Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 5 – 2nd November 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 5 of Term 4, we have another busy and exciting week ahead at Birregurra Primary School. With the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday on Tuesday and our much-anticipated Birregurra Talent Quest and Market Day taking place on Friday, there is plenty to look forward to!

The Talent Quest and Market Day is always a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together, celebrate the talents and creativity of our students, and enjoy the many activities on offer. A big thank you to the parents and carers who have supported their children in preparing their Talent Quest acts. Your encouragement and involvement help build students' confidence and make these opportunities even more special.

We would also like to sincerely thank the families who have generously purchased resources and items for the student market stalls. These donations are greatly appreciated and help subsidise the cost of our end-of-year excursions, ensuring we can continue to provide valuable experiences for our students.

School Council

Last Monday night we held our September School Council meeting. Reports presented and accepted included the Principal's Report, Junior School Council, Parents & Friends, and Buildings and Grounds.

Key items discussed were:

- Otway Women's Day
- Talent Quest & Market Day
- Grade 6 Graduation
- Students Attitude to School Survey
- Parent Opinion Survey
- School Performance Report
- Play / Eating times trial
- Staff professional learning: current and upcoming opportunities outlined.
- Curriculum reports from classroom teachers presented.
- We also ratified the finance reports for September.

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th December. If you wish to know more about any of the above items, please feel free to chat with one of our School Council members.

Grade 2/3 Pen Pal Visit



Our Grade 2/3 students had a wonderful time visiting their pen pals at Calvary Care, Barongarook Gardens. The students enjoyed spending time talking with their pen pals, sharing stories and learning more about each other. It was a lovely opportunity to build connections across generations while practising communication, kindness and respect. To finish the visit, the students came together to sing 'We Are Australian' in Auslan, creating a special and memorable moment for everyone involved.

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






State Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to Kate and Stella, who both did an amazing job representing Birregurra Primary School at the Victorian State Schools Athletics Championships! Kate achieved an impressive triple jump of 8.58 metres, while Stella cleared 1.28 metres in the high jump. Reaching the state finals is a fantastic achievement, and both girls should be incredibly proud of themselves. They demonstrated terrific sportsmanship, gave their events their best effort and, most importantly, had a great time. We are so proud of their dedication and the positive way they represented our school. Well done, Kate and Stella!





Grade 5/6 Ocean Leaders Day

Our Grade 5/6 students had a fantastic time at the Ocean Leaders Day at Lorne Beach last Friday. Students participated in a range of surf lifesaving activities, learning about beach safety, identifying rips and currents, practising rescue techniques and developing their teamwork and leadership skills. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to build their confidence, work together and learn important skills in a real-world setting. Thank you to the staff who supported the day and helped make it such a valuable experience for our students.

Otways Women's Day

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and running the Otways Women's Day. This event has been a massive effort, with so much time, planning and hard work going on behind the scenes to bring it all together. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, volunteered, donated and supported the day in any way. The fundraising from this event will make a significant contribution towards our school playground project and help us continue to create wonderful spaces for our students to play, connect and enjoy. It is fantastic to see our school community come together to support such an important project. Thank you again to everyone involved!

Berry Street Training

Today, a number of our staff will travel to Deans Marsh Primary School for the second day of their Berry Street Education Model training. This professional learning focuses on practical strategies to support student wellbeing, build positive relationships and help students feel safe, settled and ready to learn. Students in the affected classes will have a replacement teacher for the day. We appreciate everyone's flexibility as we continue to build our staff knowledge and strengthen the support we provide for our students.

BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL
Curriculum and Classroom Strategies

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday



A friendly reminder that ***tomorrow*** ***Tuesday 3rd November*** is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. There will be no school.

Cricket Lightning Premierships

This Thursday a group of senior students accompanied by Mr King and Mr Connor will head to Central Reserve in Colac to participate in the Interschool Cricket against other local schools. Please ensure permissions are completed on XUNO. We wish our teams the very best and look forward to hearing how they go.

Market Day/Talent Quest

Excitement is building for our annual Talent Quest and Market Day being held this ***Friday 6th November***. This is a day where we celebrate the talents, courage, and bravery of students as they perform in front of the whole school community. Auditions have taken place, and students are busily practicing their acts to build confidence.
Our Prep students will attend as spectators, allowing them to experience the event and gain an understanding of what it's all about.

The Talent Quest will begin at 10:00am and will be followed by the 'Birre Café,' which will be open to parents and carers in the Art Room from 11:00 to 11:30 am, run by our Junior School Council representatives.

Finally, our Market Stalls will operate from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Prices for Market Day items will vary. Students should bring a named wallet or purse, and small coins will help with giving change. A maximum of $20 is recommended.
Market Day is an integral part of our financial literacy unit, providing students with the real-life experience of preparing for and running a business. Special thanks to our teachers (and parents!) for supporting students in planning, preparing, and running their market stalls.

Market Day will be a casual dress day, so students are welcome to come dressed in their casual clothes for the day!

We encourage families to come along and join us for this exciting day!

Reminders

- Ice-creams available at lunchtime today - $1
- No lunch orders this week due to Talent Quest/Market Day

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead and we look forward to seeing our school community come together for what promises to be a fantastic Market Day and Talent Quest on Friday.

Alistair Burrell & the team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 4	
Monday 2nd November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1
Tuesday 3rd November	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 5th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Cricket Lightning Premiership, selected students
Friday 6th November	- Talent Quest commencing at 10am - Birre Café 11am – 11.30am - Market Day commencing at 11.30am
Monday 9th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1 - Lorne Band Visit
Tuesday 10th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties $2 - Grade 5 Buddy Visit to Kinder
Thursday 12th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 13th November	- STOMP - Assembly 2.45pm, Prep/1 Class Presentation
Monday 16th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1
Tuesday 17th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties $2
Thursday 19th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 20th November	- 2027 Prep Transition Session 1 – 9am – 11am - STOMP
Monday 23rd November	- Common Professional Practice Day – No students at School
Tuesday 24th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties $2
Thursday 26th November	- Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day
Friday 27th November	- 2027 Prep Transition Session 2 - 9am -11.30M - STOMP - Assembly 2.45pm, Grade 6 Class Presentation

Students of the Week

Community	**Angus C**	For always going out of your way to ensure our classroom is a great learning space. You put away resources, help others and are always willing to do what is needed. Go Angus.
	Zoe T	For the kind and caring way you jumped in to support a class friend and help them feel included. Your thoughtfulness and kindness make our classroom a better place to be. Keep being your wonderful self!
	Sunny H	For caring for our community by taking the initiative to create Sunny's Sunflowers for our school garden beds. Your thoughtfulness and initiative are helping to make our school a brighter place. Well done, Sunny
	Imogen D	For showing fantastic initiative in co-founding a lunchtime Gardening Club. You have worked hard alongside your team to weed and tidy up the gardens, getting them ready for spring planting. It's been wonderful to see you take on this project with such enthusiasm and pride. Keep up the great work, Imogen!
	Indi K	For bringing a smile, laughter and joy to our classroom. Your positive attitude and cheerful personality have helped create a happy and welcoming learning environment for everyone
	Jaxson D	For showing kindness to other students and working collaboratively in small groups. Keep up the great effort Jaxson!
Aspire	**Ollie R**	For your terrific work during our maths sessions, applying your understanding of skip counting to help you solve addition and subtraction equations. Way to go Ollie!
	Bobby L	For your terrific convincing arguments about why the wolf was innocent during text based! You were so persuasive, using strong modal words and different sentence types to make your argument convincing. Great work, Bobby!
	Kaide S	For taking initiative to get your homework done straight away. It is great to see you take responsibility for your learning! Keep up the great work superstar!
	Aliya N	For always taking pride in your learning and completing your work to a high standard. You listen carefully to feedback and use it to challenge yourself and improve your work. You are a fantastic leader and role model in our classroom, always setting a wonderful example for those around you. Keep up the amazing work, Aliya!
	Lottie K	For being a wonderful role model for learning in our classroom. You approach learning tasks with a positive attitude, put your best effort into everything you do and encourage others to do the same.
	Freddie L	For making positive contributions to class discussions across all subject areas and working well independently. Keep up the great effort Freddie!
Art	**Evie L**	For always giving every new Art project 100% focus and your unique creative flair. Well done Evie - you are a superstar artist!
Indonesian	**Imogen M**	fFr your interest in learning new topics and taking initiative to keep detailed notes to refer back to. Bagus, Immy!
Phys Ed	**Grace C**	For accurately recalling the purpose of the '3-point' line on the basketball court. Well done Grace!
STEAM	**Levi R**	For your curiosity and creativity when exploring the gears and pulleys kit in STEAM. You showed great problem-solving skills as you investigated how the different mechanisms work together!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Grade 2/3

The students demonstrated our CARE values beautifully during their recent visit to Barongarook Gardens Aged Care Facility. Their kindness, respect and sense of community were evident as they spent time with the residents and performed a song in Auslan. They should be very proud of the way they represented Birregurra Primary School and brought smiles to the residents' faces. Well done, Grade 2/3!

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue
24/7 mental health support service
1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace
Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25
1800 650 890
(3pm to 10pm daily)
headspace.org.au

Kids Helpline
24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people ages 5 to 25
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800 RESPECT
24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assualt, domestic violence and abuse
1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife
LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral
1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

Lifeline
24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services
13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back
24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide
1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au



Mensline
24/7 counselling service for men
1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

13YARN
24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

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Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday
November
2nd Ella G
4th Rosie H
6th Juniper W
8th Tate G
Harli B




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TERM 4

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

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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Frogwood Arboretum

OPEN DAY

Sunday 22 November 2026

Open 10am - 4pm

- Explore up to 10km of grassy pathways winding through 40 hectares of some of the world's most remarkable tree species
- Enjoy avenues of trees and vistas stretching the full width of the fledgling Arboretum
- Have a quiet sit in the "Neolithic" rock Henge
- Bring a picnic blanket and refreshments ready to laze away a couple of hours in your favorite grove of trees
- Explore an undulating access track along a rehabilitated section of the Deans Marsh creek

12 Deans Marsh – Lorne Road, Deans Marsh

Entry opposite Martian's Cafe
Parking at Deans Marsh Recreation Reserve on Pennyroyal Valley Road

Map of planted tree species available at the entrance gate. Dogs on a leash at all times.

Informational talk by the Arboretum Designer at 11.30am at the Henge

Guided creek walk at 2pm from north gate

Gold coin donation entry



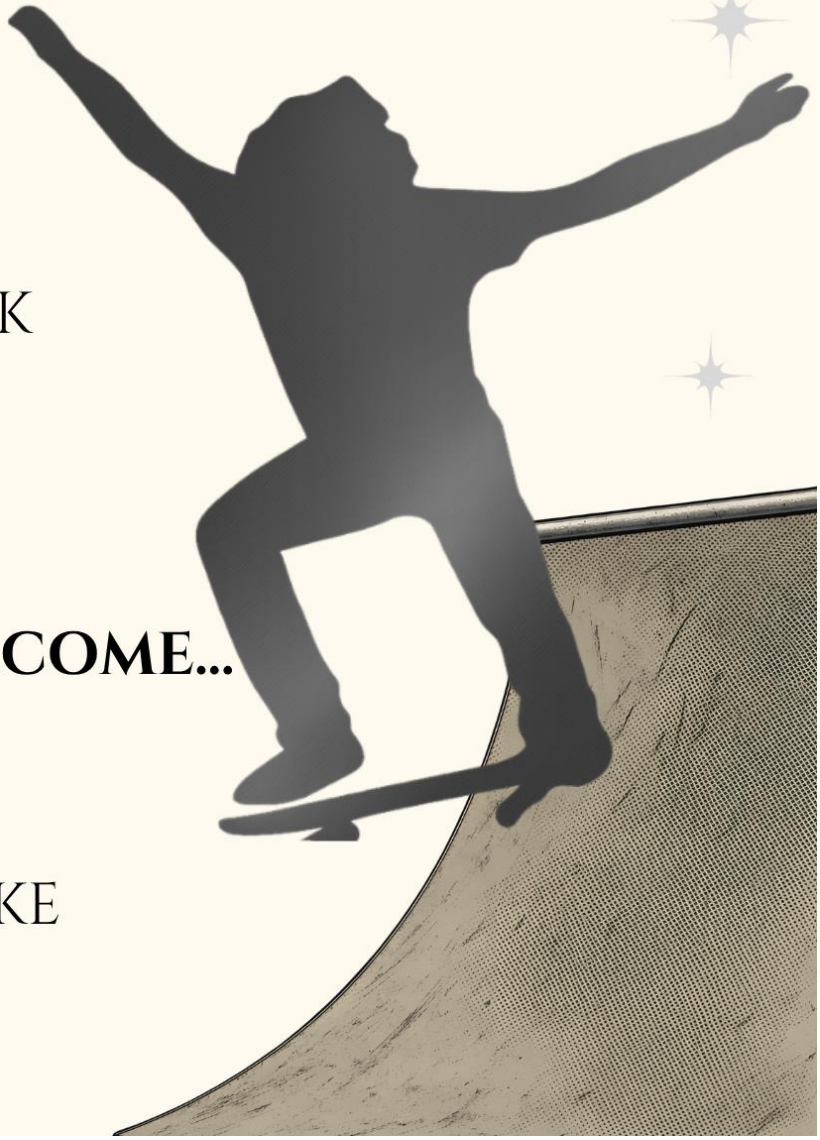
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UNVEILING OF THE
KLAY McCORMACK
PLAQUE AND STONE

AT THE BIRREGURRA SKATEPARK

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2026

AT 12 NOON



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AFTER THE
UNVEILING

EVERYONE WELCOME...

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SKATEBOARD,
SCOOTER, OR BIKE
SEE YOU THERE!