



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 5 – 30th 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

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Week 5 has arrived! I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. 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 2024.

3/4 Camp

Last Monday and Tuesday, our 3/4 students, along with staff, ventured to Camp Wilkin in Anglesea. It was a busy two days, filled with lots of activities and fun! We discovered the thrill of archery, conquered the climbing wall, and unleashed our competitive spirits with frisbee golf. Despite the challenging winds that made frisbee golf a test of skill, we enjoyed the opportunity to walk the course amidst the beautiful bush setting. The initiatives challenges honed our ability to work as a team, ensuring everyone's participation in achieving the tasks. Not to be forgotten, the delicious food left our bellies full, providing us with the energy needed to tackle each activity with enthusiasm. It was a wonderful camp experience with lots of great memories made. Many thanks to the staff that attended camp. Check out the photos in today's newsletter!

Warrion Flower Show

Over a number of weekly Art lessons, all students from Prep to Grade 6 collaborated to create a spring garden scene inspired by Tracy English. The scene incorporated a range of art techniques including gelli printing, mixed colours with acrylic paints, posca for lines and designs and felting. The masterpiece was entered into the Warrion Flower Show. In exciting news, our school placed equal second. Congratulations to all students and Mrs K-C!



Division Golf

Last Thursday, three of our students accompanied by Mr King represented our school at the Colac Division Golf tournament at the Colac Golf Course. The three students, Michael, Beau and Samson performed exceptionally well, displaying fabulous attitudes and determination. Congratulations to Michael on coming runner up (2nd) out of 82 participants and to Beau for placing equal third. Samson was also very competitive. Michael and Beau will now proceed to the next level held at Curlewis Golf Course in late November. Congratulations boys!



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

Emergency Evacuation Drill

This week, we will conduct our Term Four emergency evacuation drill, which will take place offsite. This offsite drill plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and preparedness of our school community in the event of an emergency. Practicing evacuation procedures helps our students and staff become familiar with the necessary protocols and ensures a swift and organised response during unforeseen circumstances. The drill is scheduled for Tuesday.



Scholastic Book Fair

Calling all bookworms, explorers, and dreamers! Get ready for an extraordinary literary adventure at our "Hats off to Reading" Book Fair, happening from **Friday November 3rd to Friday November 10th**. Prepare to be immersed in a world of imagination, excitement, and endless possibilities! 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 8:30am -9:00am and after school from 3:15pm-3:45pm. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Leigh know in the office. Thanks in advance for your support.

Remembrance Day – November 11

Remembrance Day is held each year on November 11th. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died while serving in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Our school is selling poppy badges on behalf of the RSL. These are available for purchase at the office and range from \$2 to \$5.

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

A friendly reminder that **Tuesday 7th November** is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. There will be no school on this day.

2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle

Our 2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle is open featuring over \$6,000 in prizes. Jump online and purchase a \$5 ticket at <https://rafflelink.com.au/bps2023> for your chance to win a share of the amazing prizes from Brae Restaurant, Yalloak 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.

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.

Reminders

- A friendly reminder to please be mindful of the bus zone during designated times. Please do not park in this zone as this becomes a safety issue. Thanks for your understanding.

Have a great week everyone! Please feel free to contact us with any questions, queries or wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the diary ...

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
Tuesday 14 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Monday 20 th November	- Grade 6 Small Schools Big Connections Day
Tuesday 21 st November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 23 rd November	- Curriculum Day – No Students at School
Friday 24 th November	- Assembly 2.45pm - Prep Transition 9:00-11:30am
Tuesday 28 th November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Thursday 30 th November	- Talent Quest / Market Day
Friday 1 st December	- Prep Transition 9:00am-2:15pm
Monday 4 th December	- Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day - Trinity
Tuesday 5 th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Wednesday 6 th December	- School Council 6.00pm
Friday 8 th December	- Assembly 2.45pm



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	Maxi G	For your wonderful work with adjectives! You used lots of different adjectives to create your 'Clouds' and 'Dogs' poems. Awesome work Maxi!
	Liam P	For your terrific understanding of 'fair shares' in maths. Well done sharing the teddies so that each group had an equal amount. Keep up the great work Liam!
Gr 1	Mina L	For your sensational effort describing a setting during our writing sessions. You created some beautiful sentences with many interesting adjectives! Can't wait to see more of this in your writing Mina!
	Stella L	For your terrific effort and determination to solve and record 'shared between' problems during our maths sessions. You were able to accurately solve problems with and without remainders, well done Stella!
Gr 2/3	Bella G	For pushing herself to try things outside of her comfort zone at camp. It was great to see you so happy and enjoying yourself!
	Harvey B	For working hard to concentrate and be respectful within the classroom. Your effort towards your learning has greatly improved!
Gr 3/4	Imogen M	For your enthusiasm for camp activities and encouraging others. The way you sped up that climbing wall was very impressive!
	Michael H	For your kindness and care towards others at camp. You went out of your way to ensure that your friends were supported and got help when needed.
Gr 5/6	Beau C	For such a great effort during golf clubs. You have been helping out the younger students and being an active leader. Well done on finishing 3rd in the Colac Golf Tournament
	Mitch G	For always giving your best effort with your school work and willing to help out for the better of the school. You are becoming a great leader. Well done Mitch!
Art	Fletcher L	You have developed a very positive approach to learning in Art. It really makes me smile to see you put careful care and attention into your creations. Well Done
	Blake S	You have engaged in some super learning by doing your best listening and focusing on the task in hand. I absolutely loved your oil pastel resist creation! Awesome work.



Principal's Award

Lachlan D

For stepping out of your comfort zone and displaying independence on camp. Great Work Lachie!

WISHING THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

30th Maxi G

November

2nd Ella G
4th Rosie H



HEALTH & WELLBEING

BLUE WATER SWIM SCHOOL

Our Swim and Survive programs teach vital life skills and aims to help students progress in technique. Beginning with water familiarity, sensory exploration leading to skill development and technique and always focusing on the importance of water safety!



- Aqua Playgroup for 3month - 9 month olds
- Swim and Survive program for children aged 6months through to adults
- School Term based program
- 30minute class x 1 a week
- Lessons available Monday - Saturday Mornings and Monday - Friday afternoons
- Private Lesson options

Swim School Philosophy

Bluewater has a strong commitment to providing high quality children's services where the needs of the children and families are met.

We offer children the forum to develop skills through the exploration of educational, play based programs within a safe, caring, friendly and enjoyable environment.

How does Swim School Work?

Here at Bluewater we believe swimming is a life skill.

We follow the Swim and Survive program, and cater to all ages, from children as young as 3 months of age, rights through to adults and masters.

Our swimming and water safety program is designed to provide steady progress in both swimming and survival skills.

Contact Us!

Visit: 118 - 134 Hearn Street, Colac, VIC, 3250

Email: bluewater@colacotway.vic.gov.au

Phone: (03) 5232 9551





Grade 3/4 Camp Wilkin

23rd - 24th October



RAFFLE

help us reach our fundraising goal!

YOU COULD WIN:

1st Prize - valued at \$2,500

An indulgent getaway for 2 at Brae Restaurant.

2nd Prize - valued at \$1,200

A two night stay for up to 4 guests at the historic Yalloak House.

3rd Prize - valued at \$880

A dinner for 4 with matching wines at Yield Restaurant.

4th Prize - valued at \$800

An Otway Harvest Trail Hamper.

5th Prize - valued at \$380

A one night stay for up to 4 guests at Whoorel Station Olives.

6th Prize - valued at \$200

A dinner for 4 at the Royal Mail Hotel, Birregurra.

6th Prize - valued at \$100

A delicious breakfast or lunch for 4 at Otway Artisan Gluten Free.

TICKETS ONLY: \$5

YOUR SUPPORT WILL:

Funds raised from this raffle will contribute to much needed ongoing renovations at the school, providing inspiring new spaces for the children of Birregurra to thrive, now and into the future.

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE

www.rafflelink.com.au/bps2023



RAFFLE CLOSES:

Friday the 27th November 2023 – 9am



www.rafflelink.com.au

Who Gives A Crap®

**Birregurra Primary School
Parents & Friends Fundraiser**



Order Here

Birregurra Playspace upgrade

Come and chat to Council
about your ideas!

**-Birregurra Sunday Market at
the park
-Sunday 12 November
-10am-12pm**

★★ FREE kids' activities ★★

For info call Council on 5232 9400
or visit our facebook page



MARKETS, MUSIC & ARTS
2023-24 Events
THE BIRREGURRA MARKETS IN BIRREGURRA PARK
9AM TO 2PM

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Spring into Summer Community Picnic. From 2pm to 7pm.
Music, Food and Fun. Adult \$5 | Children FREE

BIRREGURRA ART SHOW ALL WEEKEND

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Community Market. Music by Moonshine Blues

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Community Market. Music by Tim and Ian

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

Community Market. Music by The Hip Replacements

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Family Fun Day Market. Dog Jump, Face Painting
and More. Music by Matty Orchard and Carl Dickens.

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

Community Market. Music by Bellbrae Blues

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

Community Market. Music by The Hip Replacements

SUNDAY 12TH MAY

Community Market. Music by Musike D'jour

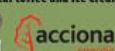
Zithers
PLAYING FROM 9AM
WWW.RUNNINGWITHZITHERS.COM

**Gold Coin
Donation**
GREATLY RECEIVED
NO ATM AVAILABLE

Devonshire Tea
available at the
Birregurra Health Centre
(11th and 12th November)
from 10am to 4pm.

Markets include fresh produce, cakes, honey, clothes, candles, jewellery, pottery and more.
Community BBQ run by the Birregurra Cricket Club. Fabulous local coffee and Ice Cream.

MORE DETAILS @
WWW.MEETMEINBIRREGURRA.COM
EMAIL: vaj001@bigpond.net.au



OPEN GARDENS 11/12 NOV 2023

**COLAC
BARONGAROOK
KAWARREN**
10 - 4pm

\$20

FOR ALL 6
GARDENS
CASH ONLY
\$5 IND.
GARDENS

For more info
email CAT
climateaction.cos@gmail.com

FOLLOW
Climate Action Team
on social media

AS PART OF THE
**TOWN
GREENING &
COOLING PROJECT**

OPEN GARDENS

- ✓ 41 Gravesend St, Colac BUY TICKETS HERE
- ✓ 5 Bryan Ave, Colac
- ✓ 248 Pound Rd, Elliminyt
- ✓ 160 Parkes Lodge Rd, Barongarook
- ✓ 324 Frys Rd, Kawarren (SAT ONLY)
- ✓ 265 Frys Rd, Kawarren (SAT ONLY)

COLAC
15th NOV @7pm
COLAC BOWLING CLUB

Apollo Bay
16th NOV @1:15pm
Community Centre



STEP 2 OT
ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES



MEG CAFFIN URBAN FORESTER

FREE
Information Sessions
about
greening our
towns.



Frogwood Arboretum

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19th November 2023
Open 11am - 4pm

Explore over 10km of grassy
pathways winding through
some of the world's most
remarkable tree species

Bring a picnic blanket &
laze away in your favorite
grove of trees

Have a quiet sit in the
"Neolithic" rock Henge

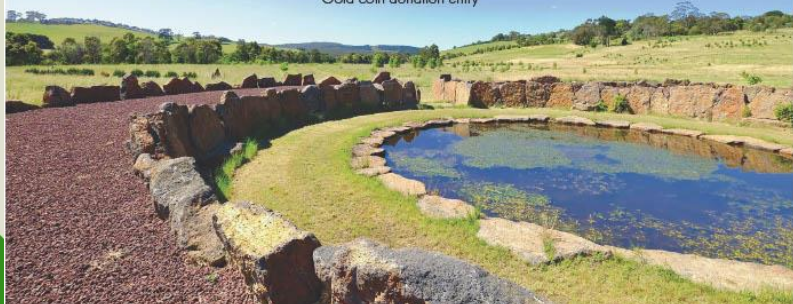
Stroll along a rehabilitated
section of the Deans Marsh creek
on an undulating graded track

12 Deans Marsh/Lorne Road, Deans Marsh
Entry opposite former Martians Cafe (parking in the cafe carpark)

Information talk by the Arboretum Designer at 12pm at the Henge

Map of planted tree species available at the gate, dogs on a leash at all times please
The Deans Marsh market is open 10am - 2pm on the same day

Gold coin donation entry



www.frogwood.com.au