

BEEAC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

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**15-17 February:** back to off site learning

**16 February:** Council meeting starting at 7.00pm via Skype

**19 February CANCELLED:** Rokewood Lagoon. Family fun day starting at approximately 10.00am.

**22 February:** first P&F meeting after assembly. Everyone welcome.

**26 February:** last day to register your interest to become a school council member.

**5 March: CANCELLATION PENDING.** whole school staff training COMPASS. PD Day. School shut.

**11 March:** Polwarth Sports Day at Alvie with a fall back for inclement weather on Friday 12 March

**26 March:** the Colac and District Athletics carnival.

**2 April:** Good Friday, public holiday.

**23 April:** Polwarth X Country at Deans Marsh.

**25 April:** Anzac Day.

**7 May:** MSP whole school photographs

**11-13 May:** NAPLAN paper tests

**14 June:** Queens Birthday, public holiday.

**23 to 25 June:** Roses Gap Grades 3,4,5&6 + three other schools

**24 September:** likely date Friday before AFL Grand Final, public holiday.

**1 November:** school shut, professional development day all staff. Students will not be required at school.

**2 November:** Melbourne Cup

**March 30 to 1 April 1 2022:** Sovereign Hill Grades 5 & 6 + three other schools.

#### Student of the week.

**Tessa Tucker:** for an enthusiastic approach to new leadership goals and using strategies to alleviate negative emotions. 5/2/21

**Kayde Howe:** for his amazing leadership in the little room. 12/2/2021

# Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school

15 February 2021

## Lots of busy stuff

Déjà vu: (dictionary definition) "a feeling of having already experienced the present situation". I'm sure that, apart from some of our preppy parents, we are all familiar with what will happen this week! Just in case you missed the weekend's COMPASS messages, I've reprinted the main, still relevant, points below:

- Off site learning from home on Monday 15 February to Wednesday 17 February inclusive.
- The only children that can attend school are those where the parents are essential workers and families that fit into the vulnerable category and they are unable to find care for their children
- Monday's arrangements for off-site learning, will go up on COMPASS by 9.00am Monday.
- In addition, and unfortunately, we will need to cancel our meet the parent day this coming Thursday at Rokewood Lagoon. We will publish an update once things become clearer. The 5th of March whole Day Staff PD session is also looking questionable at this stage. We will clarify the situation as we get closer to the date.

## For lessons this week use COMPASS, not Sentral or Skype.

It looks like fate has lent a hand in bringing COMPASS in to everyone's life faster than we expected. The Covid lockdown has meant that we will be relying on COMPASS to send you details of your children's work this week. The details of how to access COMPASS were recently sent to you in the post with your user name and password. As long as you can get on to COMPASS everything will be fine, because you should get an invitation in your email by 9.00am tomorrow to log on to access your child's work.

It was great to see parents using the new app to report absences last week, so we know that the system is working properly. Please contact us urgently if you are having problems with using it on your device. Contact Tammy Coysh at [beeac.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:beeac.ps@education.vic.gov.au) and she will be happy to help you. We will do our best to get you quickly up and running. Monday will be our try out day.

## COMPASS: if your child is away.

Our absence system went live on Thursday last week, so once we return to school, from 10.00am every day, you will get an automated message to let you know if you haven't told us that your child is not at school. No more phone calls from myself or Tammy, if you haven't let us know. 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.

Actually you can greatly help us from sending you false absence emails, by filling in the absence text on COMPASS from the comfort of your home. Do please read the enclosed instructions.

By the way, for the sake of common sense, we will assume for the time being, that every child will be studying on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. So there's no need to contact us for the purpose of recording absences on those days this week, although you would be most welcome to contact us for other reasons.

## Parents and Friends

Our first P&F meeting will be after assembly on the 22nd of February. We always welcome new members and our meetings are child friendly. Please attend and help us to spend last year's funds and begin the planning for this year.

## Chaplaincy appointment .

Kara Wishart, myself and a representative from Scripture Union Victoria, spent two days last week interviewing for the position at our school. Dodging between news of Covid and the usual end of week business, we finally made a decision Friday afternoon. We are delighted to announce that Paul Tyson was the successful candidate. Originally from the Echuca area, Paul has been a chaplain in a number of different schools, and has also taught Science in schools too. He will be based at our school for two days a week. I understand that he will also be working in two other schools, and that he may be joining us as early as the end of this week! I hope you get the time to say hello and join with me in giving Paul a friendly Beeac welcome. Expect to see him at our school on Mondays and Fridays.

## 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 11th 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 required to sign in at the venue on arrival, either electronically with their phone or by leaving details of their name and a contact. 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 I do not know if there will be refreshments provided by Alvie Primary School..

PTO: Term dates 2021

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



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In this session via Webex, our Grade 3 to 6 students and Paul Maddern considered the energy systems used across the world today and the impact these have on our planet. Students looked at solar, wave and wind energy and how renewable energies minimise the contributions to climate change. Students were then invited to follow a design challenge to either build an anemometer, a wind turbine or explore coding skills.

### Tutor learning initiative.

Our school has been fortunate enough to acquire additional targeted learning support funding. This additional support is available through the Victorian Government's \$250 million investment in the Tutor Learning Initiative, which supports schools to address disruptions to students' learning as a result of COVID-19.

The Tutor Learning Initiative enables schools across Victoria to engage qualified teachers as tutors to work with small groups of students and support their learning. The initiative is consistent with Australian and international evidence, which shows that small group tutoring is one of the most effective educational interventions available to support students to progress in their learning.

We are still waiting for the processes to be finalised so that a tutor can be hired. Once that has all been finalised we will inform parents about who we would like to have involved in this initiative.

### 37 Creative worker residencies.

Louise Brown our weekly music teacher was successful with her application for a creative worker residency for schools which begins this year.

37 creative workers, including Louise, have begun their placement in 32 government schools across Victoria from last week as part of the Creative Workers in Schools program. This six month course means that we will see more of Louise as she has been externally funded for



her music work with us. It also means that she will be working with other local schools, so we can also expect to be more closely involved with other students from other schools during her time with us.

### Welcome to Jarryd Ladhams.

Pictured here is Jarryd Ladhams who will be joining us for two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He will be assisting us in our front office, the library and elsewhere around the school to ensure that our management practices work more smoothly. If you see Jarryd please be sure to say hello to him.



### Thankyou AKD timber.

Pictured here is Jaden Angus, AKD's Site Services Supervisor and resident handyman. AKD timber have very kindly agreed to donate some timber to our school. Once more of it has arrived, it will be available for our children to use at playtime to make teepees and other structures. At this stage small houses appear to be a popular option that our children are building during lunch time. Possible things that our children can create will increase once more timber offcuts arrive..

Term Dates	Start	Finish
2020 Term 4	5/10	18/12
2021 Term 1	28/1	1/4
2021 Term 2	19/4	25/6
2021 Term 3	12/7	17/9
2021 Term 4	4/10	17/12
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

# Parent nomination for School Council.

## Schedule 5A - Nomination form for Parent Member Category

The persons whose names appear under Nominator and Seconder, nominate:

Name (print full name)	
Residential address	

For election to the Parent member category of the School Council of

### Nominator

### Seconder

Name (print)	Name (print)
Address	Address

I am a\* (please tick):

(a) parent of a student at the school

(b) parent of a student at the school and a DoE employee to whom note 2(a) below does not apply

I am a\* (please tick):

(a) parent of a student at the school

(b) parent of a student at the school and a DoE employee to whom note 2(a) below does not apply

Signature

Signature

\*You may only nominate or second a candidate for election to the Parent member category if you are a member of one of the categories of person listed in (a) or (b) above. If you nominate or second a candidate and you are not a member of one of the categories of person listed in (a) or (b) above, then the nomination form will be invalid.

### CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am/I am not a DoE employee that I have not nominated or seconded a candidate for election to the DoE employee member category that I have not accepted a nomination to stand for election in the DoE employee member category that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence

Delete as appropriate

Signature of candidate

Date:

### Notes:

1. To nominate or second a candidate for election to the Parent member category, or accept a nomination for election to the Parent member category, each of the nominator and seconder and candidate must be either -
  - (a) a parent of a student of the school; or
  - (b) a parent of a student at the school and a DoE employee, to whom paragraph 2(a) below does not apply.
2. If you are a parent of a student of the school and a DoE employee and -
  - (a) you have nominated or seconded a candidate standing for election in the DoE employee member category, or accepted a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the DoE employee member category, then you may only nominate or second a candidate or accept a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the DoE employee member category, and you may not nominate or second a candidate or accept a nomination to stand as a candidate for election to the Parent member category;
  - (b) you do not fall within paragraph (a), then you may nominate or second a candidate to stand for election, or accept a nomination to stand for election, to either the Parent member category (using this Schedule) or the DoE employee member category (using Schedule 5B), but not both categories.
3. "DoE employee" -
  - (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an ongoing capacity or a fixed term of at least 90 days -
    - (i) under the *Teaching Service Act 1981*; or
    - (ii) by the DoE under the *Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998*; or
    - (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
    - (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the *Education Act 1958*; or
    - (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and
  - (b) does not mean a person employed under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.



## **Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening**

Wednesday 10 March, 2021 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

## **Open Day**

Thursday 11 March, 2021 with tours at 9:30am  
or 10:30am

## **Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening**

Tuesday 16 March, 2021 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@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)



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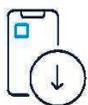
# Get started with Compass



**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](https://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](https://compass.education/parent-support)

# The Compass School Manager App

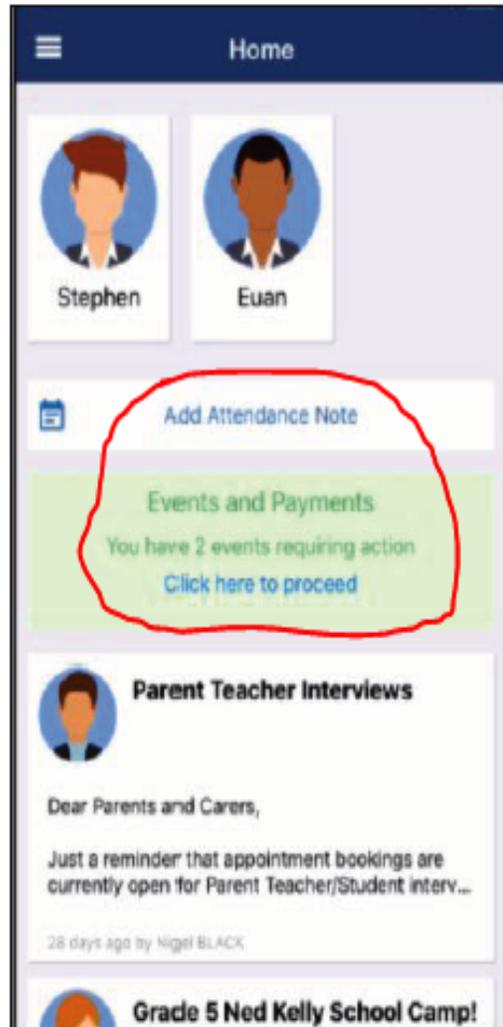
You can use the Compass app to action tasks. The app is available to download for free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.

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)



# Otways MARC Library

Ms Mac is on the road and will be at Beeac P.S every second Thursday.

Students can borrow books from the Library Van. Loans are for two weeks but they can be extended.

## **Term 1 Borrowing Dates Thursday**

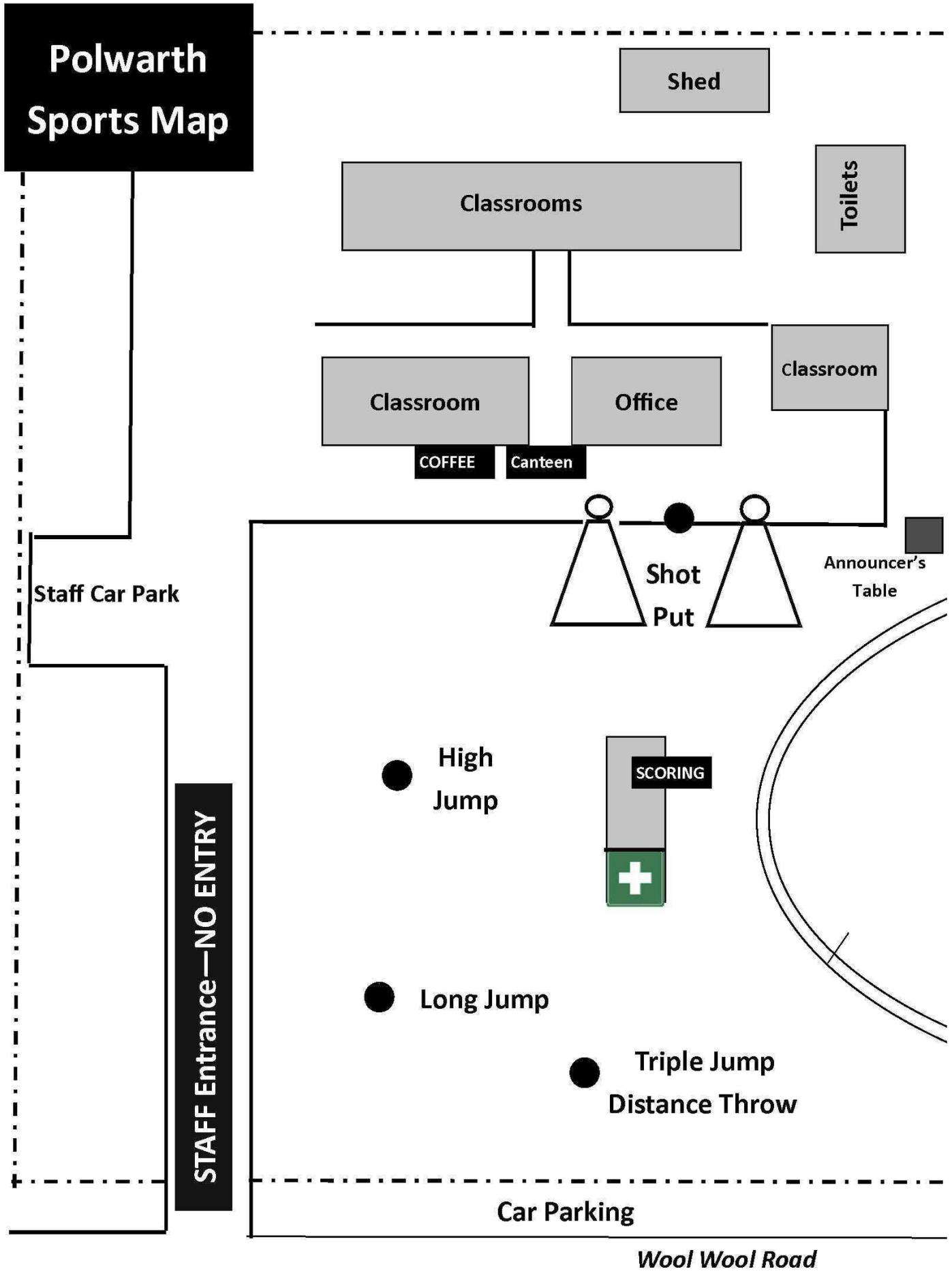


**February 11, February 25  
March 25,**

*"Today a reader, tomorrow  
a leader."*

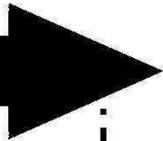
Margaret Fuller

# Polwarth Sports Map



**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