



**BIRREGURRA PRESCHOOL CENTRE**

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## MANGO UPDATE

Our recent Mango Fundraiser exceeded our expectations selling a 129 trays of mangos .Thank you to all who purchased a tray of mangos and encouraged friends & family members to purchase. Mangos are expected to arrive week commencing 11th of December.

We raised \$903 with this fundraiser!

## TOTE BAG UPDATE

Our Tote bag fundraiser was received well. We had 61 orders and the total profit to the kinder was \$280. The bags have been shipped and should arrive at kinder soon.

We look forward to updating you upon arrival.

## PARENT HELPERS/ ROSTER

Thanks to our wonderful families who have been helping our kinder run smoothly throughout the year, we really appreciate it!

The helper roster is on the sign-in table. Please pop your name down for an hour on a morning or an afternoon that suits you.

Mowing roster- thanks everyone for chipping in, it's lovely to see the lawns so tidy for the children to play on. A call for some new faces to help out with a new roster for next year will happen prior to kinder starting for Term 1.

Washing helpers- Thanks Benn, Edwina and Anna for your help with the washing throughout the year. We will also be seeking some new faces to help in 2024.

And a big thank you to Dianne who has fixed our roses up on the front fence.



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## **OFF TO SCHOOL**

Our 4-year-old kinder group have been enjoying their prep transition days at Birregurra Primary School, Deans Marsh Primary School, Lorne P12 & St Mary's Primary School with 2 more days left to go.

These are also some of the things we have been working on at kinder to prepare each child to have a smooth transition to school. You can also practice these skills at home.

listening to others, being independent with their belongings/toileting/carrying own bag, completing routine tasks- lunch box/drink bottle away, all personal needs- wiping nose, getting dressed/undressed, hand washing, social connections/turn taking, sharing, emotional regulation- working through feelings, learning how to deal with things when things don't go your way.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

As we progress through our last term of the year we also begin to prepare for 2024.

Our annual summer working bee will be approaching soon.

We will have a list of jobs soon on the sign-in table that will need to be completed before term 1 commences.

If you are available to help out and would like to pop your name next to a task it would be greatly appreciated.

## **AGM**

We had a wonderful night celebrating the year at our AGM last week enjoying a grazing table & beverages. We enjoyed seeing many new faces at the meeting and are delighted to have some new faces stepping into roles for next year.

We are still looking for people to take on some roles. If you would be interested please don't hesitate to reach out to one of the current committee executives.

A special thank you goes out to our outgoing President Brydie and secretary, Nickeeta.

Over the years, their tireless efforts and dedication have been instrumental in shaping the success of our Preschool. Your hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and we greatly appreciate everything you've done.

### **THE 2024 COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:**

President: Still seeking nominations

Vice President: Cassie Stephens

Secretary: Bec Lidgerwood assisted by Nickeeta Roache

Treasurer: Steph Crittenden

Fundraising: Nickeeta Roache

Grants: Still Seeking nominations

OHS: Hannah Davis

Maintenance: Steve Lidgerwood

## COLAC OTWAY SHIRE VISIT

Thank you to Kelly Dodds for organising a visit from the new Mayor Marg White and Councillors Tosh Finnigan & Chris Potter. Kelly showed our guests around our Preschool and what had been purchased over the years with the grants the preschool had been successful in. They were also joined by Ian Seuren, Community & Economy General Manager, along with some other members from Shire departments.

## ASSESSMENT & RATING

We have recently received an exceeding rating from our latest Assessment and Rating visit on September 5th 2023. What a fantastic result and a reflection of the entire team at Birregurra Preschool, including the staff & committee.

Thanks to our hard working committee members who work so much behind the scenes- this couldn't have been done without you.

Quality Area 1 is rated	Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 2 is rated	Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 3 is rated	Meeting NQS
Quality Area 4 is rated	Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 5 is rated	Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 6 is rated	Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 7 is rated	Meeting NQS
<b>Overall rating</b>	<b>Exceeding NQS</b>

## LAST DAY OF TERM

As the festive season is creeping up on us a note to make is our last day of term. Our last day of term 4 will be on [Monday 18th December](#).





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## CHRISTMAS CONCERT & CELEBRATIONS

Save the date for our annual celebrations

**Birregurra  
Preschool  
Celebration**

Please join us to celebrate a wonderful year with  
children, families and teachers.

**Tuesday 19th December**  
**5:30-7:00pm**  
**Deans Marsh Park**

Singing from 5:45pm  
BYO picnic  
The whole family is welcome!





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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another successful year at Birregurra Preschool is drawing to a close!

Just when we thought the year might be a quieter one, with COVID dramas in our rear-view mirror and our staffing roster looking settled, we were informed that our Assessment and Rating visit would take place. This is an in-depth audit that covers all aspects of our operations, from day-to-day procedures to governance and leadership processes. Our staff and committee worked hard to ensure we ticked all the boxes and we're thrilled with our amazing achievement of 'exceeding'!

There are some exciting plans afoot for the 2024 fundraising calendar so we look forward to some new initiatives in the pipeline. Come along to a committee meeting next year and get involved! Joining a fundraising project is a great way to be involved and make a difference. With our smaller enrolment numbers next year, fundraising will be more important than ever.

As I hang up my hat as President, I'd like to extend a big thankyou to the 2023 committee for all their fabulous work. Steph, Cassie and Nickeeta have done a wonderful job in their roles and it has been a pleasure working alongside them.

Many thanks to all those who give up their time this year and ensure our children are given fantastic learning opportunities. Our kinder really does rely on the efforts of volunteers and your time and effort is appreciated.

Our wonderful kinder is what it is due a large part to a fabulous teaching staff. A big thank you to Jo, Erin, Jodie, Sala and Carlie for all their hard work throughout the year. We wish you a wonderful break and look forward to another great year in 2024!

To our families coming to end of their kinder journey, good luck farewell. We wish you and your child all the best in their next chapter of education.

## TERM 1 START DATE 2024

Pre-kinder students in the Possum and Koala groups will have their first day on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Pre-kinder students in the Emu group will have their first day on Thursday 1st February.

Preschool students in the Kangaroo and Platypus groups will have their first day on Wednesday 31st January.

Preschool students in the Wombat group will have their first day on Thursday 1st February.

