

BEEAC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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BEEAC 3251

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11 October, (not 18/11 pool booked) 25/10/ (NOT MELB CUP 1/11), 8/11, 15/11, 22/11 swimming, Bluewater Fitness Centre.

16 November: GMHBA Healthy Heroes Leaders Celebration day at GMHBA Stadium for our big kids

17 November: Grades 5 and 6 farm visit

25 November: pre-prep: taster days: mornings only: Friday mornings of next term: 25/11, 2/12, 9/12, and 16/12.

25 November: working bee little room fairy garden

26 November 2022: Victorian State Election, school voting centre.

29 November and 6 December: orientation dates for Trinity 2023,

6 November: Last Council meeting. Starting time 7.00pm

6 December and 13 December: orientation dates for transition Colac Secondary School, 2023.

8/9 December: Grade 6 overnight camp.

11 December: community hall Christmas celebrations

12 December: whole school excursion Melbourne Arts Centre Christmas melodies.

13 December: reports go home.

14 December: student led parent/teacher conferences.

16 December: Student and staff Christmas lunch celebration.

19 December: Christmas Concert starts at 7.00pm

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

February 2023: swimming Bluewater Fitness Centre: 6/2, 13/2, 20/2, 27/2, 6/3.

15-27 March: NAPLAN test period.

22 March: Trinity College open Day.

26 - 28 July 2023: Beeac PS cluster Urban Camp Melbourne, Grades 4,5 and 6 students

Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school

14 November 2022



Week 7: our new school principal.

We are all very excited with great news for our school. Our new Principal for 2023 has just been provisionally appointed. I'm sure we all look forward to welcoming Mel Swanson to Beeac Primary School. Mel is presently the Assistant Principal at Fyans Park Primary School. She was the strongest contender from a field of several high calibre applicants, and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from her old school. Congratulations Mel. She has been invited to our School Concert on December the 19th, where it will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet her and say hello.

We continue to have busy times at our school with a variety of activities already done and dusted for the term. In the last two weeks we have had excursions to Werribee Zoo, cricket, Gellibrand, Birregurra and of course our overnight camp. We still have the following activities to tick off before the end of the year: Healthy Heroes, Clarkes farm visit, Melbourne Zoo, and the Arts Centre Melbourne.

Just to add a bit of spice to it all, I notice that our staff are due to begin end of year report writing soon!

The organisers of the recent Colac Schools inter schools bike ed challenge will be visiting us this week to present trophies to each of our successful contestants. Spoiler alert: we came third in the competition: how good is that! More of this in our next newsletter.

And finally, we have just received great news that we have received a Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant. More details of this are on the last page.

Remembrance Day

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month saw our school walk down to the town's war memorial to lay a wreath in remembrance of the war that was meant to end all wars. During the observed one minute's silence, our students were asked to think about what it must have been like to volunteer to fight in a war, where more than a few of the volunteers were only 16 when they left Australia's shores.

I have had the great good fortune to travel to Egypt in recent years, and I saw signs of our ANZAC troops, some of who were encamped in Cairo whilst completing their training prior to being shipped to Gallipoli. I saw the graffiti and messages that soldiers wrote on the side of the great pyramids before they set off to participate in heroic actions that helped galvanise the formation of modern day Australia.

New ICT technician.

With so much staff movement recently, it is easy to forget that our support staff play a vital role in ensuring our school runs efficiently. Do please welcome Marcus Coomer our new technician. Say hello to him next time you're at our school. Marcus comes highly recommended. Apart from our school he services a number of other small schools including Meredith, Birregurra, Shellford and Deans Marsh. He will join us on Wednesday afternoons. Presently he is involved in replacing one of our ten year old servers, before the end of year reports get underway.

Your laptops which we borrow.

I'm sure no one needs reminding that one of the few gains from the pandemic was that the Department gave every student who was attending our school at the time, a brand spanking new laptop. Again I need to thank every family, because without exception, every family agreed to lend their laptop back to our school where they are used on a daily basis.

However, I am reminding all our Grade 6 parents and students that at the end of this year, we expect that those students will take their laptops home for the final time when they leave our school for the final time.

I am also reminding everybody too, that students would be most welcome to "borrow" their laptops whilst on their summer holidays, although personally I hope that most parents will not do this, because it will mean that they will be up to date, in a healthy condition and ready to fire up and be on line again ready from day one, term one next year.

The trees stay, but only just.



Although they will need to be heavily pruned, the big trees at the side of our main building won't need to be removed. We are working on mitigating fire risks and getting ready for our new asphalt playground which will be going in at the start of the New Year.

We will meet with the managers for the first time this Tuesday to begin planning for our \$330,000

PTO: Term dates & Student of the Week

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Gellibrand excursion.

Students travelled to Gellibrand where we had welcome to country with Richard and Pete Collopy. We walked to the river and learnt about the significance of The Gellibrand River in Indigenous culture.

We looked at the platypus habitat. We had lunch in the Gellibrand hall with Peter Day, Amanda, Penelope and Jason, and then did some storytelling with wool, making a web from our communications

Overnight sleepover.

Violet seems to have mastered the art of limbo dancing brilliantly as she and other students participated in our Thursday night sleepover. Thankyou to those parents who dropped their children off and came in to spend some time talking with our teachers and also our aides Abby, Karen and Tess. After an evening bbq of sausages we bunked down to spend an uneventful night where everybody was exceptionally well behaved. Congratulations to all our kids!

After a breakfast of bacon, eggs and cereal we spent a fairly quiet day doing our best to complete the week's work before a welcome weekend rest at the end of Friday.

Birregura small schools transition.

Our Grade six students travelled to Birre along with our other local small schools to participate the second of two day's assimilation ready for 2023.

The other schools involved were Forrest, Alvie, Deans Marsh, Carlisle River and of course Birregurra. They spent the day partnering up with students they will get to know better when they start their new school life at Trinity or Colac SC at the start of 2023.

Fairy garden.

Readers can see Jack Clarke, Riley Kerr and Emily Keating hard at work getting things ready for the big working bee on the 25th of November. They are preparing the garden beds ready for Kara Wishart's themed fairy garden which is beginning to take place next to our BER building. The final stages of the fairy garden are finally in action!! Everything is now in place for the final construction to be completed by our students and their families.

On Friday 25th of November Kara is asking for an expression of interest from any family who wishes to help put it together from 2:15pm onward, hoping to finish at 5:5:30pm for the BBQ.

We will provide food and beverages after a fun time of creating the fairy garden and installing the fairy lights etc. in appreciation for your hard work.

Tools that would be appreciated are cordless drills, hand saw/power saw, wheelbarrows, shovels, gardening tools etc. There are 11 mini gardens 75cmx75cm and it would be great to have at least 11 families put together a garden each. Please let me know if you can make it by Friday 18th November for catering purposes. Kara makes the point, "The Beeac PS students

and I really appreciate any help you can offer!" ..

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New solar panels.

Pictured here are two of the six workers who travelled from Melbourne to replace our old disconnected panels. The new panels can generate over 5 kws of power on a normal sunny day. Enough to power our whole school. Indeed we have an app which reads how much power is being generated either to replace what we would normally receive from the grid or, if we don't need it, what is being pushed back in to the grid.

The minute by minute feedback can also be read from a small panel next to the solar panel fuse box.

A trip to Werribee Zoo

Our little kids had a day of fun last week when they travelled to Werribee Zoo for a day to visit the animals, and it was all paid for by an anonymous donor.

Our grateful thanks to the donor for their kind thoughts. Our equally grateful thanks to Grant Keating and Lenny Milne who took time off work to come and spend the day chaperoning our children around what turned out to be a most enjoyable day for everyone.

Professional Development Day.

On the day before the Melbourne Cup we spent a day preparing work ready for this year and early next year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank



Jess Buchanan a Department Social Worker who came in to talk about ways to better manage students, especially those who are experiencing difficulties coping with their feelings.

She introduced us to the concept of Zones of Regulation, and our staff were sufficiently impressed with the concept to take it forward as part of our planning for 2023.

In the afternoon we worked some more on our PRSE (Pre review self evaluation), which has now been completed and gone forward to the Department for approval.

Finally some drafting was done for this term's IEPs (Individual Education Plans) which will be shortly shared with specific families.

T20 cricket report.

I'm reprinting the relevant parts of a newsletter article that was kindly forwarded to me by Jess Kattwinkle the Principal at Birregura PS. It was written by their Grades 5/6 students and explains what the best bit of the day was for them.

On Friday the 4th of November an excited group of students attended Central Reserve in Colac to take part in the Colac Regional T-20 Cricket competition. When we arrived at the ground we were split into two different teams.

Throughout the morning each team played three different games. We played against Sacred Heart PS, Colac West PS and St. Mary's PS, playing competitively and enjoying ourselves. The highlight of the day was playing with the Beeac students and getting to know them. It was a great day had by all with many of us trying cricket for the first time.

Disability Inclusion survey and evaluation.

The government is increasing funding for Disability Inclusion to provide support for students with a disability to ensure every student at every ability thrives at school and in life. Disability Inclusion is being rolled out to Victoria's 1500+ Victorian government schools between 2021-2025, delivering:

1. A new strengths-based Disability Inclusion Profile
2. A tiered school funding model
3. Increased workforce capability to provide inclusive education.

As part of this evaluation, the Department is surveying all families with children enrolled in Victorian government schools. This includes families who have children with disabilities and those who do not.

The Department would like to know about any opinions you may have in relation to this initiative.

Please note, participation is entirely voluntary, and families are under no obligation to participate. If you wish to provide input, you can complete the survey here:

https://vuau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GjZGkWjGy5i9vg

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Featuring

Colac City Band

&

Items by District Schoolchildren

Readings by Residents

SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER

8.00 PM

Venue Beeac Community Centre

Donation for Christmas Bowl Appeal & Colac City Band

Followed by supper

Enquiries: Robert & Dawn Missen - Ph 52 311567

Announcing our 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant

We're excited to announce that Beeac Primary School. is one of 110 childcare centres, schools, Scouts and Girl Guides groups, and youth groups to receive a 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant.

Delivered through Landcare Australia's Junior Landcare program, the grants provide young people with the opportunity to engage in outdoor, hands-on biodiversity focused projects or learning activities that encourage them to value and actively care for Victoria's biodiversity and natural environment.

The Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are funded by the Victorian Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. They contribute to the targets of *Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037*, the Victorian Government's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment.



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