

BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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15 April: Good Friday, public holiday.
25 April: Anzac Day.
26 April and 1 September: Wide Smiles dental check ups
2 May: the first of 6 after school basketball sessions: 2/5, 9/5, 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6.
5 May: swimming: 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 26/5, 2/6.
6 May: X Country Deans Marsh Yrs 3 to 6 and pizza.
9 May: Finance 2.30pm
10 May: Council meeting, 7.00pm start
10 May writing, 12 May reading, 16 May Conventions, 18 May maths. Online NAPLAN tests 2022
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
1 September: second visit Wide Smiles Dental check up
9 September: Colac Division Basketball
7 October: GW Athletics Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre.
31 October: school shut, whole school PD Day
1 November: Melbourne Cup
4 November: Colac Division Cricket
9 November: GMHBA Healthy Heroes Leaders Celebration day at GMHBA Stadium for our big kids
26 November 2022: Victorian State Election, school voting centre.
19 December: Christmas Concert
20 December: last day of term, teachers tidy up post concert.. No students required at school.
27 January 2023: teachers only return to school
30 January 2023: students return to school
26 - 28 July 2023: Beeac PS cluster Urban Camp Melbourne, Grades 4,5 and 6 students

PTO: Term dates & Student of the Week

Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school 4 April 2022



We made it.

For the first time in two years we had an almost covid free school term. Highlights for this term, included our improved performance at the Polwarth Sports Day, Sovereign Hill, the return of on-site sport, the start up of our new out of school hours care centre, the Barking Spiders production including the crazy snake, and of course being back at school with friends again.

Would it all have happened without our staff? No it certainly wouldn't, and nor would it have happened without our students. Those are the obvious people to start

thanking. But we also owe a debt of gratitude to the many people who worked hard behind the

| Event | |
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| Reports officially live with instructions to parents | Wed 6/4 |
| Easter raffle drawn at school | Wed 6/4 |
| Working bee: spread playground soft fall | No working bee: Grant Keating instead |
| Last day 2.30 finish | Frid 8/4 |

scenes including but not limited to our business manager, gardener, aides, and parents and friends, for making sure it all happened.

ANZAC Day will be observed on Monday the 25th of April. This public holiday is also the last day of our school holidays, so if you want to attend, there won't be any further opportunities for me to remind people that the dawn service will be starting at 6.00am and will be held at the town's cenotaph. As always, our school will have speakers and lay a wreath.

As the enclosed summary indicates, we shortly intend getting information out about how to read our end of term on-line reports on COMPASS. Our school will finish at 2.30pm this Friday.

Starting from week two next term we intend having five weeks of swimming at the Bluewater swimming centre and music with Louise Brown and a probable presentation at Costa Hall, Geelong when we will perform as part of the Geelong Schools Music Festival.

RATs at Beeac PS.

There are no signs of the Department handing out any more free RATs next term. However we do have a few spare ones. If we don't receive any directive from the Department, we will split up the remainder and get them out to families early next term.



Geelong Football Club at Beeac PS.

Paul Maddern organised for Geelong Football Club to talk to our students about character strengths, actively creating their own healthy eating snacks and a physical activity session designed to get children moving in a fun engaging way. Our senior students will be

- participating in an exclusive Geelong Cats football clinic.
- hearing our Geelong Cats AFL and AFLW Healthy Heroes ambassadors share their leadership tips and experiences
- joining a Co-Design session to support and empower students to lead Healthy Heroes messages in their school community.

- presented with a Leadership Certificate in the GMHBA Stadium Players Stand.
- receiving an invitation to participate in the first annual GMHBA Healthy Heroes Leaders Celebration day at GMHBA Stadium on Wednesday the 9th of November

Say hello to Jackie Wilson.

Mrs Hill was carrying out three roles as an integration aide, literacy tutor and Years two and three teacher. She has now taken some long service leave to go and visit her family in Western Australia during the final week of this term and the first two weeks of term two. In her place Jackie Wilson, pictured here, will be replacing her. Jackie lives in Colac and last week Kara Wishart and Merryl Hill worked behind the scenes to bring Jackie up to speed for when she starts to teach our grade two and three students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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Student of the week.
Gaige Ohrwalder: for working
really hard on her literacy tasks
and helping others in class 15/3
Jack Clarke: for socialising and
mixing with students from other
schools and participating in all
camp activities with enthusiasm
1/4

| 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 |



Parents and Friends: please help.

Thankyou to everyone who has donated some Easter eggs for the raffle. Thank you also to everyone who has bought raffle tickets. The proceeds from this project will be used to fund part of the expenses for next term's Bluewater swimming lessons beginning on the 5th of May. The PFA will be wrapping the prizes today, Monday, at our school. They would also appreciate any time that you may have available to help serve at a clearing sale bbq which will be held this Friday on the 8th of April. Do please contact Jenny Clarke on 0438868253..

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| Wrap Easter raffle prizes | Mon 4/4 |
| Draw raffle at school | Wed 6/4 |
| Set up bbq at Beec clearing sale | Thurs 7/4 |
| Clearing sale: many hands make light work. Volunteer your time or bake a slice, cake, or biscuits | Frid 8/4 |



Sovereign Hill: all's well that ends well.

We thank Tess Wood and Paul Maddern for going without sleep for three days so that all our grades 3,4,5 and 6 children could have a quality experience. This camp frequently ranks as one of the top memories that children have of their entire school experience! Tom Searle is pictured here using a pen with a nib and ink. Older readers might remember the little ink wells in the corner of each desk. The one pictured here is placed in the corner of the desk, and students had to dip their pens into the ink at regular intervals so that they could complete what they were writing. Too much ink ended up creating a disaster on the page,. Too little ink meant that the job had to be repeated. Readers can see that actually Tom has done very well to complete the task. I remember well the argument that ball point pens would never replace the way that proper writing with ink should be done. Over the years similar arguments for tvs, libraries, the internet, calculators, mobile phones, computers and so on have galvanised people's thinking. In an idle moment I love to imagine what aides will be used in the future to help enhance our children's learning experience, and how they will the shape how they experience what we now call school.



Along with the obligatory gold panning experience and dressing up as students from Victorian times, I'm sure most parents will have listened to their children talk about what interested them when they spent three days and two nights away from home. From comments that Paul and Tess have made, they were very pleased with the way that our children got on so well with all the other children from the different schools that went to the camp. That point bodes well for the future when our children leave Beec Primary school and go on to work together with others in a bigger secondary school setting.



Our local community

Kara Wishart has been working in the little room on a term's theme focussed on local communities. Her students have spent this term looking at ways that people are connected to different places and features of their local community. Pictured here, readers can see that the class has created a mini 3D version of Beec out of scrap paper and donated resources.

Colac District Sports

This great picture of Lily Milne competing at the Colac and District Sports is a stellar reminder of how we Beec folk support each other in our learning community. I'm reminded of the old saying, "it takes a village to raise a child." It certainly did in this case, when one of our mothers took our children down to the sports day, even though her own children were not competing in the events! Congratulations to Monique Cowell. Monique was a successful competitor in the Girls 80m hurdles, and will now go through to compete in the next round at the Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre on the 7th of October..



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nights– kids eat half
price with full paying
adult

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

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COMPASS: end of term reports.

I'm reprinting this article from our last newsletter: now that everyone is back at school full time we can move back to our old system of reporting to parents four times a year. Our first set of reports will be available live on COMPASS in the last week of this term. Each child's progress for English and Maths described in the Victorian Curriculum using "I statements" will be available for parents to view. The instructions for how to access these reports are printed for those who wish to familiarise themselves with the process. But, as already mentioned, the updated and accurate information will not be available until nearly the end of term. More detail will be sent out closer to the time.

Want to borrow your laptop during the holidays?

Parents will remember that during covid times a government initiative, "Bridging the digital divide", enabled our school to receive free laptops for all our children to do their work from home. All families signed an agreement to accept their computer. The laptop, including its maintenance, became each family's responsibility. At the same time every family, without exception, very kindly agreed to lend back their computers to our school where they are kept during term time for our students to do their work.

Two points came out of this process. Firstly, when students leave school for the final time, they will take their computer with them, and secondly, during the holidays, when the laptops are not needed at school, families are most welcome to reclaim their laptops during that time. Of course at the end of the holidays we do hope that they are returned promptly when work begins at the start of term two.

Kids Country: some highlights.

Once again the work of Barking Spiders, Karen Cherry and other members of the art community continue to reap benefits for our school in terms of publicity for the hard work that they have contributed to raising the profile of our school in the Colac community. The attached reprinted Colac Herald article makes this point.



Playground OHS.

The annual school site inspection revealed that a few minor defects in the playground needed to be rectified as usual. And as usual one of the requirements is that we need to increase the amount and depth of softfall in our school. Pictured here are Ben Cahill and Phoenix Cowell helping to spread the soft fall in our veggie garden. Along with Kara's little kids the soft fall spreading in this area was completed last week.

Council business.

On behalf of our parent community, I would like to congratulate our new council for the making the following decisions: new president: Grant Keating, treasurer: Jenny Clarke, secretary: Anye Milne. In addition the Council formally accepted the 2021 annual report which has now been signed off and sent to Melbourne for final comment. We will hold a formal public meeting later in the year to present it to our community. Details of the dates will be published once the document has finally been accepted by the Department. Parents will be most welcome to attend this open meeting.

Date shenanigans.

We still wait for confirmation with a number of excursions. I am still unable to confirm that we have final confirmation of excursions to the snow and the Arts Centre later this year. This in turn impacts on decisions we can make about what excursion our little kids can go on. Fingers crossed though, we hope that the original promises come to fruition.

What's next: NAPLAN, the Dentist, OSHC and basketball.

The last of the online pre NAPLAN tests were successfully completed last week. Our school is now ready to participate in the tests on line. Dates for the real tests are as follows: Writing 10 May, Reading: 12 May, Writing Conventions 16 May, Maths 18 May.

The Wide Smiles representative visited our school on Friday to collect the completed forms. We expect them to make the first of two visits to our school on the 26th of May.

Our OSHC program with Kelly Club will kick off again on the first day of next term. If you think you might be interested in the facility, do please contact Annelie on 0427072054

Sport will resume next term with athletics running during school time and after school netball beginning again with the ever popular Tamzyn and Shellie Harty from Monday the 2nd of May starting at 3.30pm. Do please consider joining this popular program. As a result of what we did last year, several of our children now actively participate in the sport each week during the basketball season..



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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WHAT'S ON IN THE HOLIDAYS AT COLAC

Old fashioned games (5+)

Tuesday 12th April 2.30pm

How did your grandparents have fun? See what passed for entertainment in the “olden days” and try your hand at some games of the past.

Cosy Campfire Tales (5+)

Wednesday 13th April 10.30am

Join us for a special story telling session. Come along and share tales, play games and have a good ol’ campfire sing-a-long.

Phone: 52314613

Email: colac@grlc.vic.gov.au

Collaborative Art Project (All ages)

Tuesday 19th April 2.30pm

Draw, Cut, stick, and fold as you help us create a collaborative art exhibition celebrating Author Eric Carle to display within our libraries. All Ages

Alphabet Photography (8+)

Wednesday 20th April 2.30pm

Prepare to be a detective and take a close look around our libraries as we photograph everyday objects resembling letters of the alphabet. Limited library iPads available.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Colac Braves Baseball Club

Come and Try Days



When: 10am Sunday the 3rd and 10th of April



Where: Eastern Reserve, Colac



Come and Try Baseball

Juniors: If you are 8-14 years old and wanting to try out a fun and inclusive sport where all equipment is provided, come and give baseball a go!

For a bit of fun, we will also have an inflatable throwing tunnel and radar gun set up for you to test your throwing speed with a prize for the fastest!

Seniors: For those that are a little bit older, there will also be an open training session for our senior teams, any newcomers are welcome!



For more information, search 'Colac Braves' on Facebook and send us a message!

Are **WORRIES** all in your head?

If you are a worrier
then you know that the answer to this question is
a resounding
NO!

“Worries can make your body feel bad. Worries can cause a sick feeling inside. They can make your stomach hurt, and make your head ache, too. They can make you sweaty and cause your heart to pound. Worries can make you feel shaky or dizzy, like you are going to faint or throw up. Actually, some kids have these bad feelings in their bodies and don’t even realize that worries are causing them!”

What to Do When You Worry Too Much
....by Dawn Huebner, Ph.D.

If you have a little person who may be experiencing any of these symptoms it may be worth having a chat, or reading a story (and there’s some great ones out there), that helps them to identify what’s happening and to work out some strategies to calm themselves down.

Circle the words that describe how you feel when you are worried...

Put an **X** on the parts of your body that hurt when you feel worried

Headache

Tearful

Breathless

Sweaty

Faint

Dizzy

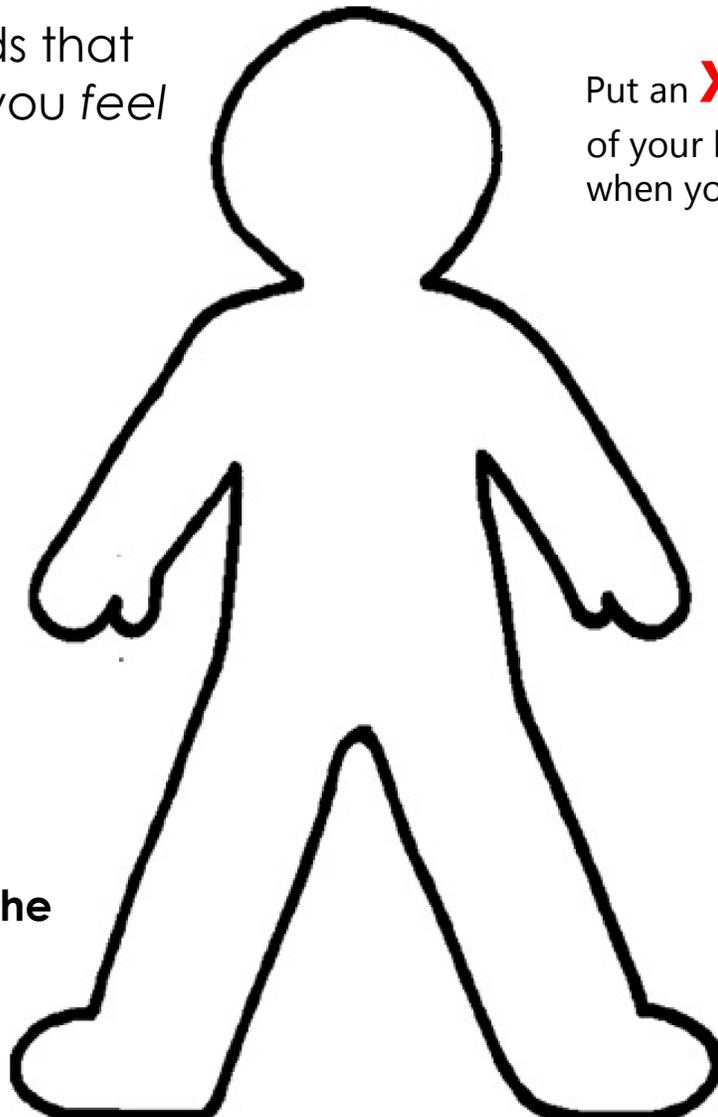
Nauseous

Stomach ache

Tingly

Cold

Weak



NOTE:

If you feel that worries are taking the joy out of your life, remember, it can be good to share them with someone.

Hi All,

Over the last few weeks my focus has been around WORRIES...what they are, how they look and how they affect us! Well today it's time to start considering how we can make worries go away.

'The first thing to do when you have a worry is put it into words. You can talk to yourself about the worry. Or you can find a helpful person, like your mum or dad, to talk to about it.

Then use LOGIC to make the worry less powerful. Logic is when you think about what is really true instead of what you're afraid might happen. Logic is reminding yourself that really bad things don't happen very often. Logic is knowing that even if something that's a little bit bad does happen, you can get through it. When you use logic, you can make a plan that helps you feel calmer and less worried.'

Dawn Huebner.

Now mum and dad remember if you find your little person sharing their worries with you...don't panic...listen to the whole worry first, make sure you have all the relevant information and then keep your answer basic and to the point. Sometimes as parents, we can get ahead of ourselves and leap in with complex detail that might seem helpful but may be more than they are looking for. So, remember to use logic, step it out with them and if possible, support them in making a plan, (they may not want to and that's okay too).



Sue Bath, Chaplain



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STORYTELLING: Beeac Primary School students Summah Thompson, Rylie Kerr and Monique Cowell joined in on last Tuesday's Kids Country performance at Beeac Primary School using tabletop puppetry. The performance also included a giant snake puppet.

School dazzles audience

BY ZARA CUTHBERTSON

Students at Beeac Primary School have dazzled their audience in a visual storytelling performance.

Barking Spider Visual Theatre Group's Penelope Bartlau said the Kids Country project involved teaching the students through storytelling about the land on which they lived.

"I guess what the audience saw on the day was the icing on the cake, but the foundation of the whole project was an exploration by the children of their stories, their country, and by that, I mean the land on which they live," she said.

"We worked with the teachers to really gather the stories, but at the same time, the artists were teaching or guiding the children in different artforms, such as installation arts, and getting them to think about how to see what is so familiar in a different way, so that was probably the key to it; how does one look at the land that one is on with fresh eyes, and from that the children were able to make their stories," Mrs Bartlau said.



WOW: Beeac Primary School students stunned onlookers with an artistic display.

The students used visual and audio methods to create their performance last Tuesday, including creating a podcast to tell their stories.

"We set up a sound recording booth with professional recording equipment and helped the children record their voices, and then developed with the kids a form of puppetry called object puppetry, it's kind of a weird form of puppetry, but the children really dug into it, which was really great, to see them transforming," she said.

Mrs Bartlau said the pup-

petry included a giant snake puppet for the younger students, and small tabletop puppetry for the older students.

"The little children came up with the notion of making a giant snake; and the reason for the two types of puppetry, one being big parade style, and one being a small tabletop performance, was to show the diversity within that artform, and playing with scales," she said.

Beeac Primary School's Karen Cherry said the students thoroughly enjoyed working with Barking Spi-

der to put the project together.

"We had Barking Spider Visual Theatre Group working here and we had a grant from Creative Vic which funded them under Creative Partnerships in schools, and it was just fabulous, they did a wonderful job," she said.

"So, we did a whole thing on Kids Country, and then the podcast was of their little stories, and then to those stories, the sound scapes, they did what's called object poetry performances, so a tabletop performance where they acted out the

little scenes that were on the tape, and the kids also made a giant puppet snake, which was pretty impressive," Ms Cherry said.

She said the school was proud of the students' performance and having the artists visit was a valuable experience.

"We had a good day, and it was good having artists in schools, it's just so fabulous for kids, it deepens their learning and engages everybody, and it's been wonderful.

"From the school's point of view, we couldn't be happier; they're just wonderful artists and were so exciting, Penelope does just such exciting stuff, it's incredible to watch and it was just great, and they loved it," Ms Cherry said.

"All those things, they're going to back into our curriculum and developing even further; when you have someone so talented, like these artists who come in to offer those things, it offers something to kids, but also to teachers, it's good for all of us in terms of kids developing their storytelling and having those wonderful experiences," she said.