

Bethanga Primary School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL: Rachel Saunders

Our Purpose We provide all students from Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with an inspiring and responsive curriculum to promote thinking and encourage curiosity. We nurture individual talents and needs in our setting underpinned by high expectations, quality opportunities and caring personalized attention in order for our children to reach their full academic and social potential.

School Values **R**APPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance **P**ersistence **P**ride **O**ptimism **R**esilience **T**ruth



Term 3 Week 3 2021

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Upcoming Dates

TBC: To be confirmed, either unsure if event will go ahead as planned due to COVID restrictions or the event has been postponed but a new date has not been confirmed.

WEEK 4

Monday 2nd August

AFL Clinic 1

Bethanga Rec Reserve

Wednesday 4th August

Fruit Fly Circus Performance

Bethanga Town Hall

Friday 6th August

Sporting Schools – Ten Pin Bowling

Wodonga Ten Pin Bowling

WEEK 5

Monday 9th August

AFL Clinic 2

Friday 13th August

Sporting Schools – Ten Pin Bowling

WEEK 6

Monday 16th August

AFL Clinic 3 (final)

Wednesday 18th August

Healthy Harold – Life Ed Van

Talgarno Primary **TBC**

Friday 20th August

Sporting Schools – Ten Pin Bowling

WEEK 7 - BOOK WEEK

Monday 23rd August

Breakfast and Books **TBC**

Tuesday 24th August

Book Scavenger Hunt

Bethanga Rec Reserve

Wednesday 25th August

Bellbridge Pre-school IncurSION

Storytime & Craft **TBC**

Thursday 26th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 27th August

Sporting Schools – Ten Pin Bowling

Friday 27th August

Art Show – Opening Night

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Sat 28th & Sun 29th August

Bethanga PS Art Show

Bethanga Memorial Hall

WEEK 8

Friday 3rd September

Cluster Day – Totem Poles

Walwa Primary

WEEK 9

Monday 6th September

NERSSA Athletics **TBC**

Thursday 9th September

School Photos

From the Principals Pen...

It has been so wonderful to have all students back onsite this past few days! Students were so excited to be back together – playing with friends, conversations when learning and group tasks to connect through.

The Department of Education priorities for Schools over the next two weeks are:

Student attendance – Engaging students back in school

Wellbeing of staff, students and our school community.

Getting back to learning – returning to those established routines and structures.

How these priorities are addressed at schools will be individualised based on the needs of the school community. For us, this started with transitioning back into a regular timetable to support routines and learning as well as modifying planned events where possible so that they are still able to take place.

Communicating with our School Community is always our focus as we work in partnership to move forward. We are mindful that our connections are made hampered by guidelines that prohibit families to attend assemblies or be onsite unless necessary. Staff will be available each morning and afternoon to catch up, answer any questions or provide support if required. We appreciate that parents are supporting these guidelines, remember that you can always email, contact us via uEducateUs or my mobile.

Wellbeing is the priority of the 3 for us at Bethanga Primary. We acknowledge that everyone is a little 'worn out' and that resilience may have lowered. When this happens to students, we often see perceived emotional 'overreactions', impulsive behaviour such as using unkind words or a 'me' focus that doesn't take into account how others are feeling.

In both Mudgee and Millewa, students are well aware of what 'good friends do' however when resilience is down, our reactions are often heightened. We will be focusing on the impact of unkind words and strategies we can use to take a moment before reacting (allowing us to put thought into our reaction instead of impulse). We will share strategies and discussions had in class so that you can continue these conversations at home so that all of our students are equipped with the EQ tools necessary to be the best versions of themselves – I know as an adult I'll be implementing some of these strategies too!

Kind Regards, Rachel Saunders



Happy
Birthday to
Hazel who
celebrated
her birthday
in Lockdown.



My words
have
power

This week we
are
remembering
that our words
have power –
both kind and
unkind... We
need to
choose wisely.



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STAY COVID SAFE



WASH YOUR HANDS



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



CHECK IN USING QR CODES



STAY HOME IF YOU FEEL UNWELL



Hot Lunch Menu

We have worked closely with Kate to design a menu that is not only appealing to students but also balances healthy food options with 'sometimes' foods.

MENU:

Weekly Menu:
COLD

Egg & lettuce sandwich \$4.50
Ham & Salad Sandwich \$4.50
Vegemite & Cheese Sandwich \$2.50
Ham & Salad roll \$5.50

HOT

Fish & Salad \$5
Nuggets & Salad \$5
3 dim sims & salad \$5

LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH
(In addition to above menu)

Meat pie \$4.50
Sausage Roll \$4
Hot Chips \$3
Fish & Chips \$5
Nuggets & Chips \$5
3 dim sims & chips \$5

In our quest to reduce our waste at Bethanga Primary, all students will bring their lunch order to school (if they choose to order) on Wednesdays in a reusable container. These will be picked up by Kate and then delivered on Fridays.

Please ensure containers are clean and clearly labelled with students name. Order can be written on an envelope (including students name) with money enclosed.



ART SHOW

Bethanga Primary School

Opening Night Ticket \$30

Friday 27th August 2021 from 7:30pm

Ticket includes entry, drinks and nibbles.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!
INAUGURAL ART SHOW

At this stage, we continue with preparation for our first Art Show. This fabulous event will include the art works of both students and local artists for purchase. All funds raised will go to the school. The weekend long event will kick off with an official opening on Friday 27th August. Please find attached to this newsletter, an order form for opening night tickets.

If the numbers are capped due to COVID restrictions, it will be a case of first in best dressed! The opening night is an adults only event due to the serving of alcohol.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPLAY WORKS AT THE ART SHOW



LEADING IMAGE School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL NOW BE IN WEEK 9
THURS 9TH SEPT



COVID RESTRICTIONS

Unfortunately due to the current COVID restrictions, no community events are to be held on the school grounds which means until further notice, we will be unable to hold the Berringa Playgroup.

It is also the case that until further notice:
NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

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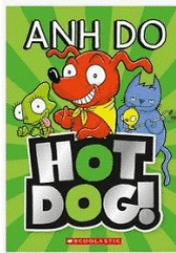
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GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



Reuben

Favourite Book



Favourite Food



Favourite Show



Something I want to achieve ...



I like how you always play with me and have play dates with me. SYLVIE
 You are one of my best friends, you always have something interesting to say and you always make me laugh. Thanks for being there for me AVA
 I like how you play with me and let me build a fort with you. OLIVIA
 I like how when you play Minecraft with me and also when you brought you dog to school DANIEL
 You are the best brother to Amelia because you are kind to her. HUDSON
 I love the time that you taught me about magnets and how they work you are a great friend ANNIE
 I like how you are kind to everybody and you are a good friend to play with. SAMUEL
 I like how you are a good brother to Amelia and you play lots of Minecraft with me MILES
 I like how you are so kind to me and after you walk past me you give me a big smile. We play and have lots of fun being friends. CHASE
 I love how you are so passionate when you talk about things you love like nature MRS GROVE
 Thank you for being my best friend BILLY BAYLISS
 I like how you play with me and you are funny. ANGUS
 I love how you give everything a go without any complaints whether it is a worksheet or sport HAZEL
 I like how you are always kind to me and others. OLIVER
 I love how you always make me laugh IZZY
 I like how you are kind to me and to other people too. BILLY
 You are a wonderful learner. You should be very proud of how much you have improved in your reading. You have a very friendly smile and are always happy to say hello and tell me about your weekend. GEORGIE
 I really like how you are very kind and friendly to everyone and to me. MELODY
 You are so kind to me BREE
 2068 million I love how you have so many smiles for me. HUGO
 I like when we play Minecraft and you are a good friend. JACK
 I like you because you are the best brother in the whole world. You make me laugh a lot. AMELIA
 I love you so much because you are a friend. PARKER
 You are really nice, you always let me join in and you are really funny OLIVE
 I have enjoyed seeing how creative you are. You think outside the box and build terrific cubbies. MRS LARKIN
 You are always very trustable (trustworthy) and you are nice to me, thanks for everything BROOKE
 You are always laughing and you are always kind to me. I like how you are always smiling DESTINY
 You are kind to me, you are an amazing friend BREE
 I love how you care about everyone around you and you always have amazing facts about nature MRS SAUNDERS



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AFL Football Skills
CLINICS
Bethanga
Recreational Reserve

Over three sessions, students will be guided in age-appropriate sessions (F-2 and 3-6) in football skills by a local AFL Victoria Representative coach.

These clinics will now be held at the Bethanga Rec Reserve to align with COVID restrictions that prohibit 'incursions' however 'excursions' are authorised.

Students will walk to the Rec Reserve with teachers. There is no permission form necessary as our general 'local walking excursion' permission form covers it.



Wednesday 4th August
10:30am Show at the
Bethanga Memorial Hall

Students will walk down to the Memorial Hall to watch an amazing show created and presented by members of the Flying Fruitfly Circus. Although previously a cluster event, due to COVID restrictions this performance will be a single school performance.

There is no permission form necessary as our general 'local walking excursion' permission form covers it.

OTHER CHANGES TO EVENTS

Unfortunately **Tree Planting** and our **Cluster Day** focused on Wellbeing with Dale Sidebottom from Energetic Education and our Cluster Grade 6 Transition Session have been postponed... At this stage we do not have new dates however we are working to make these events happen – we will let you know the new details as soon as we lock them in.

The Winter Sports Carnival will not be rescheduled.



Although staff absences are often unavoidable, we will endeavour where possible to communicate any planned changes in the newsletter each week

Current Planned Changes:

WEEK 4

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd August

Madonna in Millewa (Principal Commitments)

Wednesday 4th August

Madonna in Millewa (Dept PSD Commitments)

WEEK 5

Tues 10th August

Madonna in Millewa (Principal Meeting)

Happy to be back at school!



Our 4 week
Bowling
Program will
commence
next week.
Please ensure
permission is
given through
uEducateUs.



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KICKING OFF THE ART SHOW WILL BE OUR OPENING NIGHT. WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS TO MAKE IT IF THEY CAN AND PLEASE INVITE OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY FOR THE FULL WEEKEND PLUS NIBBLES AND DRINKS ON THE NIGHT. PLEASE FILL IN THE BELOW ORDER FORM AND RETURN WITH MONEY BY THE END OF WEEK 5 **FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST**

Family Selling Tickets: _____			
Purchasers Name	Contact Phone	Amount of Tickets Purchasing	Ticket Money collected