



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 9 – 27th 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 9! We hope our students and families enjoyed a wonderful weekend. Week 8 was another big week with our Small Schools, Big Connections transition day, energetic stomp sessions and kinder to school transition. We also had a pupil free day on Thursday which allowed our teachers the opportunity to analyse a range of data sets

collected through observations, conferencing, and formal assessments to support writing Semester Two reports. Reports will be distributed to families on **Monday 11th December** via the XUNO portal. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.

Small Schools Big Connections

Last Monday we hosted the second day of the Small Schools Big Connections days. Our school once again welcomed Grade 6 students from Deans Marsh, Alvie, and Beeac Primary School's to join in a range of activities. Special thanks to Josh Goonan, our local policeman for coming to present to the group around how to navigate the digital world safely. We also had visits from our local secondary schools talk to students about what to expect at the beginning of the year. It was a great day with students participating actively in all activities further strengthening their interschool connections ahead of secondary school.



Prep Transition & Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea

Last Friday was another successful prep transition day with happy faces enjoying getting to know their new educational setting. A shout out to Miss Erskine, Ms Kirsty and our super supportive buddies for ensuring that our new students are engaged and experiencing a positive start to school life.

This **Friday 1st December** is our final Prep transition session and this will take place from 9:00-2:15pm. We warmly welcome our 2024 prep parents/carers to join us for an informal 'Meet & Greet' afternoon tea in the Multi-Purpose room from 1:45-2:15pm on this day. This is a chance for parents to catch up over a cuppa, discuss all things school and meet our staff.



Talent Quest & Market Day

This Thursday 30th November is our much-anticipated 2023 Talent Quest and Market Day. All are welcome to attend! This is a day where we celebrate the talents, courage and bravery of students to perform in front of the whole school community.

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

The talent quest kicks off at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room with some very excited students eager to take to the stage!

This will be 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. Finally, our Market Stalls will be operating from 11:30-1:00pm. Prices for Market Day vary. Students will need their own named wallet/purse and small coins will assist with change.

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. Special thanks to our teachers (and parents!) for supporting our students to plan, prepare and hold their market stalls. We look forward to a wonderful day!

Thanks

Thanks once again to the parents that gave up their time to help with the Book Fair! It was a great success with approximately \$1900 in sales which allowed the school to select \$697 worth of books to add to our classroom libraries. This is a fantastic result which would not have been possible without the support of our school community.



Grade 6 Graduation & School Concert

Our Grade 6 graduation and school concert will take place on **Tuesday 12th of December**, beginning at 5:15pm with a picnic in the 'Yardz' next to the Birregurra Hall. Students and their families are invited to bring along a picnic rug and/or chairs and enjoy a picnic together. Our school concert will begin at 6:00pm sharp in the Hall. Grade 6 graduation will follow the concert.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating this special milestone with our Grade 6 students and their families, the wider school community and ending the year on a positive note.

End of Year Excursions

On **Thursday, December 14th**, staff and students will be attending our end-of-year excursions. The junior team is visiting the Marine Discovery Centre and beach in Queenscliff, where they will participate in beachcombing and visit the aquarium. Our senior students and staff will be heading to the Lorne Foreshore to participate in a session with Go Ride a Wave. Details of these excursions are available on XUNO. Please log in and fill in permissions by **December 8th**.

Community Colour Run

Following the success of our first community colour run in 2022, we are excited to say that it is back in 2023. We are really looking forward to bringing our community together on the final day of the school year for our students, **Tuesday 19th of December**. This event is open to the whole community, with kinder children, secondary school students and other community members welcome to attend. The cost is \$2 per person participant. Community members are required to RSVP to the office via phone 5236 2222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **Wednesday 13th of December**. The event will kick off at 2:00pm.

It's highly recommended that participants wear clothing that they don't mind getting dirty. This could be old clothes that you have in your closet or something that you plan on using solely for the Colour Run. Wearing white clothing can make the colour really pop! If you would like to volunteer to assist with distributing the colour, please let us know.

iPads for Sale

We have a very small amount of Apple iPads for sale due to upgrading some of our fleet. There are 6 available at \$50 each and 2 older model iPads at \$20 each. Please contact the office to secure a device. Devices will be allocated first in first served.

Congratulations – Major Raffle Winners

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in our 2023 Major Raffle, with your support we have raised over \$25,000.00. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors, whom without their support this would not be possible.

Congratulations to our winners below.

1st PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #4491
From Ballintore, VIC

2nd PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #1758
From Croydon North, VIC

3rd PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #6084
From Ballarat, VIC

4th PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #4052
From Burwood East, VIC

5th PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #4317
From St Kilda, VIC

6th PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #954
From Northcote, VIC

7th PRIZE WINNER

Ticket Number: #3660
From Elwood, VIC

Reminders

- Please log on to XUNO and approve permission for our end of year excursions by **Friday 8th December**.
- A reminder we are finalising parent payments for 2023 to support budgeting for 2024. Please contact the office if you require more detail on your payment status.

Have a wonderful week everyone and please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way!

Jess Kattwinkel & team



Dates for the diary ...

Tuesday 28 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons
Thursday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talent Quest / Market Day
Friday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prep Transition 9:00am-2:15pm
Monday 4 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day for students attending Trinity College
Tuesday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - Grade 6 Small Schools Transition Day for students attending Colac Secondary College
Wednesday 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council 6.00pm
Friday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Semester Two reports available on XUNO
Tuesday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast Club 8.15am - Stomp dance lessons - CSC & Trinity Orientation Day - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P-2 excursion to Marine Discovery Centre in Queenscliff - 3-6 excursion to Lorne foreshore - Go Ride a Wave
Monday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Assembly 2.45pm
Tuesday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colour Run - Last day of school for students - normal dismissal
Wednesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Day
2024	
Monday 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Term 1, 2024 commences for Staff - No Students
Tuesday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curriculum Day - No Students
Wednesday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Term 1, 2024 commences for all students

Students of the Week

Prep	Tim S	For being a wonderful classroom helper, helping everyone around you to pack. Thanks for being a super helper Tim!
	Sunny H	For the enthusiastic way you approach all learning tasks! You give everything a go and always try your best! Go Sunny.
Gr 1	Alby H	For your determination and persistence to have a go during STOMP, even though you were challenged. You showed a great growth mindset and had fun along the way. Go Alby!
	Blake S	For your enthusiasm during our renaming maths session! You worked very hard and should be very proud of what you achieved! Well done Blake!
Gr 2/3	Eliza C	For always asking questions to improve her learning. Your confidence is growing, well done!
	Jack K	For engaging your interests to pursue further learning in Inquiry. You're working really hard to make a difference! Great effort Jack!
Gr 3/4	Kate McD	For your willingness to share your work with the class. It is wonderful to see your confidence to share grow.
	Rosie H	For your effort in building and growing your friendships. You are doing such a great job in your interpersonal skills. Keep it up!
Gr 5/6	Eve H	For always coming to school with a smile and working so well in your tutoring sessions with Miss Hannah. Keep up the hard work Eve!
	Georgia R	For being a fantastic leader and demonstrating such great resilience. You have been very inclusive during our Grade 6 transition days. Well done Georgia!
Art	Mitch G	What a great dedication to your work in Art you have shown! Even in the busyness of the art room, you are focused with the intention to do your best. You legend!
	Elodie T	With each lesson you bring a love of art. You have worked carefully through the process of making your paper mâché bowl. I hope you are proud of your creation. Well done!



Principal's Award

Eve H

For being a wonderful role model and buddy, displaying our C.A.R.E values with pride!

HEALTH & WELLBEING



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

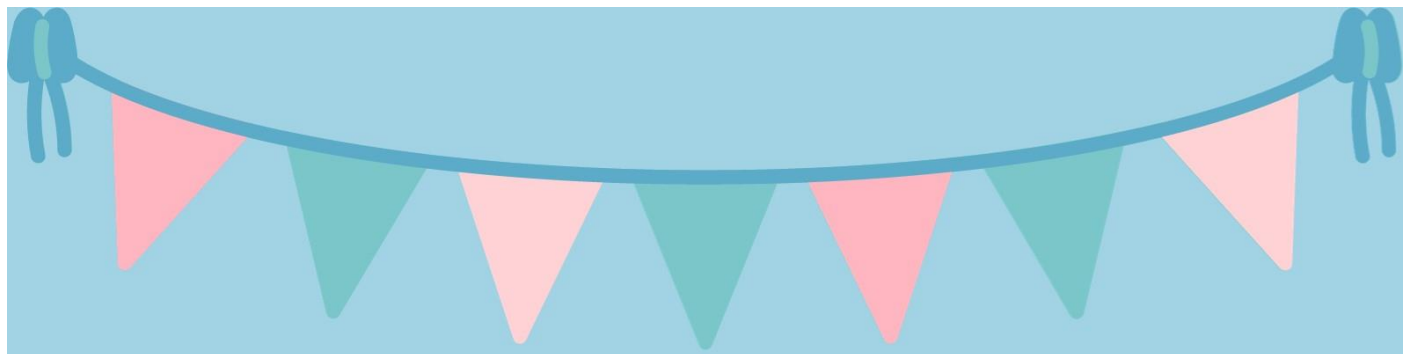
4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language



Birregurra Primary School Market Day and Talent Quest



**Talent quest starts at
9:30am – 11:am**

**Thursday 30th of
November**

**Market day stalls start
at 11:30 am – 1:30pm**

BIRREGURRA PRIMARY
SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT & *Graduation*



Tuesday
15 December



5.15pm Picnic
6pm Concert



Birregurra
Hall



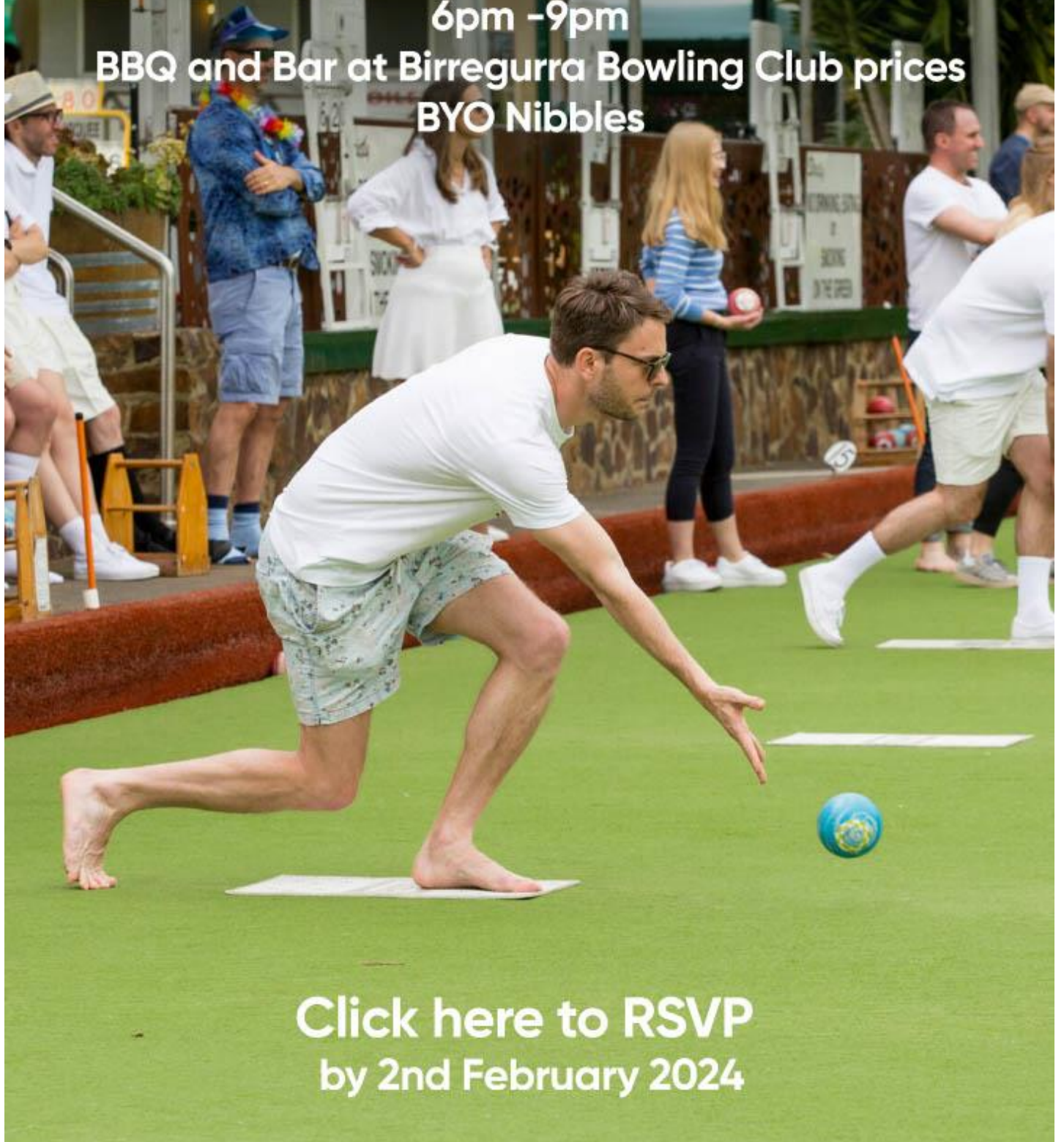
Birregurra Primary School Barefoot Bowls

Friday 1st March 2024

Birregurra Bowling Club, 58 Roadknight St.

6pm - 9pm

BBQ and Bar at Birregurra Bowling Club prices
BYO Nibbles



[Click here to RSVP](#)
by 2nd February 2024

We're Hiring: Part Time Administration Assistant

Brae Restaurant, Birregurra

- Part Time. 15 hours. Three days a week.
- Wednesday to Friday 10am to 3pm.
- Customer service and reservations via phone and email.
- Admin support for accounts, accommodation and restaurant.

The right person will:

- Have previous experience with accounts, business admin and customer service.
- Be well presented, polite and professional.
- Have excellent computer skills.
- Have excellent written and spoken English.
- Be able to work independently and with attention to detail.

We close over Christmas and for a mid-year break every year. No weekends or public holidays.

A great job for a Birre or nearby local who needs to be available for school pick ups and drop offs.

If you're interested, please get in touch to request a position description: jules@braerestaurant.com



The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. On the right side, there are three photographs: three young girls smiling in a pool, a young girl in a pink swimsuit and goggles swimming, and a woman smiling while holding a child in the water. The text 'Swimming' is in a white script font, with 'A skill for life!' in a smaller white font below it. The Bluewater logo is in the top left. The main title 'SUMMER HOLIDAY SWIM INTENSIVE' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'Strengthen Key Skills in the Water' is in a white script font. The dates 'January 2024 15-18th or 22-25th' are in a bold white font. At the bottom left, the enrolment information is provided. At the bottom right, 'Now TAKING ENROLMENTS' is written in a large, bold, white font.

Swimming
A skill for life!

Bluewater

**SUMMER HOLIDAY
SWIM INTENSIVE**

Strengthen Key Skills in the Water

January 2024 15-18th or 22-25th

TO ENROL: Email Bluewater Swim School Team Leader
kirilee.wilson@colacotway.vic.gov.au

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