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**March 5:** finish softfall spreading, parent volunteers.  
**March 6 & 17:** Colac SC speaking to Grade 6 students  
**March 9:** Labor Day public holiday.  
**Long weekend:** asbestos removal, Warrabee.  
**March 12:** Polwarth Sports Day, with a fall back to Friday 13th if there is inclement weather.  
**March 13:** student leadership conference  
**March 16:** whole school police station excursion Colac  
**March 18:** Grades 3-6 Ecolinc visit to Bacchus Marsh  
**March 18:** Finance 4.00pm  
**March 23:** Open Night Colac SC  
**March 24:** whole school shuts. All staff professional development day.  
**March 24:** first new Council meeting.  
**March 26:** Colac Division Athletics.  
**April 20-22:** (term 2, week 2, 2020) Grades 5-6 camp. Anglesea Recreation Camp YMCA approx. cost \$260  
**April 25:** Beeac's ANZAC dawn service starting at 6.00am  
**April 27:** MSP photography whole school photographs. SEE 27/4  
**May 1:** Polwarth cross country run (fall back May 5.)  
**May 5:** GRIP student leadership day to Geelong.  
**May 11:** Colac golf club  
**May 12-14:** NAPLAN Years 3 to 5.  
**May 15:** Colac Division Cross Country.  
**May 17-23:** enrolment week  
**June 6:** Lightning prems  
**June 25:** Colac Area Health dental screening  
**September 8:** Preps Grades P-2 COPACC visit to Edward the Emu.  
**September 9- 11:** bike ed with a visit to Colac on the 11/9  
**October 15:** bike ed challenge  
**October 26:** Winchelsea NHW schools day  
November 12: Red Rock gallery poetry competition.  
**June 23 to 25 2021:** Rose Gap Grades 5 & 6 + three other schools

**Student of the week**  
No student Rokewood Lagoon 21/2.  
**Phillip Weily:** for his excellent behaviour and input into class discussions. 28/2

PTO: for term dates

# Beeac Primary School



Beeac Primary School is a child safe school 2 March 2020

## Four weeks to go.

Our new school council will meet for the first time on March the 24th. Congratulations to all who have agreed to join the Council which meets eight times every year. We are especially looking forward to welcoming on board two new Council members, Tom Alston and Grant Keating.

Congratulations also to our new student leaders. Our student captains are Krysta Scott and Kayla Phillips. Our sports captains are Gemma Beswicke and Brodie Kerr. Our SRC leader is Keely McEwan. It was great to see so many students want to be involved in helping to run our school. I was especially impressed by the quality of the speeches.

Unfortunately I made two mistakes about upcoming dates:

Our upcoming playground soft fall date will be the 5th of March and not February the 27th. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. We will be serving an evening barbeque meal and aim to start at 4.00pm. Feel free to bring your children, friends and relatives.

The Police station visit will not be on the Labour Day holiday, instead it will be on the following Monday the 16th of March.

There are some new dates that have been added to the calendar, do please note the article below about the Asbestos removal dates.

Finally and importantly, our school will be shut on the 24th of March. Our staff will be involved with one of the four Professional Development days that we are entitled to each year, when Adam Gilchrist will be coming to our school to work with our staff on pProfessional Learning Teams.

## New School Council.

The following council members will continue to serve on our Council: Caroline McEwan, Paul Maddern, Amye Milne, Kate Kennedy and Glen Searle. In addition there are two new Council members: Tom Alston and Grant Keating. I am sure we are all delighted to see these new faces join us. Sadly Hiram Clark has decided to stand aside. I understand that work commitments, and a desire to see new blood on our Council has been Hiram's motive for stepping aside. We will miss his 'can do' attitude for getting things done. I know the Council will miss his great sense of community spirit and good humour.

## New student leaders

Pictured here is Phoenix Cowell delivering an impressive speech about why the school should support his efforts to become a school leader. It was most pleasing to see so many of our younger students give it a red hot go as they attempted to persuade voters to support their efforts. In some cases children had learned their speeches off by heart at home, ready to deliver to the student audience. I believe we need to thank Karen Cherry and Paul Maddern for this strength in our students. Her hard work last year as she prepared our students to speak to students at other schools about our environmental efforts, has delivered this new found skill in our student body.



All students and staff voted for the decision, and as mentioned above our new leaders will be: Krysta, Kayla, Gemma, Brodie and Keely. Their work now begins as they go away to learn more leadership skills later this year.

This year's ANZAC dawn service in Beeac will be on the 25th of April starting at 6.00am. Our two school captains will be tasked with speaking to the gathering about war with a special focus on Beeac's George Cops, who fought on the Kokoda Trail.

## Writing of the week.

Why I want to be a school leader

Good morning teachers and students, for those who don't me, my name is Kayla Phillips and I am in Grade 6 this year. I would like to tell you all a bit about myself. I live with my family on a little bit of land, I ride my motor-bike sometimes after school and I also love putting my little sister in the pram and pushing her around to see all the animals. I have been playing netball for 5 years and tennis for 6 years. I would give anything to be school captain in my final year of primary school.

Ever since I have heard about school captain I've always wanted to become one. I was inspired by the previous school captains and I'd like to achieve the same goal.

I've been working on some new ideas for our school and I would very much like to share them with you if given this opportunity. One of my ideas is to modernise the old swing.

As a school captain I believe being a good role model and a responsible person is very important. I will always try my best to solve problems, helping out when needed and always having a positive attitude. I promise to continue to represent my school to the highest of my ability.

If you choose me as school captain I will listen to all your suggestions and ideas.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your day..



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

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### Last week at pool.

Parents will be aware that the last of our five week sessions at the Bluewater Fitness Centre ends this week. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have enjoyed some chips and met our parents at Memorial Square. We will enjoy a further five weeks of swimming during term four.

### More giveaway bargains

Fancy a few tins of baked beans, some neon tubes for your lighting, a spare desk or two, or a shelf for the shed? This will be the last of our school's clean up giveaways. Do please come in anytime to view what we have on offer, because it will be your last chance to pick up a bargain before we take the remaining unloved items to the local tip.

### Playground soft fall, second date.

It was fantastic to see parents and friends turn up to spread a layer of softfall a few weeks ago, but unfortunately the job wasn't finished. More softfall has been delivered. Do please help us come and finish the job.

Additionally we would appreciate some weeding help around the native plants that have been planted in the back oval. Everything needs to be tidy for when our senior students go to Ecolinc on the 18th of March.

Don't worry about needing to organise an evening meal, because we will hold a bbq afterwards. Feel free to bring the whole family, and a few garden tools. Grant Keating will be there with his tractor. We hope to see you from 4.00pm onwards this Thursday.

### Rokewood.

A great day was had by all at Rokewood Lagoon on Friday the 21st of February. Numbers were slightly down this year, probably because of the unpleasant weather. Nevertheless our children didn't seem to care and had a great time in the water whilst the adults caught up on the latest gossip.

Our thanks to the Clarkes for supplying a scary looking inflatable unicorn and Mr Maddern for playing a variety of games with the kids throughout the day.

Let's hope the weather behaves itself better next year.

### Thanks McEwans.

Pictured here is Keely McEwan with a top of the range water dispenser for our chickens, and not a small rocket as some have unkindly suggested. It has already made life so much easier as we continue to cook all of our morning breakfasts almost exclusively with our home grown chook eggs.

### Asbestos free school.

Whilst our two main student buildings have never had any asbestos, our old wooden building, Warrabee, has a small amount of asbestos particle board on the outside of the eaves of the building. There is no asbestos on the inside of the building. Over the long weekend licenced external contractors hired by the Department of Education will remove this board and clean up the site ready for our return after the holidays. Do please tell friends and neighbours to stay clear from the school so that we can be sure that there is no disturbance to the work over the long weekend..

Term Dates	Start	Finish
2020 Term 1	29/1	27/3
2020 Term 2	14/4	26/6
2020 Term 3	13/7	18/9
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

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### 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.



## Active April: your child is signed up.

Want your child to have free entry to the Otway Fly or ten free visits to the Bluewater Fitness Centre? With the holidays not so far away, it's a tempting opportunity. Whilst we walk around the oval every morning in April, there are also huge benefits for your family as you can see:

- 10 free visit passes to your local participating YMCA (Colac Bluewater Fitness)
- 20% off Fitbit watches and trackers
- 15% off Run Melbourne 2020 entry
- One free Cardio tennis session at participating Tennis Victoria courts
- 50% off 28 by Sam Wood Program
- 10% off Around the Bay entry
- 15% off Sole Motive active gear in-store and online
- A three-month family membership with Bicycle Network
- 15% off Runner's World subscription
- 10% off entry to Sole Motive 2020 events
- 25% discount at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Centre Melbourne
- One free hour of court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- Free entry for kids to Otway Fly Treetop Adventures
- Free entry to guided walks at participating Parks Victoria parks
- Weekly e-news tips and tricks on how you can move more
- Entry into the draw to win tickets to 2021 Australian Open Tennis Finals

We hope to send your child's membership ticket home in the next few days.



## Jump rope

Whilst we're talking of keeping fit, readers will remember the effort made by many of our students to raise money for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation at the end of last year. Seen here are Gemma Beswicke, Kayde Howe, Josh Kennedy, and Violet Ohrwalder collecting their prizes for the large amounts of funds that they received last year. Congratulations once again are due to everyone who made the commitment to be involved.

## Parents and Friends

Our Parents and Friends association bought sports shirts for every student to wear when they are participating at the upcoming Polwarth sports Day at Alvie on the 12th of March. These light blue shirts with the school's insignia will shortly be sent home for each child to wear on the day.



## Coronavirus: self isolation.

I suspect that this may be a regular article, at least for the next few months, now that the virus appears to have spread beyond the borders of China. It's pleasing to see that the number of new cases in China is now falling. Indeed there are fewer new cases being reported in China than elsewhere, which strongly suggests that the virus can be contained using the correct scientific controls available.

Travel restrictions for foreign nationals travelling to Australia from mainland China continue. This restrictions now also apply to those wanting to arrive

from Iran.

Once children arrive in Australia, parent/guardians/carers should ensure that any child returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) on or after 1 February 2020 is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China or Iran..

# 2020 MARSH COMMUNITY SERIES

GEELONG CATS VS ESSENDON



VFL KICKOFF  
**1:20 PM**

AFL KICKOFF  
**4:40 PM**

MONDAY  
**MARCH  
9**

[WWW.COLACOTWAY.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.COLACOTWAY.VIC.GOV.AU) FOR TICKET & MATCH DETAILS

**ALC STADIUM COLAC**

COLAC CENTRAL RESERVE

**ENTRY VIA HEARN STREET**



Colac Otway  
SHIRE

# Colac Braves Baseball Club

**2020 Junior come and try days**

**Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> of March**

**&**

**Saturday  
21<sup>st</sup> of March**

**Come down to Eastern Reserve  
in Colac at 10:00am on either  
day to give baseball a go!**

**Boys and girls aged 7 to 16 are  
all welcome.**



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COLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE

# OPEN NIGHT

All grade six students and  
their families are invited to our  
Open Night on

**Monday,  
March 23, 2020**

Presentations will be held at:  
4pm, 5pm and 6pm  
in the Performing Arts Theatre

**Enquiries 5231 9800**