**Important dates**

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<td>Friends of Little Beacons Please register your attendance</td>
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<td>Country Fair Whole Centre</td>
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<td>Easter Chapel Service 8.30am - 9.30am Parents and children in the 5 year old program River Bend Bamboo Rainforest - Fernleaf and Magnolia</td>
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<td>Term 1 Concludes at 2.30pm Discovery (Early Learning)</td>
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<td>Working Bee at Little Beacons Whole Centre</td>
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<td>Monday 30 March</td>
<td>Vacation Care Program Commences Growing Patch</td>
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**Enrolments Update**

There are currently limited places available in our programs for children under the age of two years, (Pebble Lane, Ornamental Path and Oriental Arch). If you require an additional day or would like to enrol a child, please speak with Reception. We also have limited vacancies in our new 5 year old program; this operates two and a half days a week. For further information or to book a tour please phone 1300 002 225 Ext. 4300.

**After School Care**

On Wednesday 11 February, students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will commence in our Active After School Care program. This will be conducted between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, please be advised students will be located out of the premises during this time. If you need to collect during this time please see Reception and the student’s location can be advised. The location will vary dependent on the activity and the weather. The general vicinity will be the tennis courts, rainbow room and oval.

**Supporting positive separation**

To support a positive transition, please ensure that at drop off you reassure your child you will be returning. Children benefit from knowing from their parents that they will return at the end of the day. Educators reinforce this during the course of the day.

**Early Explorers**

Congratulations to our 5 year old programs who undertook their first experience of Early Explorers last Wednesday. Parents are reminded that it is particularly important to be on time on these days, as the children need adequate time to prepare and they quickly move off. The timing is to ensure the children have returned prior to the School recess period. Late arrivals means the children have less time to engage in these opportunities, it may also mean that programs have already left for the experience.

Children require their excursion bag, drink bottle (filled), and hat. In the near future they will also require their overalls (currently new stock is being made to cater for the hard wear and tear - we will advise when these are available) and black gumboots.

**Uniform Requirements**

The Little Beacons Uniform is required for children in Circuit Boardwalk, Water Ways and all Discovery (Early Learning) Programs. Uniforms can be ordered online and will be delivered to Little Beacons Reception or alternatively visit the College shop.

Please ensure the uniform follows the guidelines outlined in the Family Handbook, including appropriate colours for shoes.

**Reminders**

Parents are asked to support Little Beacons with a number of policies that are listed below. These requests are specifically made in the interests of every child’s wellbeing and education.

- For those children in our Discovery Programs please ensure they arrive ready for the commencement of the program. Sessional Discovery Programs commence at 9am and Programs with longer day hours commence at 8.30am.

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• If your child is not attending for the day please phone Little Beacons Reception by 9.30am and let us know.
• Please do not ask your child or the Educational Leaders to hand out party invitations at Little Beacons unless every child in the class is receiving an invitation. Please discuss this with your child’s teacher. Children should never come to Little Beacons and feel they are excluded.
• Please be very considerate when driving your car near the school in the interests of the safety of all children
• For children in Discovery please remember the following each time your child is going on Early Explorers: a hat, drink, full Bush kinder uniform that includes overalls, black gum boots and excursion bag. (Teachers will advise when the clothing is required for the environment)

Outside School Hours
Please remember the importance of contacting Little Beacons directly and advising if your child is going to be absent from after school care. We cannot leave school and return to Little Beacons until all the children booked in are accounted for. This means the other children have to wait while we contact you.

Working Bee Dates
If you wish to participate in the Working Bees please contact Pakenham Reception on 1300 002 225 Ext 3001 to book your space. Attendance at Beaconsills College working bees qualifies for the Parental Assistance Program.

Pakenham Campus
- 21 February 2015
- 23 May 2015
- 13 June 2015
- 12 September 2015
- 17 October 2015

Berwick Campus
- 14 March 2015
- 18 April 2015
- 2 May 2015
- 18 July 2015
- 29 August 2015

Little Beacons
- 28 March 2015
- 10 October 2015

Friends of Little Beacons
Friends of Little Beacons is a group of parents and friends who contribute to the life at Little Beacons.

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The Community Representative will be prepared to provide their contact details to all families across the learning environment.

If you would like to participate in this group please complete an Expression of Interest Form available at reception. Meeting dates are listed below and are also on the College Calendar.

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**Tennis Program**

The College’s Tennis Coaching Program is up and running for 2015.

The program is available to students before and after school and caters for beginners through to advanced levels. Coaching is available at both campuses and is conducted by our Head Tennis Coach Brett Hillier, together with a team of qualified assistants.

A range of coaching sessions and packages is being offered on a term basis, together with private lessons depending upon the requirements of the student. Adult coaching is also available, together with programs during the school holidays.

Further information, together with enrolment forms can be found on the College Shop, following this link:


Any enquiries can be sent to: tennis@beaconhills.vic.edu.au

**Children unattended in cars**

It is important to remember that children should never be left alone in cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses. Particularly in hot cars.

Leaving children in hot cars - even for a moment - can result in injury or death.

The temperature inside a car begins to rise as soon as the door closes, and within minutes it can be double the temperature outside. So if it is 30 degrees outside, it can be more than 60 degrees or more inside a car in just a few minutes.

With smaller bodies and under-developed nervous systems, young children are at much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Three new video ads about the dangers of leaving kids in cars on hot days have recently been launched.

Please help spread their important messages by sharing the videos with your friends, family and community.

For more information, see:

- No kids in hot cars - YouTube
- Children Left Unattended in Cars - Kidsafe Victoria
- Kids in Hot Cars
ON HOT DAYS, NEVER LEAVE KIDS ALONE IN CARS.
NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.

The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
kidsafevic.com.au