



# Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

## 'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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 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



Welcome to Week 5! It was wonderful to see so many students and parents out on Friday afternoon for Halloween. We were super impressed with the costume creativity. Special shout out to a couple of our students who shared their loot with the staff as they were leaving for the day!

As we head towards the middle of Term Four, teachers will soon begin completing a range of assessments that will help to inform Semester Two reports. These assessments, combined with teachers' daily observations and notes, allow us to gain an accurate picture of students' learning and wellbeing outcomes. These also support learning goals and transition for 2025.

### Buddy Visits

It was wonderful to meet our 2026 Prep students last week, either at the preschool or here at school. Our Year 5 buddies were excited to visit, with many sharing memories and experiences from their own time at the preschool. It was a great opportunity to begin building those important buddy relationships that support a positive transition to school. We look forward to welcoming our new Preps and seeing these connections continue to grow over the coming weeks.

### Reading Relay - Thanks

A massive thanks to our wider school community for your support of our Reading Relay held last Thursday. Together, we raised \$2,537.60 to support our new library cataloguing and borrowing system, as well as to purchase some new books for our growing collection. What a truly amazing achievement! Thanks also to the parents who came along to support the day. Enjoy the photos included in today's newsletter!

**THANK YOU**  
FOR DONATING & SUPPORTING OUR READERS!



### Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

A friendly reminder that **tomorrow Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. There will be no school.

### Interschool Cricket

This Thursday a group of senior students accompanied by Mr Burrell and Ms Kirsty 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 team the very best and look forward to hearing how they go.

### Talent Quest & Market Day

Excitement is building for our annual Talent Quest and Market Day being held this **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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 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.

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

### Lunch Orders

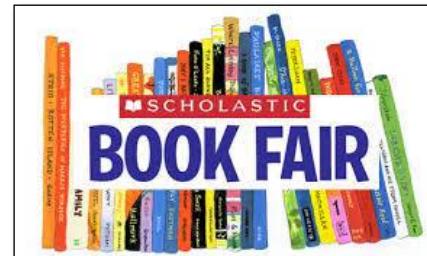
Thanks again to our team of canteen helpers on Friday. There are no lunch orders this Friday due to the Talent Quest and Market Day. Lunch orders will return on ***Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November***.

DATE	VOLUNTEERS (Approximately 1:00- 2:15)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b><i>No lunch orders due to Market Day</i></b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Kristy Stagg
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Sarah Scott
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Kristy Stagg

### Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is taking place from ***Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>***. The Book Fair is a chance to explore a wide selection of captivating titles, from enchanting tales of magic to epic adventures.

We are seeking volunteers to help run our book fair. The fair will be open daily from 8:40am -9:00am and after school from 3:15pm-3:45pm. ***If you can help, please let Mrs Leigh know in the office.*** Thanks in advance for your support.



### Reminders

- All medication must be handed to the school office and administered in accordance with our school Medication Policy, which can be found on our website.
- Please remind your children to cross the road safely and wait for supervision if needed.
- Permission forms for the P-2 Deakin Vision Screening are due back to school by 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- Breakfast Club is on Thursday morning @ 8:15am
- Talent Quest & Market Day is this FRIDAY! All welcome to attend 😊

Have a wonderful week everyone and please reach out with any wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

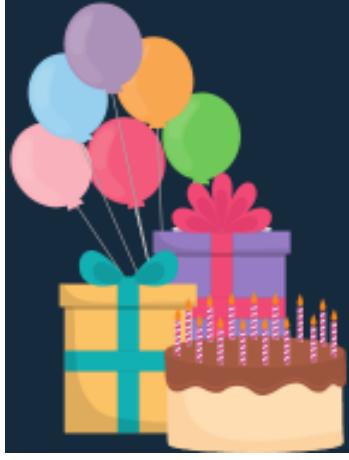
## Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- <b>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Lorne Band visiting 11:30am
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Colac Division Cricket - selected students
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Talent Quest & Market Day
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Scholastic Book Fair
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- School Council 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Deakin Vision Screening Prep - Gr 2
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- STOMP Session - Assembly 2.45pm - Prep Class Presentation
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Deakin Vision Screening Prep - Gr 2
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	- 2026 Prep Transition Session 1 - 9am - 11am - STOMP Session
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- <b>Common Professional Planning Day - Student Free Day</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Grade 6 Excursion - TBC
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	- 2026 Prep Transition Session 2 - 9am - 11.30am - STOMP Session - Assembly 2.45pm - Gr 5/6 Class Presentation
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	- Small Schools Transition Day CSC & Trinity College
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- End of Year Excursions
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- STOMP session
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Statewide Transition Day for Grade 6's attending CSC & Trinity - 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 - 9am - 2.15pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Semester Two reports distributed to parents
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- STOMP session - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Final assembly @ 2:45pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Instrumental Music concert @ 2.15pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- Last Day of the school year for students - Colour Run
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Curriculum Day - no school for students</b>



## Wishing the following students a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November



- 4<sup>th</sup> Rosie H
- 6<sup>th</sup> Juniper W
- 8<sup>th</sup> Tate G



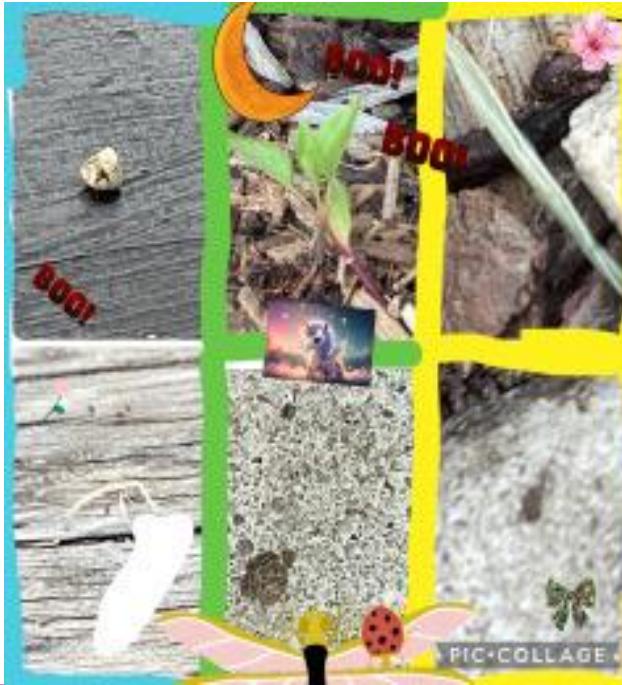
### LEGO Club

We recently completed another round of *Clubs*. During this time, students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of classes to attend. Once selected, they participate in their chosen class for a four-week block. This time, I chose to run a Lego Club. As a child, I loved playing with Lego and enjoyed rediscovering it when my own children were young. This inspired me to

facilitate a Lego class during *Clubs* this semester. The benefits of engaging with Lego include the development of emotional, social and negotiation skills, enhanced imagination and fine motor skills, as well as opportunities for collaboration across different age groups and class settings.

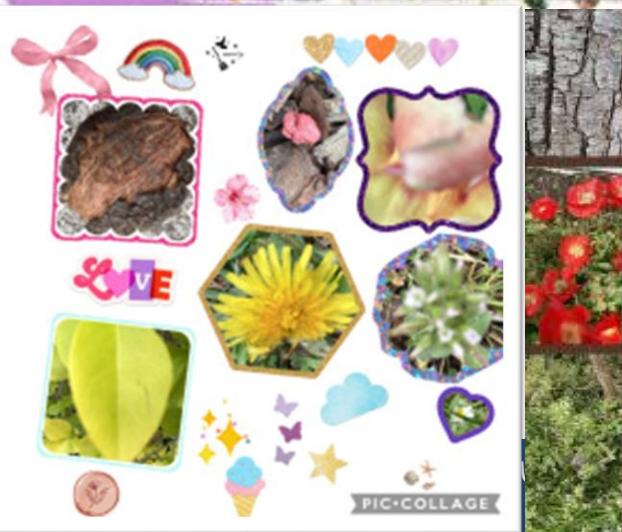


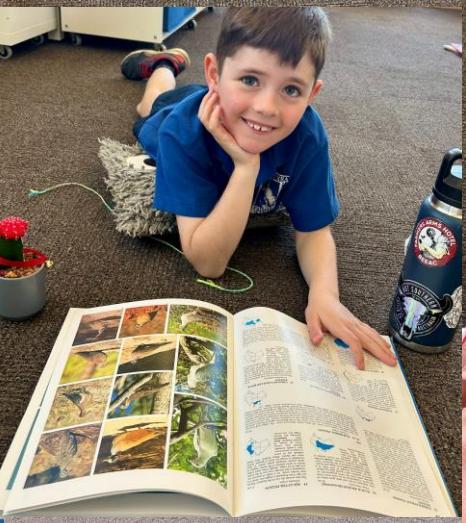




Students enjoyed exploring photography through a fun and creative Photography Activity Matrix. With a range of tasks to suit all ages and abilities, students selected challenges such as "Colour Hunt," "Alphabet Photography" and "Nature Spotting" to develop their observation, creativity, and composition skills.

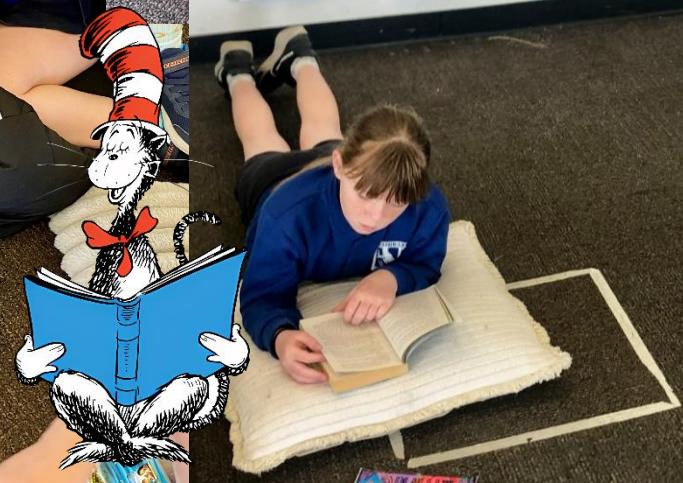
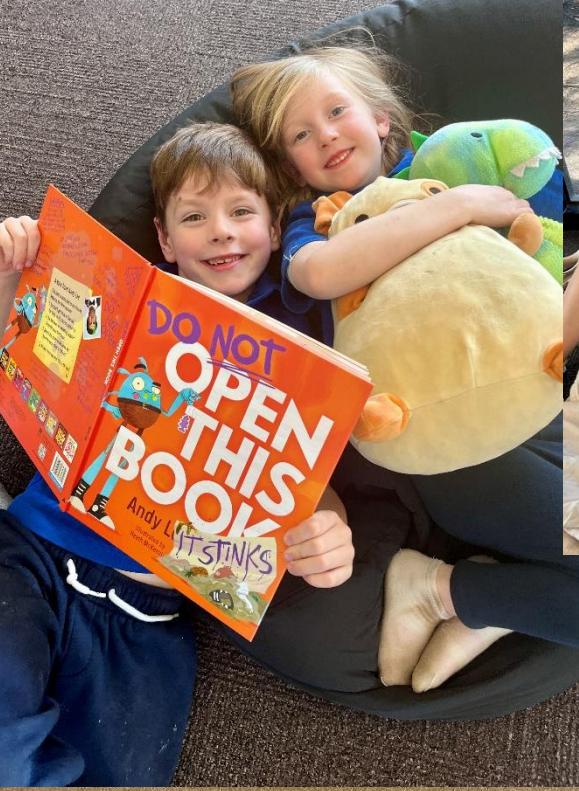
Each student created a collage or digital mood board to showcase their favourite photos and chosen themes. This activity celebrated individuality, imagination, and the many unique ways students see and capture the world around them.





# Reading Relay 2025







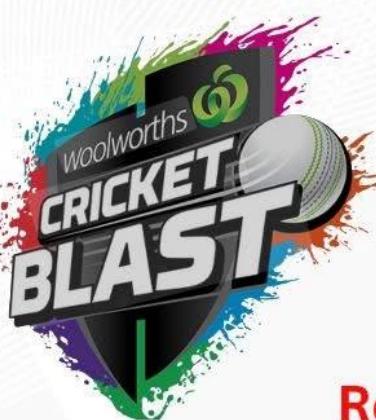
# 2025/26 Junior Blasters

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**



<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/0bc5eb>



**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.