

**BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

LANG STREET

BEEAC 3251

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13 June: Queens Birthday, public holiday.
16 June: Finance.
17 June: Chris Daicos whole school staff PD. No student will be required at school on this day.
21 June: Council meeting
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



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school **6 June 2022**



Learning did not stop.

After two years of pandemic restrictions, the annual principal's conference opened up a physical get together for two days last week. I was fortunate enough to get down to Melbourne and listen to the latest thoughts from researchers and the Department about important changes that are ahead of us. What struck me for the first time was the fact that there was very little difference in what the researchers, Department and school are all trying to do. The old hierarchical system of Departmental led change is rapidly disappearing. And the researchers are looking at what we teachers have done through the epidemic, rather than proposing new theories about what we ought to be doing.

I was comforted by the research of Professor John Hattie, probably the most influential expert in Australian education today. John has conducted a meta analysis of educational outcomes over the last two years. A meta analysis is a summary of research from lots of different pieces of research. Maybe in excess of 200 pieces of research are all summarised together, so it is hard to disagree with the results. The research says that learning did not stop during covid. Indeed the results suggest that student expected results were only very slightly down on what we would have expected if our children had turned up at school full time.

Mental health, wellbeing, physical health and student's experience of school were the areas that we need to be concerned about however.

Mental health and wellbeing concerns.

Raw scores for the recently completed Grade 4, 5 and 6 anonymous student attitudes to school survey are now available. Apart from one student all our students participated in this survey. Parents won't be surprised to know what our students think about their teaching:

My teacher helps me to do my best	100%
My teacher gives extra help when students need it	100%

I was pleased to see continued improvements with student attitudes to bullying

I know where to get help if I feel bullied / I know where to get help if someone hurts me or if I feel upset	91%
I feel safe at this school	87%

As the opening article suggests however, our students are doing it hard in terms of coping now that they are back at school.

I feel proud about being a student at school	50%
I like school	55%
I am happy to be at school	73%
I feel like I belong at school	64%

School connectedness is a State wide problem in the wake of the pandemic. I hope parents don't feel unduly alarmed when their children don't want to come to school in the morning. Nearly everybody is finding that this the new normal. Hopefully, with time and some team building experiences such as the different excursions that we are now involved with, things will slowly return to normal.

Exciting news: new roof.

I was delighted to get a call late Friday afternoon informing us that our application for a new roof on our main building has been approved. We were lucky in managing to get a grant of nearly \$100,000 to help install a brand new roof on a school led project that we hope will be completed by Christmas. The State budget funding will fast track an additional 96 building projects that address a priority building condition in Victorian schools. This is an exciting time for our school as we get ready to organise the roof replacement of our school's main building..

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Student of the week
Tom Searle: for showing ma-
turity towards his learning and
social interacting. 2/5
Lilly Keating: always coming in
to class with a positive attitude
and brightening everyone's day.
3/6

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

Music.

David is having trouble shaking a bug and so has been unavailable to attend for a second week. However he intends making up the piano lessons this term at our school. For those parents with children who attend Trinity, his lessons will be made up next term.

Louise joins us this week for the first of many lessons as she prepares us for our whole school presentation on stage on the 17th of August at Costa Hall Geelong.

Lunch in the park.

To celebrate the last swimming lesson for this semester, we bought chips and dim sims and said hello to any parents with a few minutes spare at lunch time. It's always pleasant to catch up with everyone and take a bit of time out from the normal busy day routine.



Football.

We can do with more days like these as the big smiles show. Our kids are pictured having fun together at the lightning premierships in Colac last week. School was certainly a good place to be last Friday. Well done and congratulations to the following students for participating in a great day out for all concerned: Phoenix Cowell, Ben Cahill, Lachlan Beani, Jack Clarke and Riley Kerr.

Netball.

Paul Maddern and Tess Wood drove our students down to Colac last Friday for what was obviously a great break out away from the school's usual routine. Congratulations to everybody who was involved with netball on the day, including Kendra Beani and Monique Cowell.

Job opportunity: cleaner at Beac PS.

Wendy Aisbett, has unexpectedly announced that she would like to leave her job when a replacement can be found for the position. Whilst Wendy has enjoyed the job, she is very busy with many commitments which take up her time. The job involves an hour of cleaning after school five days a week. The school cleaning is supplied by an external contractor Grant Walker. At a base rate of \$24.97 an hour this could provide a handy extra income. The decision about who will be employed will be made by Grant, who can be contacted on 0407093614. Do please ring him for further information. I hope we can find someone willing to give it a go. Wendy will be willing to show the successful applicant, what the job involves. I will catch up with Grant in a week's time to see how things are progressing.

Public holiday.

We've got two left for the year and next Monday is one of them. The 13th of June is the Queens birthday. In addition we have one more on the 1st of November for the Melbourne Cup, and in addition a student free day on the 31st of October for a whole school professional development day..

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank

Massive housing proposal

Councillors set to vote on 400-lot land plans

BY JACOB TRAYNOR

A proposed greenfield development at Elliminyt could create up to 400 urgently-needed residential lots in the city, with Colac Otway Shire Council looking to put rezoning plans up for public comment.

Meanwhile, the council is looking to exhibit a major coastal community infrastructure plan and could reveal its under-wraps decision about the sale of land in Colac's Bruce Street once the contract comes into force.

At its May meeting today, the council will consider taking the next steps on a request to rezone about 34.85 hectares of farmland south of Harris Road and Queen Street, Elliminyt.

A report recommends seeking permission to exhibit the proposed Hillview planning scheme amendment, hear submissions and make minor changes.

The development has the potential to yield about 400 lots, with a mix of conventional 600-square-metre lots and medium-density lots from 300 square metres.

Also on the agenda, councillors will discuss a draft Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure plan, with a recommendation to put the document up for public comment for six weeks, with verbal submissions.

The CIP is a broad plan for future community infrastructure that focuses on active transport, visitor amenity, foreshore enhancements and streetscape boosts in the Bay's commercial district.

Meanwhile, councillors will con-

sider a recommendation to release the resolution from a confidential May 4 meeting, when they voted to sell about four hectares of council-owned land at 36-52 Bruce Street.

The identity of the buyer, the price, and other details remain unavailable to the public, but today's recommendation pushes to reveal the decision "following the execution of relevant contract documentation". The remainder of the agenda and minutes would remain confidential, however.

Also at the meeting, councillors will consider a new Lavers Hill Pool funding deal, with a recommendation that council provides funding starting at more than \$12,000, subject to a swathe of conditions.

The council received a letter about the funding deal from the community last week, co-signed with 43 names.

Councillors will also look at a report on the council's performance from January to March. The report predicts a full-year surplus increase to \$3.51 million, mostly due to more capital and operating grants.

But the report also flags a "significant delay" of the council's \$20-million capital works program in 2021-22, with 30 per cent of the works allocation complete.

Meanwhile, today's agenda also sets out discussion on an asset management strategy and policy, a biannual audit and risk report and the revocation of a former general manager's council powers.

The meeting is at COPACC today from 4pm and will be livestreamed on the council's YouTube channel.



Climbing ahead at Beeac

Beeac Primary School student Lily Milne enjoyed sunny weather this week as she played in the school's playground. This week is Education Week, with Victoria celebrating 150 years of free public education for all Victorian children. See more pictures from the school on page 10.

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Myra Bhagat, Gaige Ohrwalder and Katie Lowden



Kendra Beani

School fun at Beeac

Colac Herald photographer Chloe Lang stopped by Beeac Primary School this week and saw kids involved in a big array of activities, including playing, climbing, reading, maths, and making Lego.



Riley Kerr



Kade Howe and Will Milne



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