Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 6 – 9th 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

Week 6

I hope everyone enjoyed the extra day of rest last Tuesday and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine that we had on Melbourne Cup Day. It is hard to believe that we have just six weeks remaining in the 2026 school year. The weeks ahead will be busy as we begin planning for our 2027 classroom formations, prepare for our Year 6 Graduation and End-of-Year Concert, and complete Semester 2 reports. We look forward to seeing our students continue to make great progress in these final weeks as we reflect with pride on all that has been achieved throughout the year and work together to finish the year on a positive note.

Inter School Cricket

Last Thursday, a group of senior students headed to Central Reserve in Colac to participate in Interschool Cricket. From all accounts, our students displayed great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. They represented our school proudly and showed excellent effort.

A huge congratulations to our boys team, who took home the win in the Grand Final! Our girls team made it through to the Semi Final, putting in a fantastic effort, but unfortunately weren't successful on the day. Both teams should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done to all students involved, and a big thank you to Mr King, Mr Connor and the families who supported the teams.



Market Day and Talent Quest

Last Friday's Talent Quest and Market Day was a fantastic celebration of our students' creativity, confidence and entrepreneurial spirit. I was incredibly proud of the range of talents on display, with students showcasing their skills through singing, dancing, music, comedy and a variety of entertaining performances. Congratulations to everyone who took to the stage. You were all amazing and should be very proud of yourselves!

Following the Talent Quest, our school community came together to enjoy the Market Day stalls, which were filled with a wonderful range of food, drinks and activities. Our student stallholders did a terrific job planning and running their stalls, demonstrating initiative, teamwork and creativity. We raised an incredible $1053.00, which will be used to subsidise our end of year excursions. A huge thank you to our families, staff and wider community for their support and generosity in making the day such a success. The funds raised will help subsidise our end-of-year excursions, providing valuable learning experiences for our students. It was wonderful to see our community come together for such a special day!

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

Lorne Band

Today we look forward to welcoming students from Lorne P-12 College and their music teacher, John Waller, a Birregurra local. John was recently named Outstanding Secondary Teacher at this year's awards, recognising his fantastic work with students both in and out of the classroom. The visiting bands will perform a lively mix of contemporary, pop and rock pieces, showcasing their impressive talent and enthusiasm. We thank John and his students for sharing their music with us. Events like this strengthen connections between schools and celebrate the value of the Arts in our community. We look forward to an enjoyable musical experience for our students and staff!

2027 Buddy Visit to Kinder

On Tuesday 10th November, our Grade 5 students will be walking down to Birregurra Pre-School to meet and spend time with some of our 2027 Prep students. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our older students to introduce themselves, serve as positive role models and help our younger children feel more comfortable as they prepare for the exciting transition into primary school next year. A separate session will be held at school in the afternoon for those children not attending Birregurra Pre-School. We look forward to building these connections and supporting a smooth and positive transition for our newest learners!

Our 2027 Prep Transition Program will commence on Friday 20th November, and we look forward to welcoming our newest learners to Birregurra Primary School as they begin their exciting journey into primary school.

Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is held each year on November 11th, this Wednesday. It is a day when we pause to remember and honour those who have served and those who died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Our school community will pay its respects by observing a minute of silence at 11:00 am, reflecting on the courage, sacrifice and service of those who have helped protect our country and our freedoms.

STOMP Sessions

We're delighted to welcome back STOMP Dance Company to our school! STOMP dance lessons will commence on Friday 13 November. Each class will take part in lively and engaging sessions that develop fundamental movement and coordination skills while building respect, teamwork, confidence and self-expression.
As part of the Victorian Curriculum, Dance plays an important role in the Arts, allowing students to explore creativity through movement, performance and collaboration. The STOMP program provides a fun and meaningful way for students to develop these skills while building confidence on stage. The program will culminate in a fantastic showcase of our students' talents at our End-of-Year Concert on Friday 11 December. We look forward to seeing our students shine!



World Kindness Day 2026

This Friday, November 13th, is World Kindness Day for 2026. The event is a global observance dedicated to promoting and celebrating acts of kindness. Studies have shown when others observe kindness in action, they are more likely to carry out an act of kindness, too. This day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, groups and communities. It encourages people to perform intentional acts of kindness and foster a culture of compassion and generosity. I have always loved this quote: "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama.

Professional Practice Day

Monday 23rd November will be a Professional Practice Day for our staff, and students will not be required to attend school on this day. We appreciate your understanding and support as our staff undertake this important professional learning day.

Reminders

- Ice-creams available at lunchtime today - $1
- Toasted Sandwiches available Tuesday at lunchtime - $2
- Lunch orders due by Wednesday morning 9:00am via Spriggy Schools for Friday lunch (Simplified Menu).
- Assembly - Friday afternoon @ 2:45pm in the Multipurpose Room. Grade 1/2 will be presenting.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead.
Alistair Burrell & the team

Dates for the Diary...

TERM 4	
Monday 9th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1 - Lorne Band Visit
Tuesday 10th November	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties $2
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	- Breakfast Club 8.15am - 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
Monday 30th November	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1
Tuesday 1st December	- Toastie Tuesday – Cheese toasties $2 - Grade 6 Country Transition Day @ Trinity College
Wednesday 2nd December	- End of Year Excursion
Thursday 3rd December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 4th December	- STOMP
Monday 7th December	- Melty Mondays – Ice Creams $1 - School Council 6pm
Tuesday 8th December	- Statewide Transition Day – Step Up Day 9am-2pm
Thursday 10th December	- Breakfast Club 8.15am
Friday 11th December	- STOMP - End of Year Concert
Monday 14th December	- Grade 6 EOY Excursion
Tuesday 15th December	- Grade 6 Graduation @ Birregurra Hall
Thursday 17th December	- Students Last Day, 3.15pm finish - Final Assembly 1.15pm - Colour Run

As part of the recognition of International Men's Day, Surf Coast Shire will be hosting a community screening of the award winning Australian film 'Just a Farmer'.

'Just A Farmer' is a moving Australian film that invites audiences to look beyond the surface and connect with the people, places and stories that shape our communities. A film which explores the realities of mental health challenges in rural communities and the importance of seeking support.

The primary aim of this event is to strengthen community connection and support positive mental health outcomes within the community.

This is a free event on the 20th November, 5pm to 8pm at the Globe Theatre, Winchelsea. Please scan the QR code on the poster to order your free tickets. All warmly welcome to attend!

- Brendan King



BIRREGURRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Friday
11th December

5.15pm Picnic
6pm Concert

Birregurra
Hall



COMMUNITY - ASPIRE - RESPECT - EXCELLENCE


Grade 6
Graduation
CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2026
5.15PM FOR A 5.30PM START
BIRREGURRA HALL
DINNER TO FOLLOW - MORE INFORMATION TO COME

JUNIOR BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC



THURS 26 NOV 5-6PM
BIRREGURRA P.S.

For Current Summer Domestic Competition Players

Players from Birregurra, Beeac, Deans Marsh and Forrest Primary Schools are invited to attend an advanced basketball skills clinic.

AGE GROUPS

UNDER 12 & 14

BORN 2014-2017

CLINIC FOCUS

- ADVANCED BALL HANDLING AND FINISHING
- SHOOTING TECHNIQUE AND GAME SHOOTING
- DECISION MAKING UNDER PRESSURE
- OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE CONCEPTS
- COMPETITIVE DRILLS AND GAME SCENARIOS
- MATCH-PLAY SKILLS AND BASKETBALL IQ

DELIVERED BY FORMER WNBL PLAYER LOUELLA TOMLINSON

Coaches Welcome

Domestic coaches are welcome to attend and observe the session, gaining ideas and insights to support player development.

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE DEMONS BASKETBALL CLUB

Numbers are limited, registration essential!
Email BirreDemonsBC@outlook.com to register.

BIRREGURRA GOLF CLUB FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Help raise much needed funds for improvements to both the clubhouse and the course

WIN FANTASTIC PRIZES

1. **Golf Package** - Full set of PGF golf clubs and bag, 2 BGC memberships and accessory pack, Clubhouse Golf vouchers, valued at $1,780
2. **Yalloak House** - 2-night mid-week farm stay for up to 8 people, valued at $1,300
3. **Cotton On** - gift vouchers for Cotton On and Ceres Life, valued at $1,000
4. **Otway Distillery Gin Package,** valued at $645
5. **Hutchinson Buslines** - 1 day hire/drive, valued at $500
6. **Mortimer Petroleum** - fuel voucher, valued at $500
7. **Haymes Paint Shop Colac** - gift voucher, valued at $200
8. **Royal Mail Hotel Birregurra** - gift voucher, valued at $200
9. **Brae Hamper**, valued at $130
10. **Birregurra General Store** - gift voucher, valued at $100
11. **Belfitness** - gift voucher, valued at $50

Scan the QR code for tickets

Tickets: $10.00 each (limited number available)
Draw Date: 15 November 2026

Birregurra Golf Club is run solely by volunteers for the benefit of not only golfers, but the wider community. The course is widely used by dog walkers and bird watchers, with the clubhouse available for community events.

Buy your tickets today — don't miss your chance to win!

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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



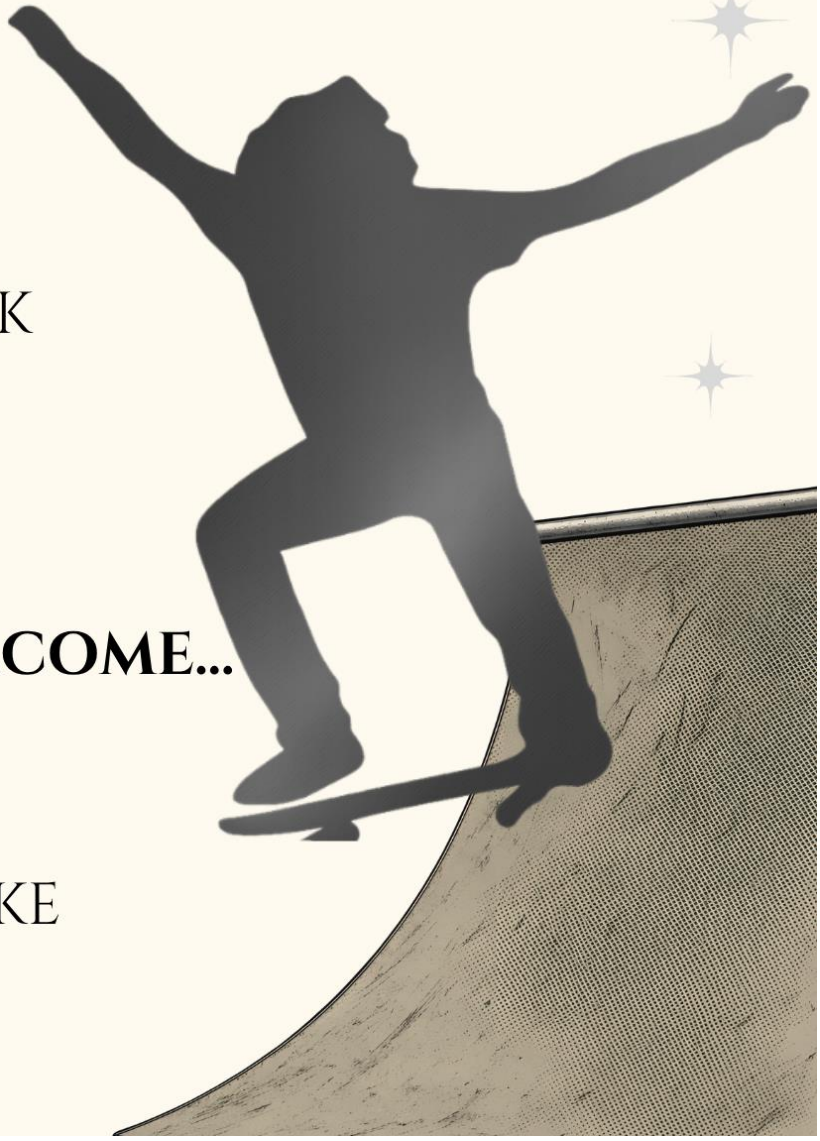
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UNVEILING OF THE
KLAY McCORMACK
PLAQUE AND STONE

AT THE BIRREGURRA SKATEPARK

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2026

AT 12 NOON



FREE SAUSAGE
AND SOFT DRINK
AFTER THE
UNVEILING

EVERYONE WELCOME...

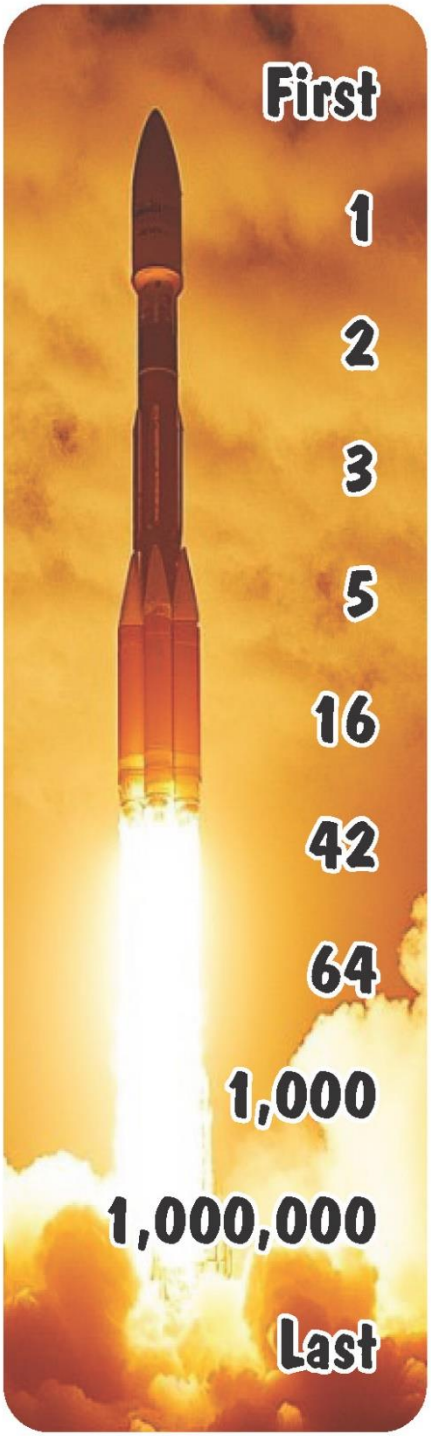
BRING YOUR
SKATEBOARD,
SCOOTER, OR BIKE
SEE YOU THERE!

the Colac Chorale Inc.

presents

A Choral Countdown

Songs by the NUMBERS



+ guest flautist **Kelly Kerr**

It all adds up to a great afternoon of music

Sunday November 15th 2.30pm

St Mary's Catholic Church 1 Gellibrand St Colac

Admission $15 Children under 15 FREE

Afternoon Tea included