

BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL
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22 February: Parent and Friends meeting starting at 9.00am

28 February: successful Council candidates announced

1 March: Prep Student Health Questionnaire's (SEHQs) for parental completion, return by date please.

7 March: Colac Division Tennis Trials

14 March: Labour Day holiday, public holiday.

15 March: Kids Country performance from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Parents welcome. Refreshments at the end. School bus late return 4.30pm

16 March: Greater Western Lawn bowls

17 March: Polwarth Sports Day at Alvie with a fall back for inclement weather on Monday 21st March

17 March: Finance meeting 4.00pm

18 March: student leadership Winchelsea

18 March: final date for Sov Hill payment.

23 March: 7.00pm first Council meeting.

24 March 2022: National NAPLAN test day including WA at 11.30am.

28 March: the Colac and District Athletics carnival.

30 March to 1 April 2022: Beeac PS cluster: Sovereign Hill grades 3,4,5&6 + three

other schools

15 April: Good Friday, public holiday.

25 April: Anzac Day.

29 April and 1 September: Wide Smiles dental check ups

6 May: X Country Deans Marsh Yrs 3 to 6 and pizza.

11 May: GRIP student leadership conference Geelong

13 May 2022: MSP photography

20 May: Colac Division Cross Country held at: Colac Golf Club

3 June: Colac Division Football and Netball Lightning

Premiership

13 June: Queens Birthday, public holiday.

24 June. CSEF program closes

9 September: Colac Division

Basketball

31 October: school shut, whole school PD Day

1 November: Melbourne Cup

4 November: Colac Division Cricket

26 November 2022: Victorian State Election, school voting centre.

19 December: Christmas Concert

PTO: Term dates & Student of the week

Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school

21 February 2022

Busy, busy, busy.

Rokewood Lagoon was a welcome break from what is becoming a very busy term.

At school we have sorted out assessment schedules, reporting schedules and our daily timetable, important items that have been side-lined during the hard scrabble of two previous years of covid. I sensed some unease amongst parents with all the changes that we have indeed made during that time, including different attendance times, new staff and a new uniform. I'd like to reassure everyone that this year will not be about structural change. Our work will be focussed on further improving the quality of our teaching as we seek to repair the damage inflicted on us by two years of covid, and a doubling down on a perception of bullying in our school.

Our COMMUNITY CELEBRATION. Please join us for a performance from 3.30pm on March 15th.



On Tuesday March 15th, after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm, all our children will be staying behind and showing us their performances in Kids Country. Our school bus will return home at 4.30pm on that day. There will be installation-performances with the Big Kids, and a Giant Snake puppet performed by the Little Kids.

Please stay afterwards for a refreshment as we come together for this exciting event.

Created with artists from Barking Spider Visual Theatre, this Education Partnership is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria. Many thanks to the generous support of Acciona Wind Farms.

Covid latest: let's be prepared.

Whilst we were at Rokewood last week, the Premier announced that schools can expect to receive RATs for the rest of this term. The other things he announced that will impact schools is that parents will no longer need to present their phones for a QR code as they enter our school from Monday onwards. Dancing is also now allowed at schools. In a later communication to all schools we were urged to ask parents to please use the RATs. Apparently, "testing fatigue" is becoming a problem elsewhere, when staff and students are gradually becoming complacent about having to do the tests. So I do ask everyone please to continue testing, not only for the sake of your own children, but also for the safety of the rest of our Beeac PS community. Another point made to us, at the same time, was that there has been a slower than expected uptake of vaccination rates for younger children. I know that it was not an easy decision for me to make with my 9 year old child. I have a very fit and healthy child, but again the decision was about what was in the best needs of our community. This is a very complex issue and one that every family may have different answers to.

Looking ahead to one possible scenario in the next few weeks is that our school may have children or staff infected by covid. If this occurs, as it has in many of our neighbouring schools already, then this will be the process that we will follow.

For those children who do have a positive result, they need to quarantine for seven days, the family needs to inform our school, the child must stay at home until symptoms are resolved, and they are well, and everyone in the house must isolate for seven days. In addition to informing our school, families must also report their child's positive test to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form ([COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) - [Department of Health Portal \(powerappsportals.com\)](#)) or call the centre on 1800 675 398.

After you have informed our school, I will get out a letter to everyone, and it will contain the following information:

- the date the case was reported,
- the classes it has impacted on,
- a statement that if your child is not experiencing symptoms they should continue to attend school,
- a further statement for children experiencing symptoms that they should get tested and remain isolated until they get results.

All information seems to get updated fairly regularly, so if you want the latest information, please go

to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing>

I want to stress though that no one has reported that anyone has covid at our school at this stage. My only purpose for going through these points is to prepare everyone for this possible scenario..



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Beeac's Garage,
55 Main St., Beeac
 Servicing, break downs and repairs to late model cars, lawnmowers and some machinery. Towing cars available. Now carrying out servicing on vehicle air conditioning.

For all enquiries and bookings call Jason on
0417 412 152

Student of the week.

Dylan Groves: for stepping in to a classroom leader role and going above and beyond, assisting his peers. 11/2
Jack Clarke: for working really hard on his literacy tasks and helping others in class. 18/2



Rokewood Lagoon.

Thank you all very much for turning up and catching up on the goss whilst our children enjoyed themselves. I think many of us commented that it was the best turn up that we had seen for many years. Leanne Corkran our new teacher used to be a student at Beeac PS more than a few years ago, and she mentioned that the yearly get together had been going on for many years before she attended. I do hope that this unique feature of our school will continue for many years in to the future.

OSHC program.

At Rokewood Lagoon reps from Kelly Club, our OSHC provider, were available to talk to interested parents. Annelie Ohrwalder, who is the human face of the care centre, is contactable at any time on her mobile 0427072054. Our school website has more information, including the enrolment form for interested parents. The centre operates before school from 6.00am to 8.45am and after school from 3.15pm to 6.30pm.

Show and tell.

And talking of important permanent features of our school, show and tell continues to play an important part in our students' lives. I thank Renae Cahill for travelling from Cressy with a goat and kid, so that Maddy could deliver her show and tell piece to everyone in her class.

School Council results.

The closing date for nominations was last Friday. I hope to be able to share with you all the names of our new members by Monday the 28th of February.

Heads up for Polwarth Sports Day.

This is an early warning of things to come, as we begin to get ready for Polwarth Sports Day on the 17th of March. Elsewhere in the newsletter there is a map of where the different events will be held on the day. Apart from our prep grade parents, we will all remember that prior to the day our school will send home a light blue t-shirt for every child to wear so that we can distinguish our school from students who attend Birregurra Primary School. Parents will need to organise the transportation of their children to and from the sportsground. This year, parents will be asked to stay with their own school as they travel to different events at the school. Each school will have its own rally area at each of the events. I'm sure it will all become a lot clearer to parents on the day. Children MUST be at the ground by 9.15 a.m..

Children will need to wear suitable footwear such as runners. All children and adults will require a cut lunch and a drink. At this stage there will be some light refreshments including coffee, provided by Alvie Primary School.

Sport this term.



Jason Murnane is turning up every week for seven weeks to coach tennis each Tuesday. Tennis is already a popular summer sport choice for Beeac and Cressy students. It's a good opportunity for students to further hone their skills or learn the sport for the first time. Pictured here is Anulla, who is travelling every Wednesday from Geelong to coach and help prepare us for the Polwarth sports day. Anulla, has been a very popular addition to our program this term. She has a long history of coaching elite athletes including Olympic sports coaching. We look forward to both coaches during term 1..

Term Dates	Start	Finish
2022 Term 1	31/1	8/4
2022 Term 2	26/4	24/6
2022 Term 3	11/7	16/9
2022 Term 4	3/10	20/12



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Farmers Arms Beac

Mondays and Tuesday
nights– kids eat half
price with full paying
adult

Sunday \$17 Sunday
Roast, served with roast
vegetables, warm roll
and sauces to compli-
ment.

For all enquiries and
bookings call 5234 6341.



Piano lessons.

Tinkling away on the old ivories is Hayley Clarke, who is one of four children who have chosen to play the piano with David Stewart this year. As can be seen he continues to offer his popular program at our school. If you missed out on getting your form back in time, do please let us know so that we can add your child to a waiting list.

Preps bags and Wednesdays.

This is yet another reminder that preppies stay at home until March, and also an excuse to show off the new school bags that were handed out to our students last week. The empty bags are useful when we start swimming next term. They can be used to take swimming gear to the Bluewater Swimming Centre when swimming begins in term 2.

Sovereign Hill Trip 2022.

At a cost of \$315 for a three day trip for Grades 3,4,5 and 6 students, I am aware that this is not a cheap trip for our families. The CSEF fund may be of some use to some families, and I am hopeful that we can shave a little bit further off the final price. Nevertheless, my reason for getting out the forms so early at the end of last week was that it will give everyone time to plan ahead for what will be a big cost. As always if you are unlikely to be able to make the dateline do please talk to us about ways we can assist you. I strongly hope that every child will be able to go. As we now travel with three other schools the arrangements are quite complicated and we need to have our families 'locked in' so that final sums can be calculated. A final payment day of Friday 18th of March, is there to help us with our calculations. A



refund on all costs excluding the bus is obtainable for cancellations up to the camp departure date.

As I've already stated do please contact us if there are problems I really would love every child to attend this fantastic trip.

Parents and Friends

A message from our Parents and Friends Organiser, Jenny Clarke:

Hi Everyone, we will have a P&F meeting at school on Tuesday 22nd February at 9am. If you can come along we will have a chat about what's happening this term. There's a few things already happening so come along for a chat and a cuppa.

The picture of our Grade six students dressed in their new tops is a timely reminder of the great work our parent club does. The money to buy these tops is raised by our club



COMPASS: if your child is away.

If your child is away and you haven't informed us, at 10.00am every day, you will get a message to let you know that your child is not at school. This is an automated safety message, so please let us know if your child will be away, so we can fix up our roll and prevent it from sending the unnecessary warning message to you.

You can ring us to inform us of the absence or, to save you and us time, do please report your child's absence via COMPASS. Fill in the absence text on COMPASS from the comfort of your home. Do please read the enclosed instructions.

If you arrive late at school do please come to the front office, sign your child in, then collect a late pass to take to class. The late pass book is at the window of the front office..

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank

Polwarth Sports Map

Shed

Classrooms

Toilets

Classroom

Office

Classroom

COFFEE

Canteen

Shot
Put

Announcer's
Table

Staff Car Park

● High
Jump

SCORING



● Long Jump

● Triple Jump
Distance Throw

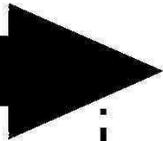
STAFF Entrance—NO ENTRY

Car Parking

Wool Wool Road

Discus & Quoit Throw

Follow the Signs—100m



Tennis Court

Playground

Orchard

Rose
Garden

Age-Group Assembly Area

Sprints & Relays

Hurdles

● Distance Run

PUBLIC ENTRANCE



Car Parking

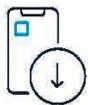
Get started with Compass



Compass is a web-based system, which allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress.

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's academic reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Our school will advise parents when each of these features becomes available for parent use.



1. Download the app

Download the **Compass app** from Google Play or the App Store on a compatible phone or tablet. Then enter your school name and select it from the results. Enter your login details provided by your school to finish set up.

App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc, registered in the U.S. and other countries.



2. Access the Compass Parent guide

Visit compass.education/guide to access our online parent guide with step-by-step instructions on how to use Compass and the Compass app.

For any support inquiries, like password resetting, visit compass.education/parent-support

The Compass School Manager App

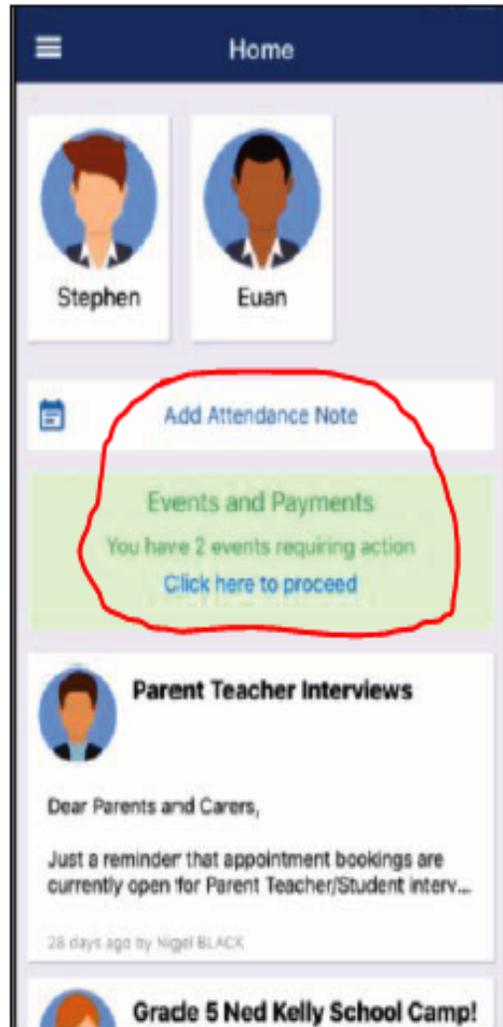
You can use the Compass app to action tasks. The app is available to download for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.

Once installed and opened for the first time, you will be prompted to choose which school your child attends.

After selecting the school, you will be required to enter your login details which are the same details you use to login to your Compass parent portal.

When logged in, you will see -

- Each of your children who attend the school. You can click their image to go to their profiles.
- The option to add an attendance note
- Any items requiring your action (alerts) at the top of the screen.
- The newsfeed which you can scroll down through to read.
- A link to the main menu (three little stripes in top left corner)





Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Wednesday 9 March, 2022 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Open Day

Thursday 10 March, 2022 with tours from 9:30am to 10:30am

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening

Tuesday 15 March, 2022 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

For further information, contact Damien Toussaint (SEALP enquiries) or Chelsea Bright (general enquiries) on (03) 4243 0500 or matthew.flinders.girls.sc@education.vic.gov.au



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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



Have fun singing and dancing along to our favourite rhymes and reading fabulous books every week at 10.30am

Toddler Time

Mondays & Wednesdays
(during school terms)

Story Time

Tuesdays (during school terms)

Baby Time

Thursdays

Colac Community Library

173 Queen Street

Colac 3250

Phone: 52314613

Email: colac@grlc.vic.gov.au



grlc.vic.gov.au

All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.

Online grlc.vic.gov.au

In person at any branch, or **phone** 03 4201 0500