



Birregurra Primary School Newsletter

'Living & Learning Together'

Term 4, Week 9 – 1st December 2025

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
9

Welcome to Week 9! We're on the home stretch as the year continues to fly by. It's another busy week, with lots of exciting events lined up. On Tuesday, some of our Grade 6 students will attend the Country/Small Schools Transition Days at Trinity College and Colac Secondary College. On Thursday we have our whole school End of Year excursion and Stomp continues on Friday.

Grade 6 Excursion

Last Thursday our Grade 6 cohort along with Mr King and Miss Dillon travelled to Melbourne to enjoy a day in the city. Chatting to students and staff, it sounds like they all had a fabulous day. Thanks to Mr King for his organisation of the day. Please enjoy some photos of their time in Melbourne.



Melbourne Fun!

We enjoyed a 3D documentary about volcanoes at IMAX Theatre, then made our way to the Eureka Tower for some birds-eye sightseeing and finally made our way to the much anticipated MCG behind the scenes tour. In between, we got to jump on some trams and enjoy the other novelties the city has to offer. There was some learning in how to navigate the people and transport as well as time management. Our Birre students are the best and Brendan and I are super proud of how they conducted themselves. - Miss Dillon

School Councillors – Rob Lidgerwood, Luke Fitzpatrick, Kelly Dodds, Emily McDonald, Cassie Stephens, Sarah Green, Alistair Burrell, Jaymie Lowe.

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 Beth and our super supportive buddies for ensuring that our new students are engaged and experiencing a positive start to school life.

MEET & GREET

Our final Prep transition session will take place from 9:00-2:15pm on **Tuesday 9th December**. We warmly welcome our 2026 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.

2026 Class Structures

Today a letter will be sent via XUNO to share the class structures for 2026. Teacher and student placements will be shared on **Monday 8th December**. Please note that we are unable to take requests, as the small size of our school limits our ability to accommodate individual preferences. I encourage families to have discussions at home about what may or may not happen with the class they are in for 2026. The new friends, new opportunities, new teachers, new locations of classroom etc. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of new learning opportunities for all our students.



End of Year Excursions

A friendly reminder to please log on and approve with payment our whole school end of year excursion in XUNO. This excursion is taking place this **Thursday 4th of December** and provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a successful year of learning and engagement, while also giving students the chance to bond with their peers through fun activities. Please note we will be leaving at 9:00am sharp. For students who travel by bus, normal bus services will be available. **All students will need to bring a packed snack and lunch along with a named water bottle for the day and a hat in a small backpack.** P-2 students will need to carry their own bag from the cinemas to the waterfront. Full school uniform is required.

Lunch Orders

Big thanks to Jemma and her helpers on Friday for preparing, cooking and delivering delicious lunches to our classrooms and staffroom. Please see the roster below for this week, which is our final lunch order day for the school year.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Jemma for giving her time so freely and enabling our school community to enjoy lunch orders every Friday. Jemma dedicates many hours of her time, along with her cooking expertise. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who have given their time to help get the lunches into classrooms. We truly appreciate the support and generosity that makes this valued service possible.

DATE	VOLUNTEERS (12:00-2:30ish)
Friday 5 th December	Kelly Dodds

School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation



We are thrilled to invite you to our School Concert and Grade 6 Graduation on **Friday 12th of December**. The evening will begin 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 kick off at 6:00pm sharp in the Hall, running for approximately 45 minutes. Following a short interval, we will commence the Grade 6 Graduation at 7:00 pm. Families are welcome to leave after the concert if they wish.

We are very much looking forward to sharing this special evening with our students, families, and the wider school community as we celebrate the achievements of our students and finish the year on a positive note!

Community Colour Run

Following the success of our previous colour runs, we are excited to confirm that it is returning in 2025. We are looking forward to bringing our community together on the final day of the school year for our students, **Thursday 18th 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 participant, which covers the cost of the colour. This applies to all BPS students, kinder children, secondary students and community members. Community members are required to RSVP to the office by phone on 5236 2222 or email birregurra.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **Friday 12 December**. We would like cash brought to the office prior to the event. The event will begin at 2.30 pm.

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.

How to Support Your Child Under 16 With the New Social Media Age Restrictions

Changes coming to social media



From 10 December 2025, the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

How to help under 16s prepare for the change

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips](#) on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people.

What the change means for our school

At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network. To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the eSafety website and [subscribe](#) to their newsletter.

Social Media Minimum Age Coming 10 December



Lost Property & Uniform Donations

We have a large collection of unnamed uniform items in our two lost property baskets located in the foyer and multi-purpose room. Please feel free to come in and sift through the items to claim any lost uniform. Any unclaimed items will be added to our second-hand uniform supplies and used as spares or sent to the op shop.

Additionally, if families have spare t-shirts that their children have outgrown, we would greatly appreciate any donations to add to our emergency supplies. While we are well-stocked with spare jumpers, shorts, and pants for emergencies, we are currently in need of t-shirts, size 8 and up! Thank you for your support!

Reminders

- Please remember to wear your helmet whenever you are riding or scooting. This is not only the law but also an important way to keep ourselves safe and to role model for younger riders. Thanks for your support with this!
- Please complete permission and payments for end of year excursions on XUNO by this **Wednesday 3rd of December**.

Thanks for your ongoing support. Please contact either your child's teacher or me if you have any questions, queries or wonderings. Have a wonderful week.

Jess Kattwinkel & team

Dates for the Diary

TERM 4	
Tuesday 2 nd December	- Small Schools Transition Day CSC & Trinity College
Thursday 4 th December	- End of Year Excursions
Friday 5 th December	- STOMP session
Tuesday 9 th December	- Statewide Transition Day for Grade 6's attending CSC & Trinity - 2026 Prep Transition Session 3 - 9am - 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 th December	- Semester Two reports distributed to parents
Friday 12 th December	- STOMP session - School Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 15 th December	- Final assembly @ 2:45pm
Tuesday 16 th December	- Instrumental Music concert @ 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th December	- Last Day of the school year for students - Colour Run
Friday 19 th December	- Curriculum Day - no school for students

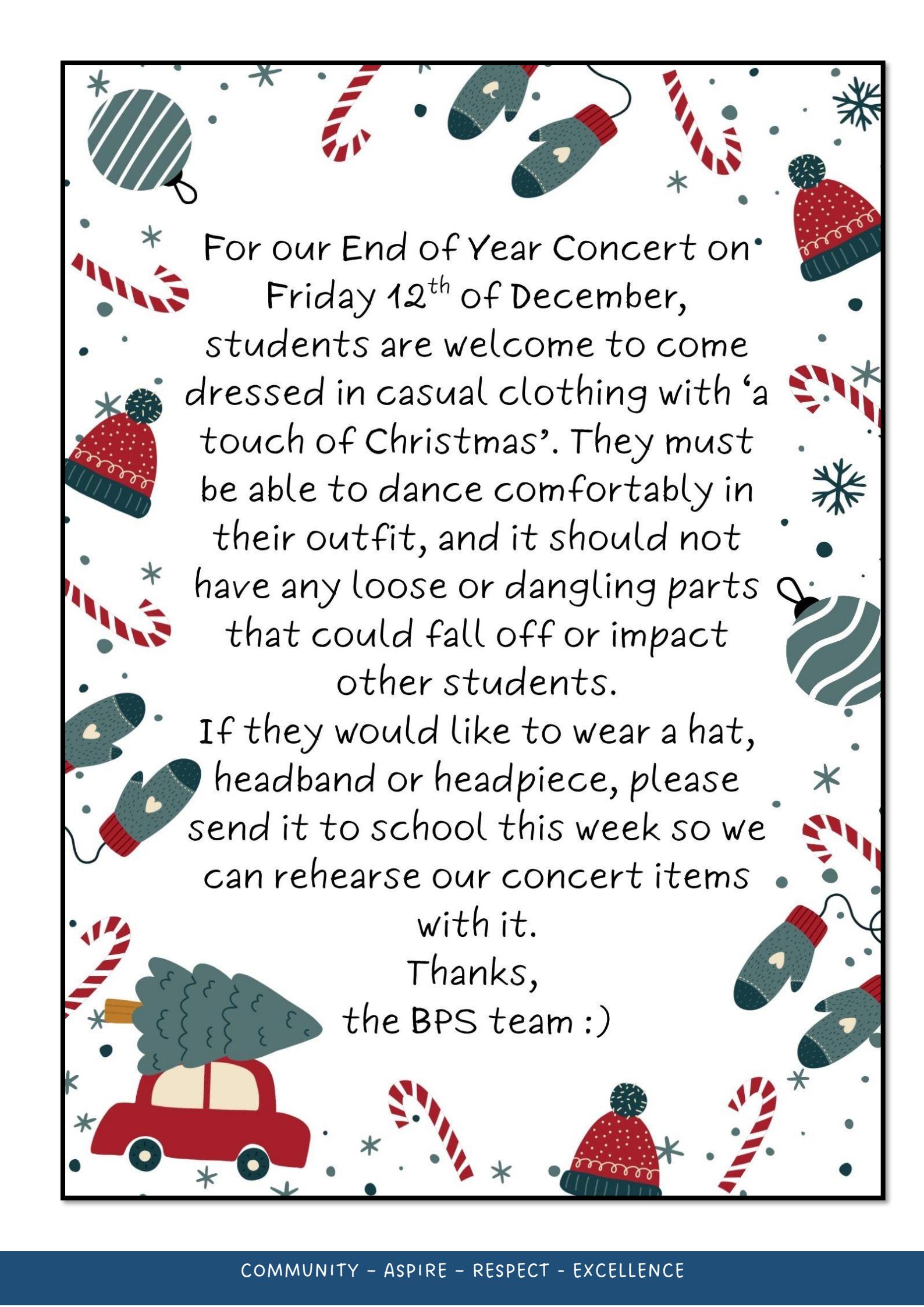


Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday

December

5th

Elise N



For our End of Year Concert on Friday 12th of December, students are welcome to come dressed in casual clothing with 'a touch of Christmas'. They must be able to dance comfortably in their outfit, and it should not have any loose or dangling parts that could fall off or impact other students.

If they would like to wear a hat, headband or headpiece, please send it to school this week so we can rehearse our concert items with it.

Thanks,
the BPS team :)

Students of the Week

Community	Hattie K	For always participating in our class discussions respectfully. You listen to others and ensure everyone has a go. Great work Hattie!
	Polly F	For the way you approach every session with such focus and enthusiasm. You consistently help your classmates stay on task, showing wonderful leadership. Your dedication helps you learn new skills quickly, like confidently using the jump strategy to add and subtract numbers. You're a superstar, Polly!
	Evie L	For helping a classmate effectively use their jump strategy in Maths when working through our three-digit challenge questions. Your support and teamwork are greatly appreciated!
	Kate P	For consistently meeting our classroom expectations. You show respect when others are speaking and listen carefully to your classmates, helping everyone feel valued and supported. Thanks for being a superstar, Kate!
	Soraya M	for consistently demonstrating respect in everything you do, treating others with kindness and maturity. You are a fantastic role model for younger students, showing them what positive behaviour looks like each day. Awesome job Soraya!
	Jackson S	Your thoughtful actions and positive attitude help create a supportive and welcoming classroom. Well done, Jacko!
Aspire	Ivy L	For your terrific enthusiasm and dedication to learning our STOMP routine. You always give 100% and smash out some great dance moves. Go Ivy!
	Kadie S	For showing great enthusiasm and a readiness to take on challenges when solving subtraction problems quickly and accurately, using strategies in both our fluency practice and jump strategy lessons. You're a great mathematician, awesome work Kaide!
	Benji D	For excelling with two-digit addition and subtraction sums. Confidently applying our 'jumping' strategy to help him solve the problems. Well done Benji!
	Seb R	For always giving 100% to all your learning tasks. Your enthusiasm and positivity make you an awesome role model in our class. Keep up the fabulous work, Seb!
	Rosie H	For demonstrating wonderful care and responsibility while supporting her new Prep buddy during transition. Rosie, you were kind, patient, encouraging, and made sure your buddy felt comfortable and included. Great job Rosie!!
	Kate M	You consistently put in your best effort, approach every task with focus, and can receive and use feedback to improve. Well done, Kate!
Art	Tim S	for your well designed, outlined and coloured cartoon design. Your focus and careful work stood out this week, well done!
STEAM	Sam G	For your focus during our STEAM 'Windup Mechanism Clay Creation'. You continued to make adjustments to create an excellent design, while also helping your friends to improve on theirs. Well done!
Indonesian	Imogen M	For the wonderful effort you put into your presentation about tigers, and the way you spoke in Indonesian confidently with great pronunciation. Bagus, Immy!
PE	Nova A	For giving everything a go and doing her very best during PE inside!



Principal's Award

Logan S

For consistently demonstrating our school values and being a positive role model to younger students including his buddy.

Trauma: Looking After Yourself

Trauma can affect people in many ways, including emotional, mental, physical, and behavioural responses. Traumatic or highly stressful experiences may have lasting impacts on a person's wellbeing. Most people will recover from their stress and anxiety with proper access to information and support. Reaching out to family, friends, doctors, or support services can make a significant difference, as people who seek help often recover more effectively from challenging situations.



BIRREGURRA PRIMARY
SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CONCERT

&
Graduation

 Friday
12 December



5.15pm Picnic
6pm Concert
6.45pm Intermission
7pm Gr 6 Graduation



Birregurra
Hall

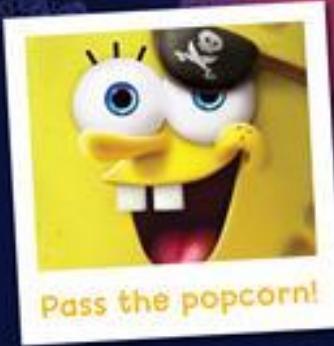


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