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25 November: pre-prep: taster days: mornings only: Friday mornings of next term: 25/11, 2/12, 9/12, and 16/12.
29 November and 6 December: orientation dates for Trinity 2023,
6 December Last Council meeting. Starting time 7.00pm
6 December and 13 December: orientation dates for transition Colac Secondary School, 2023.
8 December: Grade 6 day excursion.
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 Blue-water Fitness Centre: 6/2, 13/2, 20/2, 27/2, 6/3.
16 March, back up 17 March Pol-warh athletics day.
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

PTO: Term dates & Student of the Week

Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school 28 November 2022

Nearly Christmas.

In our last newsletter we showcased the following: Remembrance Day, Gellibrand, overnight sleepover, Birregurra small schools transition, Werribee Zoo, and the T20 cricket excursion. In this newsletter we share the following excursions: Bike Ed inter schools competition, Healthy Heroes GMHBA stadium visit, Melbourne Zoo, and an educational farms visit.

Without a doubt the most outstanding event at our school in the last two weeks has been the creation of Kara Wishart's Fairy Garden. With a great deal of determination and planning Kara has brought many people together to create a garden built by our students, parents and other members of our community. I'd like to thank everyone involved in its development and especially Kara for quietly beavering away to make it all happen. Do go to our Facebook page to see pictures of the garden. I was impressed by the pictures that were taken at dusk when the fairy lights made the garden's features especially stand out. Next time you are at our school, make sure you visit the new fairy garden at the front of the BER little kids room.

Thank goodness, things begin to quieten down now as we start writing reports and getting ready for the end of year concert. Actually, that's not quite true because we still have a whole school excursion to the Arts Centre in Melbourne and Paul Maddern's end of year Grade 6 trip. I'm reminding parents that we will have our children led teacher parent interviews on the afternoon of the 14th of December. Our school outdoors Christmas Concert will start at 7.00pm on the 16th of December, when our new Principal Mel Swanson intends paying us a visit. Don't forget to bring some mosquito repellent!

Whole school review: child safety and wellbeing.

Our school is putting the finishing touches to a whole school review. Readers will remember that as part of the review we previously asked all parents to give us feedback about what things we should stop doing, keep doing and do next. This same process was used with our school council and our staff. Armed with this feedback and data about progress that we have made over the last four years, our school will develop a new strategic plan for the next four years in term one 2023

We have arrived at the same place with regards to how we create and sustain child safety and wellbeing at our school. We are now asking you for feedback around the development of our child safety and wellbeing policies and practices. With three weeks to go and a further Council meeting there is still plenty of time for you to comment and give feedback.

This is the information which we have available for you to review on our website. Do please review it, and once again we invite you to give us feedback about our wellbeing and policies and practices:

- Aboriginal Action Plan
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Policy
- Communication of School Policies and Procedures Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Statement Of Values and School Philosophy
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Useful background reading.
- Privacy Policy (DET link on our school website)
- Working With Children (Link to DET Policy on our school website)



Jack Clarke radio broadcaster extraordinaire.

Mixx FM recently featured Jack as part of a push to use school students to host early morning programs. Complete with Akubra hat Jack blasted out his thoughts about school, life and farming for a fabulously entertaining 15 minutes of fame. And as everyone at school huddled round the radio listening to his home grown wisdom, he actually walked in to the school, having previously recorded his performance 'live' 30 minutes before hand.

We hope to get his sound recording on to our web site in the next few days.

His mention of our new roof and recent ski trip to Mount Buller gave our school priceless publicity. Thankyou Jack!

Bike Ed: third best.

Cliff McAliece, Colac's bike safety coordinator, arrived last week to present medals and a trophy to us for the terrific work that our kids did on the recent bike safety day. Coming third against a large number of other bigger schools was an achievement that we can all be proud of. Indeed congratulations to Riley Kerr, Jack Clarke, Kendra Beani, Noah Groves, Lily Milne and our captain Lachlan



Beeac's Garage,
55 Main St., Beeac
Servicing, break downs
and repairs to late model
cars, lawnmowers and
some machinery. Towing
cars available. Now
carrying out servicing on
vehicle air conditioning.

For all enquiries and
bookings call Jason on
0417 412 152

Student of the week
Mackenzi Cahill: for putting
an extra effort in to numeracy
and her positive attitude. 18/11
Phillip Weily: for being confi-
dent at sharing his work with
the class and listening well to
instructions. 25/11

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Healthy heroes: GMHBA stadium.

After an hour-long bus ride, we arrived at GMHBA stadium in Geelong. We joined the audience and received free hats and other apparel. Ex Geelong footballer, Cameron Ling, was the guest speaker. We listened to other schools talk about their projects before we got to present ours. Meredith Primary School had a cool project where they set up 27 vegetable garden beds in their community garden. When we spoke about our healthy eating project, our school got way more laughs than anyone else. We were given food before heading home at 4:40 pm. A video of our presentation is on our Facebook page.

The fantastic Melbourne Zoo.

On Friday the Grade 4,5 and 6 students went to the Melbourne Zoo. It took forever, it felt like a bus trip to Japan. When we finally got there, it was snack time so we went to the leopard lodge and placed our bags there and had our snack. They gave us free food like a cup of fruit,



Anzac biscuits and a soft drink each. Now it was time to set up our broilga display table. We took turns talking to people about our project. There were one or two people at the table at a time. The other kids were looking at different school's projects. One school's project had lots of bubbles and orbeez that you could play with. Their goal was to prevent people from using balloons. There was also a face painting place where you could get a possum or butterfly on your face or arm. Before we left we quickly looked at the sea animals at the Sea World. The Zoo was fun and hopefully someday we can visit again.

The Fun Educational Farm Safety Ex-cursion.

The grade 5 and 6 students visited the Clarke's farm where there was an explosion of cats. Brooke from Hesse Rural Health taught us about safe and unsafe practices on farms. Jack's dog, Banjo, also helped show us around.

We were lucky to see the shearing shed in action. We saw the wool presses and the shearers shearing sheep. The shears and music were extremely loud, it was like a music concert. We could hear the music from a paddock away!

We learnt about and observed safe play spaces for children around the house, safe fencing for the dams, how the PTO on tractors should have a plastic cover and how chemicals should be stored in a lockable shed.

Brooke generously cooked us some snags for lunch. We had a fun and educational day. The cats and dogs were adorable.

Pre prep taster days.

Next time you're at school on a Friday morning, say hello to our two new 2023 prep students. By all accounts they had a good morning of fun. Indeed one of them refused to leave at the end of the morning, with mum spending a further half an hour of her time persuading her child that it was time to go home. The Friday morning slot will run every week now up to and including the 16th of December..

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



Farmers Arms Beac

Mondays and Tuesday nights– kids eat half price with full paying adult

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

For all enquiries and bookings call 5234 6341.

Student of the week

Ethan Brown: for his resilience and hard work with his writing. 4/11

Jack Clarke: for being a great team player, having wonderful manners and bringing the salt when it's needed 11/11

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Thankyou ladies.

In addition to the calendar fund raiser, the finance engine behind the machine that got our fairy garden built was without a doubt our parents and friends. Some of them are pictured here during a brief break, taking time out from their families to sell cakes and refreshments during last Saturday's election. Our school owes a debt of gratitude for all the hard work that they do for our school.

I understand that they raised more than double what they did at the last election!

Thankyou gentlemen.

Despite having to sign off on a plethora of OHS and Child safe paperwork our Dads turned up to get the job done at last Friday's Fairy Garden working bee. It wasn't just Dads who turned up, of course, but it goes without saying that without their efforts the project would not now be completed. Once again we are most grateful for all the hard work that they do for our school.



Bring a bike.

This was an SRP initiative that took some considerable time to get completed. But nevertheless despite the time it took, our students finally got a chance to jump the three bike mounds that have been set up at the school. As long as there are a reasonable number of students wanting to use the ramps, students are most welcome to bring in their bikes, scooters and skateboards every day. Oh, and also they will need to wear a helmet.



School hours.

I'm reminding everyone about our school's operating hours. Members of the public including our own students and families are trespassing if they come on to our site outside of school hours. It is especially important to observe this legal restriction now that we have an OSHC facility. Annelie Ohrwalder our much-loved out of school hours manager cannot be expected to care safely for her students if there are other uninvited members of the public present on the site.

Please do not compromise the safety of children in her care.

A haircut this time.

Readers may have noticed that our tall trees to the east of our school have been heavily pruned. When the new asphalt playground arrives early next year, our school community is going to have to weigh up the various scenarios involved with continuing keeping our trees. How much do they compromise the safety of students sheltering in the middle of a firestorm in the hall of our main building? How soon will the roots from the trees destroy the new playground? All thoughts that will no doubt involve our community in an extended debate as we



march forward in time.

Laptops for sale: excellent Xmas presents.

We have a number of netbooks for sale. They are sturdy machines with solid state drives and 4 gbs of RAM. They have factory installed windows 10 installed on them, but nothing more. We hope you will pay \$50 for these stocking fillers. Some of them have failing batteries so the machines will need to be plugged in all the time and will be priced accordingly. If too many people apply we will create a list based on a first come first served basis.



Red Rock Hay Bale Trail Competition 2022

Entries Close Wed December 14th

Winner Announced Friday Dec 16th at Cororooke Hall.

Winner and most creative showcases in Colac Herald the following week with map of trail.

Prizes from local businesses such as Bunnings, Murray St Market, MG Trading, Midwest Meats, Garden of Eden and Co op Colac

To be eligible for competition please keep round bales to a height limit of 2 and square bales to a height limit of 4.

There is no limit to creativity!!

Entries Forms available from Cororooke General Store, school news letter, facebook.

Please return entries to Cororooke Store or email to nellyganimheath21@gmail.com



Themes:

Christmas

Australian

Animal

Book or Nursery Rhyme

Entry Form:

Name:.....

Phone:.....

Email:.....

Address of haybale:.....

Theme:.....

Title of Haybale:.....

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