:00 am to 11:25 am, followed by 10 minutes of eating time. In the afternoon, students will play from 1:35 pm to 2:05 pm before having 10 minutes to eat.

This trial aims to support students to enjoy their playtime before settling down to eat and return to learning. We will monitor how the change works for students and staff throughout the four-week period before reviewing the arrangement. Parents and carers are encouraged to check in with their children about how they are finding the new routine and whether they are having enough time to eat. Feedback from families will be welcomed as we review the trial. Please find a new school bell schedule for the next four weeks included with this weeks newsletter.

Grade 2/3 Pen Pal Visit

As part of our Respectful Relationships program, our Grade 2/3 students will visit their pen pals at Calvary Care, Barongarook Gardens Aged Care, on Tuesday 27 October. Students recently shared information about their pen pals at assembly and are looking forward to meeting them in person. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop meaningful connections across generations while practising empathy, kindness, respect and communication.

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

Trinity Visit

On Tuesday 27 October, representatives from Trinity College will visit our school to meet with the Grade 6 students who will be attending the college. This will be a great opportunity for students to connect with the college, ask questions and begin preparing for a smooth and positive transition.

Barwon Area Prin Forum

This Wednesday 28th of October, I will be attending the Barwon Area Principal Forum in Geelong. This forum brings together school leaders from across the Barwon area for a day of shared learning and important updates from the Department of Education. Please contact Mr Brendan King if you require assistance in my absence.

State Athletics Championships

We wish Kate M and Stella F all the best at the Victorian State Schools Athletics Carnival this Thursday. Kate will be competing in the triple jump, while Stella will take part in the high jump. Reaching this level of competition is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of both students for their efforts and dedication. We look forward to hearing how they go!

Grade 5/6 Ocean Leaders Day

On Friday 30th October, students will head to Lorne Beach for a Leadership Day focused on surf lifesaving. Students will 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 participate in a range of beach and water-based activities to develop their teamwork, confidence and leadership skills.

Activities will include:

- Basic first aid and beach safety
- Identifying rips and currents
- Rescue board and rescue tube practice
- Learning about environmental sustainability and the marine environment

World Teachers Day

This Friday, 30 October, we celebrate World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise and thank our wonderful teachers for the important role they play in the lives of our students. At Birregurra Primary School, we are fortunate to have a dedicated team who work hard to create engaging learning experiences, build positive relationships and support every student to achieve their best. We thank our teachers for their ongoing commitment, care and passion for learning, and for the many ways they contribute to making our school such a great place to learn and grow.



Term 4 Uniform Order

Uniform orders for Term 4 can be placed up until this Friday 30th October. A uniform order form has been attached with this newsletter.

We also have a large selection of second-hand uniforms available to purchase from the school office for just \$2 per item. It's a great way to pick up any extra uniform items your child might need!

Reminders

- School Council tonight 6.30pm
- 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 ahead. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to sharing more of the great things happening across Birregurra Primary School in our next newsletter.

Alistair Burrell & Team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 4	
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

Geelong Venom Basketball Clinics

Our Grade 3–6 students recently enjoyed basketball clinics with Geelong Venom WNBL players Mackenzie Hoycard, Rebecca Cole and Indiana Bowyer.

Students developed their basketball skills, participated in fun games and asked questions of these talented athletes. The sessions encouraged students to build confidence, work collaboratively, challenge themselves and enjoy being active in a positive and engaging environment.

A big thank you to Mackenzie, Rebecca and Indiana for sharing their knowledge and passion for basketball with our students. We wish the Geelong Venom team all the very best for the season ahead! - Mr King



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Wishing the following
students a very

Happy
Birthday

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school bell SCHEDULE

Time	Bell
9:00am	Start of School Day
9:07am	Sounds Write
9:37am	Learning Block 1
11:00am	First Break - Playtime
11:23am	Transition
11:25am	Eating Time
11:35am	Learning Block 2
1:35pm	Second Break - Playtime
2:03pm	Transition
2:05pm	Eating Time
2:15pm	Learning Block 3
3:15pm	End of Day

Wow, it's October!

The first three weeks of Term 4 have been full of fun, creativity and connection at OHSC! We celebrated World Animal Day and had lots of fun getting creative with a variety of craft activities. The children have loved spending time with friends, exploring their interests and sharing lots of smiles. We're looking forward to another fantastic term!



Tuesday 24 November is National Fairy Bread Day



WeCare Spotlight Charities for Term 4:
Food Bank and The Salvation Army

More information about our Special Days will be available soon! Book now at no extra cost to families.

Did you know your child could attend before or after school care for as little as \$2.30 per session*?

Government Support doesn't stop at Long Day Care! It can continue into Before School, After School and Holiday Care. The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) means your fees could be reduced by up to 90%. See how much you can save, visit

TheirCare.com.au/families/#ccs

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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!**

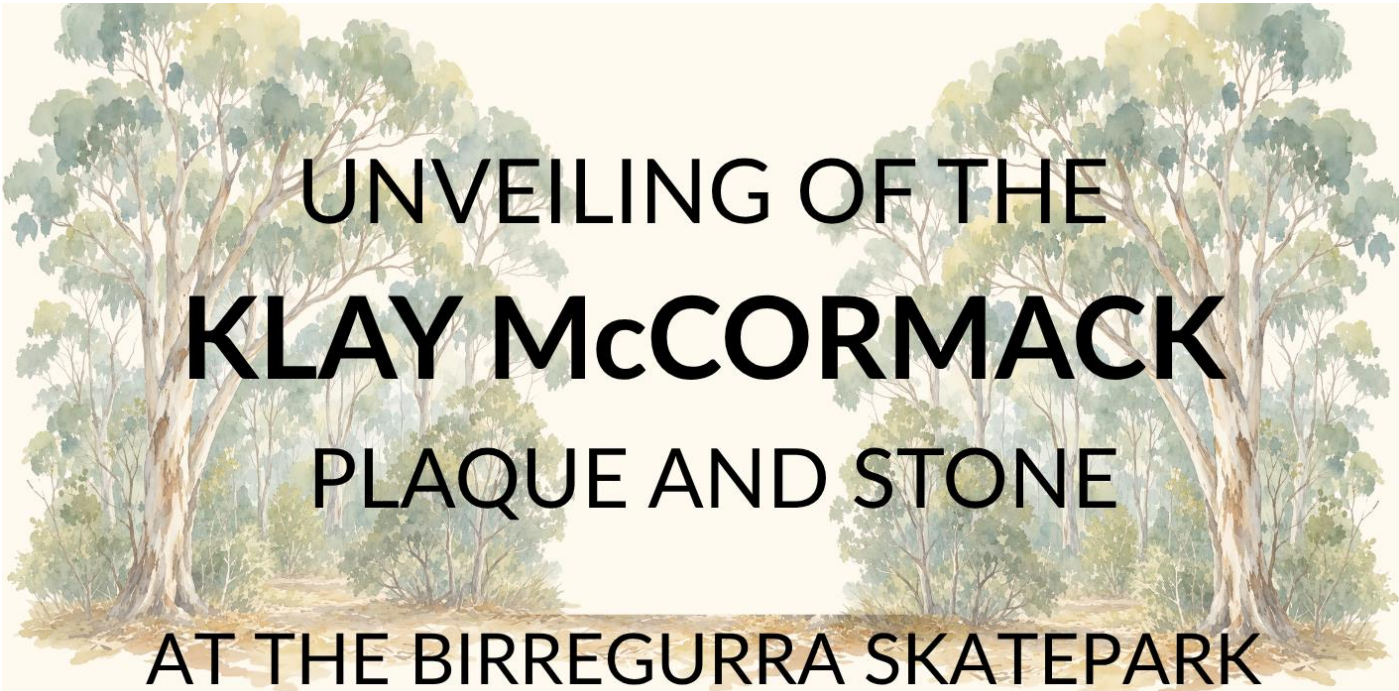


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UNVEILING OF THE **KLAY McCORMACK** PLAQUE AND STONE

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!

