

**BEEAC PRIMARY
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9 May: Finance 2.30pm
10 May: Parents and Friends meeting 9.00am.
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
13 May: Year 6/7 enrolment forms returned.
20 May: Colac Division Cross Country held at: Colac racecourse and Recreation Reserve.
24 May: open day for prep enrolments 2023
3 June: Colac Division Football and Netball Lightning Premiership
13 June: Queens Birthday, public holiday.
24 June: CSEF program closes
27 July: secondary acceptance of enrolment forwarded to parents.
10 August: acceptance of secondary enrolment by parents to Beeac PS
1 September: second visit Wide Smiles Dental check up
17th August: probable whole school performance at Costa Hall, Geelong.
23-26/8 August: Mt Buller excursion Grades 3 to 6
9 September: Colac Division Basketball
7 October: GW Athletics Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre.
17 October: Winchelsea Neighbourhood Watch, whole school excursion.
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.
12 December: whole school excursion Melbourne Arts Centre Christmas melodies.
13 December: State wide Grade 6/7 secondary schools hosted orientation day.
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



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9 May 2022



Welcome back to term two.

Welcome back to a short 9 week term. We have onboarded two new members of staff: Jackie Wilson and Angela Neville. Readers were introduced to Jackie in our last newsletter. If you are visiting our school, do say hi to Angela who lives in Rokewood and joins us for this term. Karen Cherry is presently away for the rest of this term. Merry Hill returns to us today after visiting her daughter in Western Australia.

Swimming, singing and NAPLAN will all need to be squeezed in to a busy term that will culminate in our first full mid-year report session with parents. We hope that the end of term 1 online interim reports interested parents. We spent a lot of time revamping them and moved from using Sentral for reporting to COMPASS in order to get these online reports working the way our Council wanted. I would love to get feedback from our parent body about how useful they are for you.

Do join us at 7.00pm this Tuesday night at the school when our annual report to the community will be presented.

Finally I am reminding everyone that on Friday the 13th, at the end of this week, MSP photography will be visiting us to take our annual school photographs. Please let us know if you wish to make last minute online orders. Do please ensure that your child/children look their very best ready for picture taking this Friday.

RATs at Beeac PS.

RATs went home to families on Monday last week. Each family should now have enough for a further two and a half weeks. We received another batch of them at the end of last week. So if, as is suggested, we use them at the rate of two a week, depending on which end of the week families use them, we should all have a sufficient quantity to get us through to the last couple of weeks of this term.

COMPASS readers will have seen that we have had 3 cases of infection within our school this term. What follows are the present rules around ensuring everyone's safety about what to do if your family does have a positive case of covid.

By the way, this is old news. It first appeared on COMPASS two weeks ago. You don't need to read it, if you have already seen it on COMPASS.

Household contacts

Students and staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. They can return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period and wear face masks indoors if they are aged 8 and above unless they have a valid exemption.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

For your interest

The roll-out of air purifiers to schools will continue. Beeac PS expects a further three to arrive as part of our winter allocation.

I am advised by the Department that as we approach the winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

ANZAC DAY Dawn Service.

My thanks to our school captains Jack Clarke, Monique Cowell and their families who represented our school at the dawn service on the 25th of April. They each read a speech about the history of ANZAC and how the legend lives on in our everyday lives today. Afterwards, along with other town organisations they laid a wreath at the Beeac cenotaph.

End of term round up.

They say one picture is worth a thousand words. So here are a couple of highlights left over from the end of last term. Viewers can see a picture showing our students participating in an Easter parade as part of our last day's celebrations. The other picture shows our PFA picking the winners of the Easter raffle. Thankyou to everyone involved..



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Student of the week
Phillip Weilly: for always
trying his best and not giving up
when his work gets tricky. 29/4
Maddy Cahill: for her excep-
tional behaviour and always
being a kind and conscientious
friend. 6/5

Swimming followed by singing.

Five weeks of swimming at the BlueWater Fitness Centre commenced last Thursday. Parents, grandparents and relatives are most welcome to join us. We especially extend a hand to you to join us for chips in the park on the last day, the 2nd of June. It's a great opportunity for parents who are in Colac to join us for an informal chat at lunchtime.

After the five weeks of our swimming program have finished, Louise Brown our singing and dancing teacher will join us on the 7th of June to prepare us for a presentation at the Geelong performing schools music competition later this year. The performance venue of Costa Hall

has been pencilled in for Wednesday the 17th of August. Although not yet confirmed as the date, it will definitely be on one day in that week. Again, I'm giving early warning of this event because in the past parents have wanted to come to watch our students perform.



Cross Country Run: outright winner

Paul Maddern and Jackie Wilson travelled to Deans Marsh on Friday where our children had a stellar day involved in the inter schools competition. Everyone I spoke to had a great day. In addition we have some excellent results. Dylan Groves was the outright winner in his race, a race where he beat competitors from 6 different primary schools, including students from Birregurra!

Congratulations to the following students who performed at a high enough standard for them to go on to the district finals in Colac on Friday 20th of May: Jack Clarke, Lily Milne and Lilly Keating. I am hopeful that Jack Clarke can be persuaded to swap his blundstones for runners on the big day!



Wide Smiles dental visit.

Unfortunately, Covid and other logistic challenges got in the way of every student seeing the two dental technicians last week. Nevertheless, at least everybody who signed up got a free toothbrush and toothpaste. Families who missed out on last weeks visit are assured of a visit when the "Wide Smiles" team again visit us on the 1st of September.

If any family hasn't yet signed up and wishes to be involved, then do please let me know.

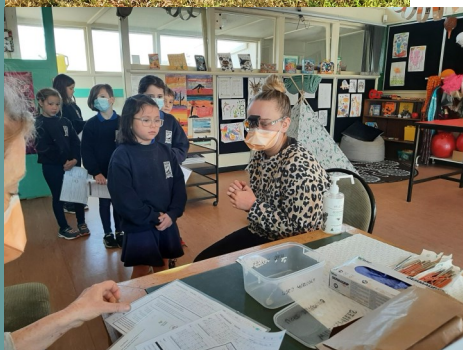
NAPLAN this week and next week.

Our school is now ready to participate in the tests on line. Dates for the tests are as follows:

Writing 10 May,
Reading 12 May,
Writing Conventions 16 May,
Maths 18 May.

OSHC: eight children and going from strength to strength.

Pictured here are five of the eight members who are now accessing out of school hours care. In a brief conversation with one of the mums, who are making use of the program it would appear that the average cost per session appears to be about \$10, although I am also aware that it may cost nothing for some families. The final cost will be dependent on a family's weekly income. Credit to this student growth should go to Tammy Coysh who is spotting the need in our local community and also to Annallie Ohrwalder the care provider. Do please contact Annellie on 0427072054 if you think that you might be interested..



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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nights– kids eat half
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adult

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

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You are invited: annual report to the local communi-ty.

On Tuesday night this week, at 7.00pm prior to the start of the School Council meeting, all members of our school community are invited to a short meeting where the 2021 annual school report will be presented to our community. This is an annual requirement of all Victorian government schools. Along with the anonymous parent opinion survey and representation of parents on our Council, this is one more opportunity for everyone to be informed and give us feedback about how we are travelling as a learning community.

The report has been signed off by our school council president and the Department and is now available for you to view on our website at [FINAL_arc_2021_0482.pdf](#)

(beeacps.vic.edu.au)

If the hotlink doesn't work you can go to our website and navigate from the home page to "Our School" and then "Reports and Plans".

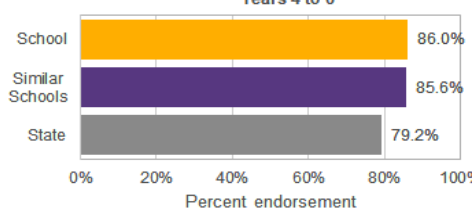
There are three highlights that I am especially proud of, and these include the following. I'll let the graphs do the talking, but long story short: our students say they love coming to school (connectedness), they say that bullying is no longer a big problem, and our core business, the teaching of English and Maths, continues to be outstanding compared to all other schools in our State.

Sense of Connectedness Years 4 to 6

Latest year
4-year
average

School percent endorsement:	86.0%	88.4%
Similar Schools average:	85.6%	80.4%
State average:	79.2%	81.0%

Sense of Connectedness (latest year) Years 4 to 6



Student Attitudes to School – Management of Bullying

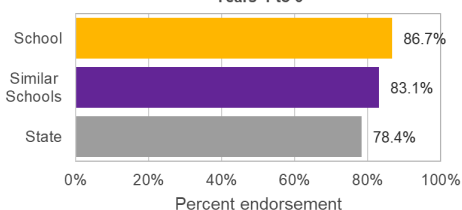
The percent endorsement on Management of Bullying factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey completed annually by Victorian government school students, indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).

Management of Bullying Years 4 to 6

Latest year
(2021)
4-year
average

School percent endorsement:	86.7%	88.6%
Similar Schools average:	83.1%	82.4%
State average:	78.4%	79.7%

Management of Bullying (latest year) Years 4 to 6



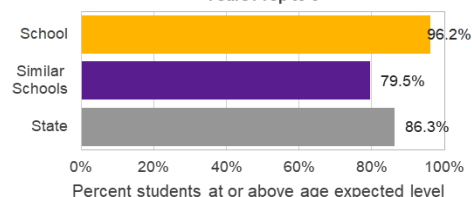
Percentage of students working at or above age expected standards in English and Mathematics.

English Years Prep to 6

Latest year
(2020)

School percent of students at or above age expected standards:	96.2%
Similar Schools average:	79.5%
State average:	86.3%

English (latest year) Years Prep to 6

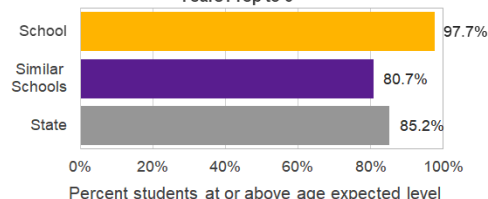


Mathematics Years Prep to 6

Latest year
(2020)

School percent of students at or above age expected standards:	97.7%
Similar Schools average:	80.7%
State average:	85.2%

Mathematics (latest year) Years Prep to 6



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Free basketball coaching Mondays not Tuesdays.

Basketball has begun again with the ever popular Tamzyn and Shellie Harty from Monday the 2nd of May at 3.30pm. Several members of our school community are now competing at the weekend, and I do hope that those parents are talking with each other to arrange lifts and other types of mutual support. Off course, we now have a fully laid out basketball court at our school, and should you wish to use it out of school hours, all you need to do is let us know.



Parents and Friends news.

Pictured here are students with presents ready for Mother's Day. Once again we are in awe of the outstanding contribution from our dedicated Parents and Friends group. What follows is some fabulous news from Jenny Clarke our parent and Friends president.

Hi Everyone,

We will have a P&F meeting Tuesday 10th 9am to discuss what we'll be doing this term.

If you can't be there and would like something discussed at the meeting please let me know.

The Easter raffle raised \$345 and the clearing sale around \$1100 although I will confirm that figure once expenses are all paid.

Well done everyone!!

Student attitudes to school survey grades 4-6.

In addition to sending home a hard copy, and emailing you a copy of this letter, I have also enclosed a copy of it with this newsletter. As you can see it is about the student attitudes to school survey which we ask all our Grades 4,5 and 6 students to do each year. This year, as a result of Covid, there are some personal questions that have been included, to gauge how things are going with our students now that they are back at



school.

You have the right to withdraw your child should you not wish for your child to answer them. And those details are explained in the letter.

Seeking RAT program parent feedback.

Important feedback on the rapid antigen testing (RAT) program is being sought from our school community through a short survey that has been developed by the Department of Health.

RATs are helping students and staff to safely attend school by ensuring positive cases are identified as quickly as possible. All RATs ordered by the Victorian government for schools are effective in detecting coronavirus (COVID-19) variants, including Omicron.

To help evaluate the roll-out of the program to schools in Term 2 and ensure that staff and students have the required support, a short survey is being sent to parents at a sample of Victorian schools.

Our school has been selected to complete the survey from Monday 2 May 2022. The survey is voluntary and anonymous. Our school will not have access to your individual data or responses. The link to the survey is here:

[Rapid Antigen Testing in Schools Survey - Parent Survey](#)

If the hotlink doesn't work, this address can be typed in to your browser:

https://dhhschange.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d6HoFq2NndjWxDM

Heads up.

This is a heads up about future excursions which will be happening later in the year. The dates are still being negotiated in some cases:

Downhill snow ski excursion at Buller. All Grades 3 to 6. Free travel, free accommodation and food at Nillah-cootie, and free equipment. Grades 3 to 6	23/8- 26/8
A day at Werribee Zoo: all free. Grades P-2	Date to be decided
Christmas Melodies Melbourne Arts Centre, Hamer Hall : free whole school excursion	12/12 at 11.00am
Neighbourhood watch Winchelsea	Proposed date 17th October

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Prep enrolment week 22nd to 28th of May, and open day Tuesday the 24th of May.

The lifeblood of our school, of course, are our students. All our local small schools will have a common advertising day in the Colac Herald promoting enrolments during Education week, which runs from the 22nd to the 28th of May this year. On Tuesday during Education Week we will open our school to all prospective parents to promote our school. More details of our promotion will be available shortly. If you know of parents who are considering our school, I would be grateful if you would mention this information to them and mention some of our highlights (see the article "annual report to the local community"), and also mention that we now have an out of hours care facility.

THE LITTLE SCHOOL WHERE BIG THINGS HAPPEN

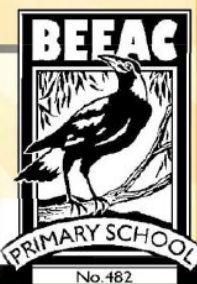


Beeac Primary School are offering enrolment packs at the school, prospective parents/guardians are welcome to contact us to have a talk and walk through our school, whilst we observe social distancing.

Call our school for a chat or more
information on **5234 6463**

Visit our website at:

<http://www.beeacps.vic.edu.au/beeac>



Internet speed: faster than a speeding bullet.

Beeac Primary School has received an internet bandwidth upgrade. our upgrade is part of DET project to deliver at least 1 Mbps per student for all schools. This is a significant increase designed to support teaching and learning in the digital classroom.

As a result, the bandwidth for our school has been increased from 20 Mbps to 50 Mbps.

Years 6 to 7 transition pack coming home now.

My apologies for the somewhat slower than I would have liked sending out of this year's 6-7 transition pack. The forms only arrived on Friday and **will be sent home today.** The following timeline applies to this process:

- Placement Form (Year 6 Students attending a State Primary School), to be returned to our school by Friday, 13th May 2022.

What happens next;

- 20/7 primary schools notify parents of the outcome of the application,
- 10/8 acceptance slip from parents to school.
- 13/12 secondary schools hosted orientation day..

2nd Colac Cub Scouts proudly present

FREAK NIGHT

FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022



Kids Spooky Fancy Dress
Disco & Games Night



Log Cabin Scout Hall

(down the hill behind the Police Station)

PRIZES: Best Spooky Costume, Dancing
Competitions, Games, Group Dances, Spot Prizes and more!

TIME GUIDELINES

6 - 9 year olds 6:30 - 7:30pm.

10 - 14 year olds 7:30 - 9:00pm.

\$5 entry per child



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Cordial and water provided Free



NO PASSOUTS



Parents must come into hall to pick up their child

FULL ADULT SUPERVISION PROVIDED
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COLAC FOOTY 4 FUN

CENTRAL RESERVE, COLAC
MONDAY 9TH MAY @ 4:30PM - 6:00PM

**FUN FOOTBALL EVENT TO LAUNCH THE NEW AUSKICK
SEASON AND U/10'S COMPETITION**

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CONTACT MERCEDES @ 0400 099 104
MERCEDES.MATHEWSON-VARDY@AFL.COM.AU



PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period the 9th of April to the 27th of May.

What are the benefits?

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

The survey been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no

individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: beeac.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please do so before the 9th of May, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2022 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the Department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

The Victorian Department of Education and Training