



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 6 – 6th November 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



Happy Monday everyone and welcome to Week 6! I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. We are at the halfway mark of a long, busy and productive term. We still have lots to look forward to including the popular 'Stomp' dance lessons commencing on the 14th of November; our annual Market Day and Talent Quest planned for **Thursday 30th November**; primary and secondary school transitions; 'Step Up' day; end of year excursions; colour run; school concert and Grade 6 graduation.

BCyberwise Sessions

Last week our 2/3 and 3/4 classes engaged in BCyberwise sessions conducted by Life Ed and Healthy Harold. The module explored a range of issues including recognising the body clues that warn us about unsafe behaviours and learning how to react to risks and report problems online. Online privacy and respectful relationships were also covered. Our students were kept engaged through a variety of relevant activities and a visit from the famous Harold the giraffe.



Lorne P-12 Performances

Last Tuesday, the atmosphere at our school was electrified as we welcomed students from Lorne P-12 College, led by their talented music teacher, John Waller. The visiting students, who were part of different bands, brought an array of musical talents that left an impression on our whole school community.



The event showcased the diversity of musical genres, with students presenting a medley of performances ranging from contemporary to pop and rock hits. The enthusiastic audience was treated to an experience as the young musicians captivated us with their passion and skill.

We extend our thanks to the students from Lorne P-12 and their dedicated music teacher, John Waller, for sharing their obvious passion for music. Such inter-school exchanges are vital in broadening the horizons of our students and strengthening our community's appreciation for the Arts.

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

T20 Cricket

An excited group of 5/6 students accompanied by Mr Burrell and Ms Bree headed to Central Reserve in Colac on Friday to participate in the T20 Schools cricket competition. While our teams didn't make finals, I was very pleased to hear that our students displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day, putting in their best effort. Well done to all students for their willingness to participate.



Thanks

Thanks to David Crittenden and the team of parents that gave up their time over the weekend to pull out the tree stumps along the Beal Street fence. This is in preparation for the installation of a new boundary fence in December. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Scholastic Book Fair



Calling all bookworms, explorers, and dreamers! Our "Hats off to Reading" Book Fair, is on now! 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. The Book Fair is open daily from 8:30am - 9:00am and after school from 3:15pm-3:45pm throughout this week and next.

Huge thanks to our parent volunteers for your help in setting up and running the fair. If you are keen to help this week, please let the office know.

Prep Transition

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our 2024 Preps for their first transition day this **Friday 10th of November from 9:00-11:00am**. This day marks a significant milestone for our newest members of the school community. From carefully planned activities to warm welcomes, we aim to create a nurturing and supportive atmosphere where these young learners can begin to familiarise themselves with their new school surroundings.

Our senior students will have the invaluable opportunity to act as buddies, providing guidance and support to the new Preps throughout the morning.

Our buddy program not only helps the Preps adjust to their new school environment but also encourages positive relationships and a strong sense of community among students of different age groups.



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 **tomorrow Tuesday 7th November** is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. There will be no school.



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

As we begin to prepare for the academic year of 2024, we are actively evaluating various class structures and staffing options. Achieving precise student enrolment figures is essential, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. While we value your input, please note that we do not take requests for specific student allocations to classes. Due to our small cohorts, we don't have the ability to cater and meet all requests. Thanks for your understanding.

Parent Payments 2023 / Accounts

A sincere thank you to all parents/guardians who have paid for your child/ren's 2023 curriculum contributions items, set up a payment plan, and/or donated towards our voluntary contributions. This is very much appreciated and enables us to provide important resources to support the implementation of an engaging and varied curriculum. A reminder to those who are yet to pay to please make payment arrangements as soon as possible.

As the end of year approaches, a friendly reminder to all families to please pay any other outstanding accounts as soon as possible. This will allow us to tidy up accounts and budgets in preparation for a smooth transition into 2024. We appreciate your support in this. If you have any concerns or queries regarding invoicing, please feel free to contact myself or Kate Leigh in the office.

Have a happy and safe week! Please get in contact if you have any queries, concerns or wonderings.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Expression of Interest

— Season 2024 —

- **Boys and Girls aged 7-14**
- **All skill levels**
- **Mini Roos Development Program**
- **Competitive Junior Football**

COLAC OTWAY
ROVERS
A.F.C.



Colac Otway Rovers AFC are looking for an expression of interest from boys and girls aged 7-14 to continue the great success of our U12 boys in 2023.

- We play on Sunday mornings in the Geelong League between mid-April and September.
- The club hopes to field multiple teams in 2024 and now is your opportunity to be part of it all.
- Email us: colacotwayrovers@gmail.com or,
- Like us on Facebook (Colac Otway Rovers AFC)



Dates for the diary ...

Monday 6 th November - Friday 17 th November	- Scholastic Book Fair Open - Multipurpose Room
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 - Stomp dance lessons begin
Friday 17 th November	- WGAC Orders due
Monday 20 th November	- Grade 6 Small Schools Big Connections Day
Tuesday 21 st November	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons
Thursday 23 rd November	- Common 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 - Stomp dance lessons
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 for students attending Trinity College
Tuesday 5 th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day for students attending Colac Secondary College
Wednesday 6 th December	- School Council 6.00pm
Friday 8 th December	- Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 11 th December	- Semester Two reports available on XUNO
Tuesday 12 th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - CSC & Trinity Orientation Day - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 14 th December	- P-2 excursion to Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff - 3-6 excursion to Lorne foreshore - Go Ride a Wave
Monday 18 th December	- Final Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th December	- Colour Run - Last day of school for students - normal dismissal
Wednesday 20 th December	- Curriculum Day

WISHING THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

6th Hugh F

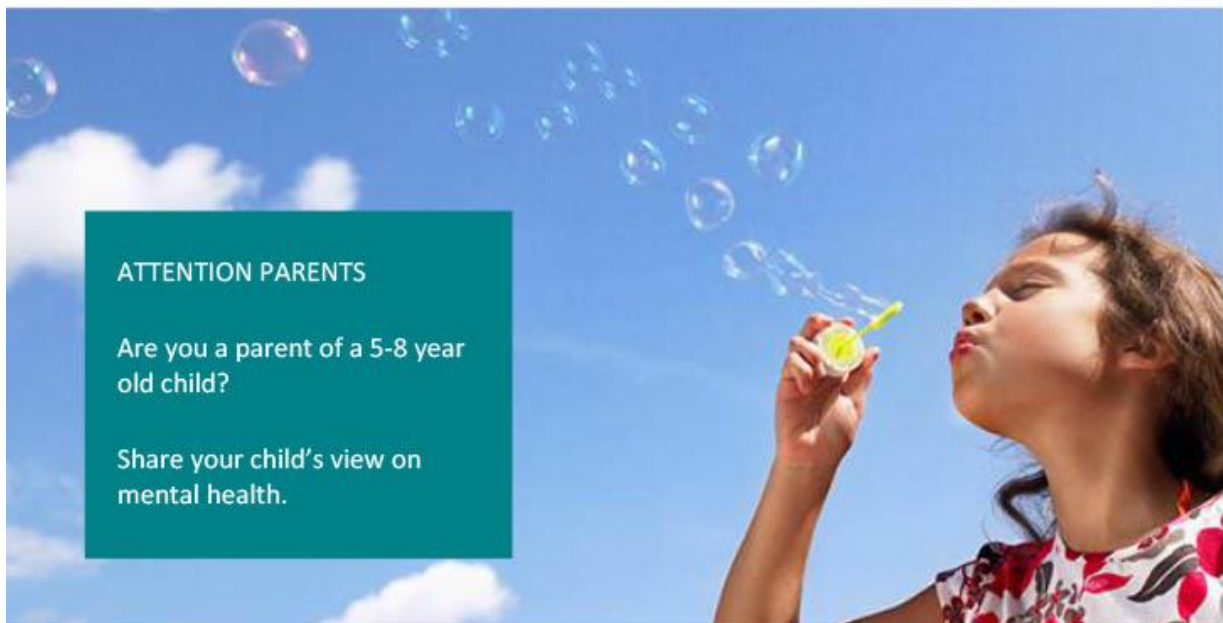
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HEALTH & WELLBEING



SchoolMinds study



ATTENTION PARENTS

Are you a parent of a 5-8 year old child?

Share your child's view on mental health.

Researchers from Murdoch Children's Research Institute are interested in talking with children (with a parent present) who can share their views on how primary schools can support student mental health.

Around 14% of Australian primary school students have a diagnosed mental health disorder. Many more children experience mental health difficulties which affect their educational, social, and physical wellbeing.

Schools are an ideal site to support children's mental health. Murdoch Children's Research Institute is interested to know what children's perspectives are regarding how primary schools can support the mental health of students.

What's involved?

Your child would engage in 1-2 interviews at a location to be negotiated with you.

The interviews follow a semi-structured format and involve age-appropriate activities and games. Your child's participation in the interviews is voluntary and they have the option to withdraw at any time. One parent must accompany your child, although they will not be part of the interview process themselves.

Scan the QR code to find out more and to register.



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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.

7th 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



 **raffle**
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**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 Mitty 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)

MEG CAFFIN URBAN FORESTER

**FREE
Information Sessions
about
greening our
towns.**

**COLAC
15th NOV @7pm
COLAC BOWLING CLUB**

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



STEP 2 OT
ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES



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

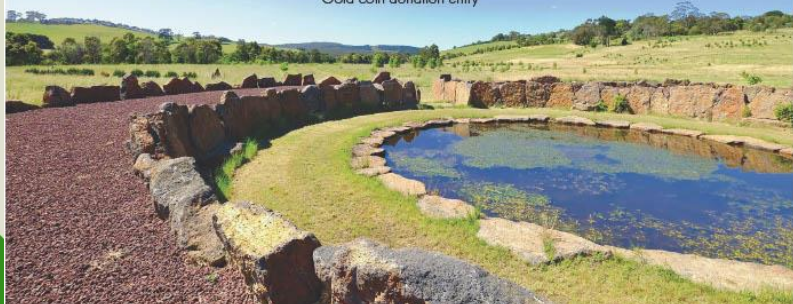
Stroll along a rehabilitated
section of the Deans Marsh creek
on an undulating graded track

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