

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – August 11th

Year 5 School Camp

Finally, after missing out on Year 3 camp and then year 4 camp due to Covid, lockdowns and remote learning, our Year 5s finally set off on their first school camp on Tuesday morning. Understandably there were several anxious children (and some parents perhaps?), but once the busses left for Echuca, the students were very excited.

It was lovely to see all the parents and all the other classes at school come to the front of the school to wave them all off as the busses were leaving – this is a lovely tradition we have maintained over the years. Parents have received regular Compass notifications and the students are having a ball!

Yesterday the students travelled to the historic Port of Echuca, home of the paddle steamers that were such an important method of transport along the Murray River in the early days of the Victorian and new South Welsh colonies.

Today the students are back at camp enjoying activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, initiatives courses – and just generally having fun!

They have one more night to go before arriving back at school tomorrow. We will let parents know what time the busses will arrive at school via a Compass notification – stay tuned!

Illnesses – not just Covid!

As you are no doubt aware, apart from Covid and Influenza there is a great deal of sickness going around at present. Many students and staff have fallen ill with this latest virus. Attention to personal hygiene – frequent thorough washing of hands, using tissues, covering mouth when coughing etc. can help to slow the spread of the virus. Please talk to your children about this at home and ensure they have enough tissues or a handkerchief to make it through the day. Of course, if children have more than a mild cold, they should stay at home until fully recovered. Mask wearing, ventilation and air purifiers all help to slow the spread and we continue to advocate for their use. Children who are ill should not be sent to school.

Pick Up After School

I would like to remind parents of our after school pick up practices at Birralelee.

- Children who walk or ride bikes home (our hope is for most students to travel this way) should leave straight away at 3:30pm and not linger to play with friends after school, they should travel directly home.
- We expect children who are being picked up by a parent, to remain until they either see their parent from within the school grounds or the parent comes to collect them.

- Children who are being picked up by car at the pick-up zone should be waiting at the front of the school so that drivers are not caught for longer than 2 minutes in the no parking zone. A teacher will be on duty at the pick-up zone gate to supervise an orderly exit.
- At no time should children walk from school to wait on a street corner for a parent. We have had instances in the past where a parent or grandparent is late for some reason and the child is left standing and worried on a street corner – once we found a quite distressed child on a street corner at 5:00pm anxiously waiting for a parent.
- Impress on your child to return to the school office and ask for assistance if they need help for any reason after school.
- Any child whose parent has not arrived to collect them by 3:45pm will be taken to the steps near the office to wait.
- Some parents regularly arrive quite late to pick up their child. Please note, after school yard duty for teachers finishes at 3:45pm. Teachers and other staff members days do not finish at 3:45pm, there are often meetings to attend after school which begin at 3:45pm. It is disruptive for teachers to miss meetings because a parent has not picked up their child. If you are regularly late, please enroll your child in our Team Kids after school care program

Covid-19 Requirement to Notify School of Infection

It is upsetting that some parents have not been notifying the school of a household Covid infection. Parents are required to notify the school of Covid infections so we can ensure that children who are close contacts and attending school are wearing masks indoors. Given the high infection rate of the current sub-strain, it is highly likely that close contacts will also become infected or be carrying the virus unknowingly. Hence the requirement that household contacts attending school who are over 8 years of age are required to wear face masks indoors. We strongly advise that students under the age of 8 years also wear masks indoors if they are close contacts. Many younger students wear masks inside as a precaution in any case – masks are an easy and effective way of reducing transmission. Please note practically every day a notice stating the number of infections is sent home. Underneath the information regarding the number of daily cases is very clear and explicit instructions regarding what to do next.

Notifying the school is one of them. The need for close contacts to wear masks is another.

Official DET Requirements:

Managing a confirmed case of COVID-19 in schools

Where a student or staff member is identified as a positive case, the following steps should be taken:

Principal actions: identification and notification

1. Parents/carers must complete the Student COVID-19 [COVID Test Portal](#) if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test). Where a parent/carer informs the school by phone or written notification, the school must complete the [Schools COVID Case Management Tool](#). Schools are no longer required to make an IRIS report for positive COVID cases. An [EduSafe Plus report](#) is only required if the school is impacted by COVID-19 related hospitalisation or death of a member of the school community. A user guide on how to complete this report is available on the 'Knowledge Base' in EduSafe plus.

2. Students who report a positive result must isolate for 7 days and not attend school during that period.
3. Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school. Household and household-like contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the 7 days that would have been their quarantine period (see Table 1). If household contacts do not undertake the safety measures they are required to isolate and test on Day one and Day 6 of isolation. Household contacts are required to inform the school that they are attending during the 7 day period.
4. Parents/carers are able to leave isolation if other arrangements cannot be made to transport their non-infectious child via private vehicle to and/or from school. The person leaving self-isolation must travel directly to and from the location, making no stops, unless there is an emergency or as required by law. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to deliver the person to and from school, and must wear a face covering whilst outside the place of self-isolation.
5. Staff must report the result of a positive test and request leave through the [EduPay](#) portal. Staff who report a positive result must isolate for 7 days and not attend school during that period.
6. Where a staff member is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility) they must inform the school. Household and household-like contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the 7 days that would have been their quarantine period (see Table 1). If household contacts do not undertake the safety measures they are required to isolate and test on Day one and Day 6 of isolation. Household contacts are required to inform the school that they are attending during the 7 day period.

Ashley Ryan,
Principal

Word of the Week

Truncate (verb): to make something shorter or quicker, by removing part of it.

e.g. Television coverage of the event was truncated by a technical fault.

Something can be truncated by removing the beginning of it, the end of it, the top of it, or another part of it. In scientific and medical contexts, *truncating* often involves cutting off a part of something in a way that's parallel to its base (or [perpendicular](#) to its side), e.g. a pyramid with the apex removed.

In the context of mathematics, to *truncate* is to shorten a number by dropping some of the digits after the decimal place. For example, 1.524 can be *truncated* to 1.5.

Etymology: late 15c., from Latin truncatus "cut off," past participle of truncare "to maim, mutilate, cut off,"

Quote of the Week

““When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished how much he had learned in seven years.” Mark Twain

Keeping our children safe when online (part 2)

Last week, an item about online behaviour issues was posted in the newsletter with the comment that *Bully Stoppers* resources for children would be included this week. Please find these resources attached to this article. There is also an additional article called '*Parental involvement in preventing and responding to cyberbullying*' for adults to read.

The communications on this subject over the last two weeks, is in response to the growing number of incidents of offsite cyberbullying that have been occurring. Schools are responsible for behaviour that impacts students onsite, but we cannot control or stop what is happening offsite. Because of this complexity, the whole community needs to work together to teach, monitor and protect our children, so the responsibility for children's protection is a shared one.

In reference to the last week's message, the websites that were included for further information and support, can be found below.

<https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/be-an-esafe-kid>

<https://www.vic.gov.au/bully-stoppers>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying>

There are two extra websites listed below, that can be used for contacting organisations for people (including children) who have been affected by online abuse:

Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault

<https://www.easternhealth.org.au/services/item/174-eastern-centre-against-sexual-assault-ecasa>

T: 9870 7330

Australian Childhood Foundation

<https://www.childhood.org.au/why-us/contact>

T: 1300 381 581

Jac Clement

Assistant Principal

Bakers Delight Monday Lunch Orders

Bakers Delight Monday lunch orders can be placed between 9 am Tuesday to 5 pm Saturday for the following Monday's delivery.

To place an order, head to our PFA website
[Bakers Delight Monday Lunch Orders](#).

The logo for Bakers Delight, featuring the brand name in a stylized, red, cursive script font.



Trivia! Auctions! Games & more!!!

The most requested PFA event is back on the calendar for 2022.

Call the babysitter, gather your team, dust off your general knowledge, and get ready for this epic fundraising event. Funds raised will go towards covering the second basketball court.

Co-ordinated by our art teacher Katie Burke, we will be auctioning 2 pieces of artwork created by our Prep and Grade 6 students on the evening.

Brink your own food platters and drinks.

Drinks will be available for purchase at this **ADULTS ONLY** event.

Date: Saturday, 20th August 2022, 7 pm to 10:30 pm (Quiz Starts 7.30 pm sharp)

Venue: Birrale School Hall

Cost: \$30 per person

To purchase tickets: <https://birraleepfa.wordpress.com/2022/06/23/trivia-night/>

Enquiries: pfabirralee@gmail.com

Put together a table of 8 to 10 people including family & friends. If you can't put together a full table, we will place you with others from the same/similar grades.

PFA looks forward to a great evening with the Birrale Community!

BIRRALEE

Parents & Friends Association



Calendar

August

Friday 12th	Assembly 2:50 pm
Monday 15th	School Council Meeting
Saturday 20th	Trivia Night
Mon 22nd—Fri 26th	Book Week
Wednesday 24th	Prep 100 Days Celebration
Friday 26th	Dress-up Day Assembly 2:45 pm
Wednesday 31st	Grade 5 Excursion

September

Thursday 1st	SRC Fight MND Free Dress Day
Friday 9th	Grade 1 Excursion Assembly 2:50 pm
Tues 13th	Production Rehearsal (Grade 2/4/6)
Wed 14th & Thurs 15th	Production (Grade 2/4/6)
Friday 16th	End of Term 3 (2:30pm dismissal)

October

Monday 3rd	Start of Term 3
Mon 3rd—Fri 7th	Grade 6 Camp
Monday 17th	School Council Meeting

November

Tuesday 1st	Melbourne Cup Day
Mon 7th—Fri 11th	Grade 5/6 Swimming
Mon 14th—Wed 16th	Grade 4 Camp
Wednesday 16th	Prep Excursion
Monday 21st	School Council Meeting

December

Thurs 1st—Fri 2nd	Grade 3 Camp
Monday 12th	School Council Meeting
Mon 12th—Fri 16th	Junior School Swimming
Tuesday 20th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

Extracurricular Activities

We have various tutors and organisations who provide private tuition and programs before, during or after school. New programs are advertised via flyers or in the community news section of the newsletter. Enrolment forms may be available at the office or directly from the program organiser.

Name	Program	Contact
Lala Music	Music lessons and band for grade 3 - 6	Olivia 0419 131 868 lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au
Jill Scholfield	Piano	Jill 0401 972 664
Violin Program	Violin	Trent 0413 207 689 trentbunston@gmail.com
Kelly Sports	Multi-Sports & Basketball	Gary Hoskin gary@kellysports.com.au kellysports.com.au/events
Slamin Tennis	Tennis (flyer below)	Vicky 0403 129 648 https://slamin.com.au/
Sporty Stars	Dance, Soccer, Basketball (flyer below)	Russ 0422 043 853 info@sportystars.com.au
Team Kids	Out of school hours care	1300 035 000 https://teamkids.com.au/
Digimaker	Coding (starting term 2) (flyer below)	https://www.digimaker.com.au/enrol
Chess Education	Chess Club	Nick info@chesseducation.com.au
Bricks 4 Kidz	Lego building	Derek 0402 945 599 hychong@bricks4kidz.com Bricks4kidz.com.au/mm
Soccer-X	Soccer (starting term 3) (flyer below)	Www.soccer-x.com

2nd Hand Uniforms

Contact Ida on 0478 083 589 to arrange an appointment.

Canteen

Lunch orders are available Tuesday to Friday. Orders can be placed in advance and need to be in by 9:00am for same day processing. To place an order download the Qkr! App. [Click here for instructions on how to download and use Qkr!](#)

Community News



Call to arms - Referees

We need your help! We are experiencing a referee shortage, we are down 40% due to COVID and are facing event cancellations.

Please help us keep kids on the court for school basketball.

We ask that each School entered into the event bring a qualified referee if you have a contact and/or a parent helper.

Referees and helpers will be added into refbook so they can be covered by Basketball Victoria's insurance.

Each helper will be supplied a hand whistle on the day to help out with the Rookie Division.

Qualified referees will be reimbursed \$120 and parent helpers \$100 to a nominated bank account

Click below if you are able to help:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/BasketballVictoria1/calltoarmsreferees>

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Net Set Go!

8 week netball skills program for 5-8 year olds

Dates:	18th August to 27th October 2022 (excludes school holidays)
Time:	Thursdays 4.15pm - 5pm
Where:	1-9 Anderson Street, Templestowe
Cost:	\$110 or \$76 (if a Netball Vic membership paid in 2022)
Register:	https://tinyurl.com/panthersnetsetgo (make sure to select Eltham Panthers Junior Netball Club in the dropdown)

Cost includes the sessions, insurance and a Net Set Go pack (pictured below) from Netball Victoria.

**Email us if you have any queries
panthersjuniornetballclub@gmail.com**



WHAT'S ON TERM 3

Team Kids

BIRRALEE PRIMARY

Get ready for more FUN in Term 3 as we work together to transform our awesome Before & After Care program into an epic Winter Wonderland Zone!

What's on this term...

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

FATHER'S DAY

SEPTEMBER

SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

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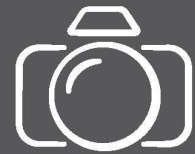
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Snap a winner 「2022 PHOTO COMPETITION」

Snap a shot around Manningham for your chance to win in our 2022 Community Calendar Photo Competition.

Submit a photo taken in Manningham that captures the theme *Finding Balance*.

There are prizes up for grabs and the shortlisted photos will be showcased in the 2023 calendar.

Submit before 1 September

 [manningham.vic.gov.au/
photo-competition](https://manningham.vic.gov.au/photo-competition)



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BIRRALEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Starting in Term 3, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Soccer program at Birralee Primary School every **Monday** from **3.40 - 4.40pm** beginning **July 18th 2022**.

The program is available to students from **Prep-Year 6**.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by **qualified coaches** who hold WWCC.
The sessions will be **fully inclusive & fun-based**, catering for all abilities.

Cost: \$130 / 8-weeks.

For more information and online registrations please visit

www.soccer-x.com



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MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAMME

TERM 3 2022



Have heaps of fun in the sun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports over the term.

BASKETBALL PROGRAMME

TERM 3 2022



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