

Birregurra Preschool

Term Two Newsletter 2022



Upcoming Events

Fire excursion-

Friday 27th May.

Bravehearts incursion

Tuesday 14th June

Police Visit

Friday 17th June

Queen's Birthday – Monday 13th June

CLOSED

PJ Day and Breakfast at Kinder

Tuesday 14th June

Friday 24th June

Term two finishes

Friday 24th June

We are nearing the end of term- where did that time go? The children have settled well into the term activities. Children are growing in confidence and developing each day and they are sharing more stories about home life, friends and their time outside kinder. It has been lovely to spend time with each child and find out more about them. With time, social friendships are getting stronger while some are just beginning. Staff will continue to support and encourage social growth and language in everyday play. We encourage the children to problem solve and make decisions based on what they are comfortable with.

EDUCA APP

Keep a look out on Educa for your child's learning stories, messages from staff/admin and feel free to leave comments. We hope you enjoy these little snippets of your child's learning journey. You can also communicate with your child's teacher via the app when it is an individual story. Other's will not see these comments. The app has been useful in keeping you up to date on current events, policies and resources. (See left hand column for important dates.)

If you require a new link for this app please contact:

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Parent Roster

Thanks to the parents who have put their name down on the parent roster we really appreciate your help. It has been lovely to have conversations with you about how your child is progressing during this time. If you have any issues this is a good time to bring them up, although please feel you don't have to wait until then. Let staff know at drop off or via email if you would like to chat. Keep putting those names down. Roster is at the kinder entrance.

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Appropriate Clothing

The **weather** has definitely changed, so please ensure you have a variety of warm clothes and a change of clothes for your child in their bag. We do have spare clothing but sometimes the children feel more comfortable in their own. An extra bag is useful too so we can put wet or dirty clothes in. Gumboots are encouraged at this time of year.

Staff Professional Development Day

On **Wednesday 17th August**, the kinder will be closed to allow the teaching staff to complete professional development activities.

Kinder Tours/ Enrolments for 2023

This year we have been able to have families come and have a tour of the kinder. There have been several families that have visited over the past few weeks. The kinder doesn't have an open day/night as such, but families are always welcome and encouraged to come and have a look. If you know anyone who has moved to the area and has a kinder aged child please encourage them to give us a call and make an appointment, just in case we are out and about for the day. New families are required to fill in the expression of interest form on the Birregurra Preschool website.

The Birregurra Preschool Management Committee

Birregurra Kindergarten is a community, non-profit kinder that is run by a committee of parents/volunteers called the committee of management. There are many benefits of having a community-run kinder. These include freedom for the educators to adapt the curriculum to the interests and needs of the children, a greater level of individuality, a reduction in operating costs and a huge sense of community among the kindergarten's families and staff.

The committee of management is responsible for the kindergarten's business operations and reporting to regulatory bodies. Its smooth operation relies on parents, and people from the wider community, with a diversity of skills and experiences to volunteer their time. Through the committee, members are given the opportunity to have a say, be involved in the collaborative running of the kindergarten and play an active role in the wider kinder community.

As well as ensuring the kindergarten meets government regulations, other main responsibilities include:

- planning the budget
- maintaining finances and deciding how funds are spent
- appointing and supporting staff
- organising fundraising events and social activities

Committee Messages





Successful Grant Application

The Birregurra Preschool has been successful in obtaining a grant for \$4695 from ACCIONA that will go towards purchasing new outdoor blocks and an additional outdoor picnic table. A big Thank you to the fundraising team who completed the application on behalf of the kinder. Your time and effort is very much appreciated. The children will benefit immensely from this equipment. More info and pictures to follow.

Fund Raising

Jemma, Al and Pippa Dennis have been busy sowing seed garlic to harvest for a kinder fundraiser at the end of the year. Pippa helped sort the bulbs and then did some soil PH tests to ensure the soil was perfect for optimal growth. They have planted over 700 bulbs!

Thank you to the Dennis Family for working on this fantastic project for the kinder. Students will have the opportunity to help sell the garlic at the Birregurra Market Stall later in the year. Keep an eye out for more progress reports and updates!

Committee Member Details

The committee is happy to be contacted regarding any kinder issue and is happy to field questions and respond to complaints or grievances. We are here to help! Please find our contact details below.

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Next Committee Meeting

Wednesday 1st June – 7:00pm at Royal Mail Hotel.

(Meetings are usually 1st Wednesday of every month- all families welcome)



2022 Victoria School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish
Term 1	Friday, 28 January 2022	Friday, 8 April 2022
School Holidays	Saturday, 9 April 2022	Monday, 25 April 2022
Term 2	Tuesday, 26 April 2022	Friday, 24 June 2022
School Holidays	Saturday, 25 June 2022	Sunday, 10 July 2022
Term 3	Monday, 11 July 2022	Friday, 16 September 2022
School Holidays	Saturday, 17 September 2022	Sunday, 2 October 2022
Term 4**	Monday, 3 October 2022	Tuesday, 20 December 2022
2022/2023 Summer School Holidays	Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Sunday, 29 January 2023*

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