

BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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July 18: Mondays after school basket ball, 3.30 to 4.14pm. Last day 22nd August
25 July: pie orders ready for collection after 3.00pm

27 July: secondary acceptance of enrolment forwarded to parents.

4 August: Parents and Friends meeting

10 August: acceptance of secondary enrolment by parents to Beeac PS

29 August: come in dressed up as a book character, and be part of our traditional parade

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

8 September: Finance.

9 September: Colac Division Basketball

13 September: School Council

7.00pm. Principal selection discussion.

13 to 17 September: Bike Ed program.

7 October: GW Athletics Ballarat Regional Athletics Centre.

17 October: Winchelsea Neighbourhood Watch, whole school excursion.

26 October: Warrion flower Show
31 October: school shut, whole school PD Day

1 November: Melbourne Cup

4 November: Colac Division Cricket

8 November: Werribee Zoo grades P to 3

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

15-27 March: NAPLAN test period.

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

25 July 2022

Term three already!

Welcome back to term three. Informal feedback from the parent teacher reports day last term was positive. If you didn't have the time to catch up last term, do take the opportunity to catch up with us this term. For this term individual education programs have now all been written for key children, and parent support group meetings will be happening over the next few weeks.

Although our long running bike ed program is apparently the most popular program that our children are looking forward to this term, for me, the most exciting program will be the upcoming three day excursion to Mt Buller which will be happening towards the end of August. There will be no costs for this program, because it is part of a government funded Positive Starts program.

We have received some feedback from our new child safety policies, and the final versions have now been updated and loaded on to our website.

Procedures for appointing a new principal: finding the perfect applicant.

When I resign at the end of this year our school council will have the exciting and challenging task of making a recommendation about the school's preferred choice for a new principal.

At the heart of this decision process will be the selection panel. They will want to decide prior to interviewing, what type of new leader they will want for our school. They will need to articulate the nature of leadership that in the future will be required to lead our school effectively. Once they have decided this, the effectiveness of their decision making will ultimately rest on the panel's ability to accurately assess each applicant's skills,

On receipt of the selection panel's report, our whole school council and all the members of the selection panel, will meet to consider the recommendation of the selection panel before making a recommendation about this decision.

This process and preparation for the next four year strategic plan are the important work that our council will be involved with this year.



Dance: Blended Arts Education Program.

Tess Wood, one of our integration aides, is leading some of our students through a session of dance, which our school is able to participate in as a result of Paul Maddern's successful application to join a program being offered to schools over the next three years for rural and regional schools. We have been receiving a series of virtual lessons provided by expert teachers. Our school is provided with lesson plans and other support materials to allow us to facilitate our Dance lessons in the classroom.

Ausdance Victoria are providing the lessons and incursions which started last term and will finish at the end of this term.



Thankyou Wendy, hello Angeline.

Wendy Aisbett, our long time cleaner, hung up her boots for the last time at the end of last week. We thank her for her many years of quiet and persistent hard work. In her place we welcome a fresh new face to our school, Angeline Wilson. Readers may be aware that Angeline lives in Beeac, her happy disposition, great singing voice and strong cleaning skills are already making a great addition to our school. Do please say "Hi" to her if you see her whilst at our school.

Parents will be aware that our school has a dynamic and ever changing workforce. This year we have seen a new aide, cleaner and OSHC care member join our school. I shortly expect to make announcements for the appointment of a new gardener and another aide. If you think you may have skills that we may be interested in, do please let us know now. In this fast changing world, who knows when the opportunity may arise for you to join us in a school that really does make a difference to Australia's next generation.

Please join our next parents and friends meeting or help us distribute pies.

Pie Drive orders are in and will be ready for collection from the school on Monday 25th July from 3pm. We received a large amount of orders from our wider community which was brilliant! Any Parents and Friends available to help sort orders on Monday please come in at 1.00pm to help.

We will have a P&F meeting at school on Thursday 4th August please come along if you can. Little ones will be more than welcome.

We have a few things on the agenda including Father's Day, a Trivia Night in October, and a possible contribution to two new bike track speed humps that will shortly be installed.

If you can't get to the meeting and you have some ideas or suggestions just get in touch. Life is busy but we love input and to hear your thoughts..

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Student of the week
Will Milne: for his compassion
and maintaining a calm attitude
at all times. 15/7
Lachlan Beani: for working
hard in literacy lessons and
maintaining a positive outlook.
22/7

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

Upcoming projects.

Readers may be aware that our school was recently successful with some funding of \$98,836.00 to help improve our school. By the end of the term three school holidays we expect to have a new roof on our main school building. The old evaporative coolers will be replaced with three new reverse cycle air conditioners, two in Paul Maddern's classroom and one in the office administration/ staffroom area. A second tranche of funds, \$19,040 in total, will shortly become available and allow us to clear up the school site prior to the start of the fire season. I'm hopeful that the audit, which will need to be completed prior to the start of the work, will enable us to finish the hard work that Kara Wishart has begun with her theme garden, in a timely fashion.

NAPLAN: but wait there's more.

This preliminary results are shortly going to be released for our Grades three and five students. In 2023 the present suite of English and Maths tests will be held much earlier in term one from Wednesday the 15th of March to Monday the 27th of March. Starting in 2023, sample assessments in Science, Civics and Citizenship, and ICT Literacy, will take place in Term two for Grade six students. In addition, the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will offer separate opt-in assessments for Science from 2024, followed by Civics and Citizenship in 2025, and Digital Literacy in 2026.

RATs: we love them.

Another box of five tests went out to every child and staff member last week. In addition we were, "strongly recommended" to consider wearing masks whilst indoors. I have reprinted the article that went home via COMPASS for anyone who may have missed it.

What follows is a letter signed by the heads of Victorian Government schools, Independent schools and Catholic schools. It is a letter urging parents and carers to ensure that children 8 and over wear masks indoors until the end of winter. At assembly today, I mentioned the details covered in this letter and how wearing a mask would make life safer for everyone. However, the decision about whether or not you choose this course of action will be left entirely up to you. In no way do we intend enforcing mask wearing at our school. We will continue to do our part to ensure that our school is as safe as it can be. We will provide masks for children who request them. Another supply of RATs will shortly come home. The air purifiers are always on every day. We report via COMPASS any new confirmed cases of covid as they arise. Beyond that I thank everyone for playing their part and keeping their children at home when there are concerned about their child's health, and the potential for covid to spread in our school.

Dear parents and carers

We are writing to you as parents/carers of a child or children in government, Catholic and independent schools across Victoria. The Victorian Department of Health strongly recommend that face masks are worn in indoor settings.

As a result, we are asking all students aged 8 and over and all staff in all schools across Victoria to wear masks when in class (except where removing a mask is necessary for clear communication) from now to the end of winter. Students won't be required or expected to wear masks when outdoors, and this expectation won't stop student participation in the full range of school activities, including music, sport and performances. We are asking for your support in explaining to your child or children the importance of this simple step that will help keep our schools as safe as possible. We also ask that you make sure your child (or children) takes a mask to school (and wears it if they are travelling on public transport) or collects a mask when they arrive at school. We all appreciate how important it is for students to be back at school. This action will help make sure as many students and staff as possible are protected from COVID and other winter illness.

Thank for your help with this collective effort to keep our communities safe and healthy.

What do I need to buy for the snow trip?

Parents have been asking about what clothing items will be provided and what items they will need to provide when we go to the snow.

Short answer: if you need it to ski with eg skis, then they will supply it. This will include the outer water proof clothing shell. If you need it to keep warm you need to supply it. Most of us will already have everything we will need for the snow apart from gloves and goggles if you choose to buy them. This is the full version of the updated advice from Auscamp our camp providers:

We will send the group to Black Mountain Equipment (BME) to collect their gear

The gear will be returned at the end of the day

Auscamp may be able to supply gloves and goggles, should anyone need, due to the introduction of covid I would recommend bringing own gloves and goggles.

We supply our basic waterproof clothing, shell only with no insulation. If you would like insulated outer wear you will need to provide them yourself.

I recommend wool for base layers and have many layers. NOT COTTON..



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Sport and athletics this term.

This term there will be three different Sporting Schools programs running at our school. On Monday nights until the 22nd of August. Tamzyn Harty will be running the popular after schools basketball program from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Anula Costa an Olympics coach will again join to run two athletics classes, one for junior students and one for our senior students. Finally coaches from the AFL will be joining us every Friday to coach footy for the next six weeks. Pictured here is Abbey Closter, who joined us last week to begin the program. Students are pictured here getting ready to

run through a number of warm up games, before they participated in a game at the end of the one hour session.

Bike Ed, running from the 13th to the 17th of September and involving Grades three to six students will provide possibilities for our students to cycle around the back streets of Beeac. On the final day we hope that a member of Colac's police will join us for a ride around parts of Colac.

Book week dress in character.

This is a heads up that on Monday the 29th of August we will celebrate the end of book week with our usual dress up parade. Hopefully now that covid restrictions are a thing of the past, we will be able to invite everyone in to participate or be part of the audience. More information will come out closer to the time.

Hi All,

Hope everyone is feeling a little refreshed returning from the break. This term in our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships we are beginning with a focus on problem solving. Every day we are having to make decisions...little ones that are so day to day and seemingly mundane that we don't consider the process we are following to come up with a solution...like will I wear the black or the brown socks. Then there are other bigger decisions which may make an impact on our lives that require a deeper level of pondering before we act...like health, relationships, finances. Each class level is looking at how we can break down the process of solving problems and then applying it to a variety of situations that could arise. Looking forward to building our skills through learning together and having fun.



Sue Bath, Chaplain
at school every
Wednesday
and
alternate Tuesdays.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank

