



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



Welcome to Week 7! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful weekend.

We would like to welcome Bonnie Shepherd, a pre-service teacher currently undergoing her placement at our school. Bonnie is working alongside Miss McGregor with our 3/4 students. We look forward to her contributions during her time at Birregurra Primary School over the next few weeks.

Transitions

Last Friday morning, we welcomed our 2024 Prep students for their first transition day. This proved a valuable chance to familiarise the new students with our school routine and for them to enjoy some time getting to know their teachers and buddies.

I also had the pleasure of working with this year's preps reading and responding to the fabulous book 'Baa Baa Black Belt'. They worked very hard to create a pig bookmark and a sheep!

Our Grade 6 students will engage in their second 'Small Schools Big Connections' transition day next Monday 20th November.



Scholastic Book Fair



Many thanks to all the wonderful individuals who have lent their support to our Book Fair, whether by purchasing books or generously contributing their time and efforts to help run the fair. We are thrilled to announce that the Book Fair will remain open daily from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. for the remainder of this week. With an exciting array of literary treasures awaiting discovery, we invite you to immerse yourself in the joy of exploring new worlds through the pages of a book. We hope to see you there!

Stomp Dance Company

We are very excited to welcome back Stomp Dance Company in 2023. Stomp dance lessons will begin this **Tuesday 14th of November**. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in highly engaging lessons that promote fundamental movement and coordination skills, as well as instilling students with respect, social skills, teamwork and self-expression. Students will perform basic to complex motor skills and movement patterns and become creative and confident all while having a great time. We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks.

2023 Talent Quest & Market Day

We are very excited to announce preparations are underway for this year's Talent Quest and Market Day on **Thursday 30th November**. This is an important day on the calendar for staff, students and the wider school community. It's a day where we celebrate the talents, courage and bravery of students from Grades 1-6 to perform in front of the whole school community.

The talent quest kicks off at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is followed by the 'Birre Café' which is open in the Art Room to parents and carers from 11:00-11:30am and run by our Junior School Council representatives.

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

Finally, our Market Stalls will operate from 11:30-1:00pm. Stay tuned for more information regarding our stalls in the coming weeks.

Why Market Day?

Market Day is an integral part of our financial literacy unit of work. Students will enjoy the real-life experience of preparing for and conducting a business. All business opportunities will be organised within each grade level.

All businesses donate the materials needed for the enterprise and the earnings to the Junior School Council. Money raised from the day will support a new outdoor chess board and other outdoor activities.

2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle

Our 2023 Birregurra Primary School Major Raffle is open featuring over \$6,000 in prizes. With only a few weeks to go before the raffle is drawn, we encourage you to jump online and purchase a \$5 ticket! Tickets can be purchased at <https://rafflelink.com.au/bps2023>. 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. Huge thanks to all that have donated and purchased tickets so far!

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.

Thunderstorm Asthma – Be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of [thunderstorm asthma](#). For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Birregurra Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

Find out more

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also visit the [Better Health Channel](#) website.

Reminders

- Next **Thursday 23rd^h November** is a common PPD where the teachers will be working on report development. **This is a student free day.**
- Breakfast Club is on Tuesday morning from 8:15am.
- The Book Fair is open daily from 8:30-8:45 and 3:15-3:45 this week.

Have a wonderful week everyone! Please make contact should you have any questions or queries.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the diary ...

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| Monday 13 th November - Friday 17 th November | - Scholastic Book Fair Open - Multipurpose Room |
| 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 |

Students of the Week

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| Prep | Polly F | For your sensational work during maths, accurately describing basic fractions as 'out of' statements. We love it when you share your learning with us Polly! |
| | Sabi M | For your positive attitude and great manners, beginning each day with a huge smile and conversation. Well done Sabi! |
| Gr 1 | Bodhi G | For being an awesome member of our Grade One learning team! You have taken complete ownership of your learning and have achieved many successes. Well done Bodhi! |
| | Maddie D | For your positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning! You are eager to complete all of our learning tasks and always put in your best effort. Well done Maddie! |
| Gr 2/3 | Stevie G | For constantly striving to achieve in the classroom. You've been working hard and your learning confidence has bloomed! |
| | Daisy F | For being a welcoming and helpful peer towards others. You are always willing to help others succeed! Great job Daisy! |
| Gr 3/4 | Flynn L | For your determination and persistence in your lessons this week. You have faced some big challenges and have kept on trying. Well done. |
| | Elodie T | For your enthusiasm in learning about Australia's Democracy and the levels of governments we have in Australia. It is wonderful to see your knowledge grow. |
| Gr 5/6 | Sebi A | For your effort and sportsmanship during our Cricket Day in Colac. Well done on nearly getting a hat trick!! |
| | Olivia M | For your participation and effort being a part of the girl's cricket team and giving in your best effort. Great work Liv!! |
| Art | Maxi G | I can see how much you love Art by the smile on your face and the hard work you into doing your very best. That's awesome! |
| | Bodhi G | You bring such thoughtfulness to the Art session. You listen hard, do your best and I love it when you feel proud of your work! Great work. |



Principal's Award

Bella C

For displaying a positive attitude and always willing to help others.

WISHING THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

17th Olivia M

19th Lottie K



HEALTH & WELLBEING



A collaboration between Life Saving Victoria and the Victorian State Government, this online game and learning experience is designed to increase children's awareness of the dangers associated with being in and around different waterways such as dams, rivers, pools the beach etc. The interactive program is tailored to individual age groups and is complete with videos and quizzes all designed to enhance children's understanding of the importance of safety around water.

Families can use the link to access the game and learning: <https://lsv.com.au/toolkit/swimcity.php>



- Mr King

Il Palio di Siena

Il Palio di Siena, known simply as *il Palio*, is a bareback horse race held twice each year, July 2 & August 16, in the Italian city of Siena in the region of Toscana. However, in Birregurra, *il Palio* was held on November 8!

Entry into *il Palio* is by lottery, with 17 *contrade* (suburbs) competing for 10 places. The 7 unsuccessful *contrade* are automatically included in the second *Palio*. Accordingly, the tension was high during the lottery draw last Wednesday!

In Siena, the race is preceded by a spectacular medieval pageant. Following the pomp & ceremony, ten horses and riders, dressed in the appointed colours of their elected *contrada* (suburb) race three times around *il Campo*, Siena's main piazza, to the roar of 30,000 spectators. The race is all over in 90 seconds - however, the celebrations for the winning *contrada* continue for weeks & weeks! - Signora



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.

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www.rafflelink.com.au/bps2023



RAFFLE CLOSES:

Friday the 27th November 2023 – 9am



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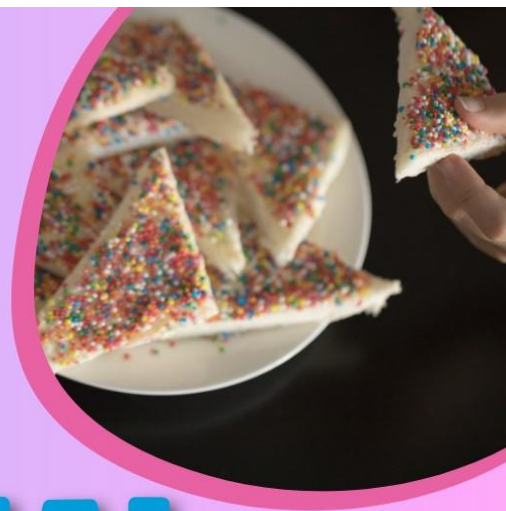
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NATIONAL FAIRY BREAD DAY

Friday, 24th of November

Sprinkle Kindness and celebrate National Fairy Bread Day with us at After School Care!

Join us in supporting The Pyjama Foundation's Love of Learning Program, empowering children in foster care.

Book now at theircare.com.au



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)



Birregurra Cricket Club

Cricket Blast Summer Season 23/24

Ages 4 - 15yo
(age calculated at 01/01/23)

5pm to 6pm Thursday nights
23/11 - 14/12 and 1/2 - 22/2
totalling 8 weeks

