

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 6 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 7 - BOOK WEEK

Monday 23rd August

Breakfast and Books

Tuesday 24th August

Book Scavenger Hunt

Bethanga Rec Reserve

Wednesday 25th August

Books & Buddies

Thursday 26th August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday 27th August

Sporting Schools – Ten Pin Bowling

Friday 27th August

Art Show – Student Access

2:30-3:30pm

Friday 27th August

Art Show – Opening Night

SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS

Sat 28th & Sun 29th August

Bethanga PS Art Show

Bethanga Memorial Hall

WEEK 8

Thursday 1st September

School Photos

Friday 3rd September

Cluster Day – Totem Poles **TBC**

Walwa Primary

WEEK 9

Monday 6th September

NERSSA Athletics

Wodonga Athletics Centre

Wednesday 8th September

Cluster Day @ USC **TBC**

Thursday 9th September

R U OK? Day

WEEK 10

Monday 13th September

F-2 Cluster Planning Day

Tuesday 14th September

3-6 Cluster Planning Day

Friday 17th September

Last Day of Term 3 2:30pm FINISH

Monday 4th October
First Day of Term 4

From the Principals Pen...

What a wonderful week we have had! The sun was shining and it was nothing but blue skies when we joined Talgarno Primary on Wednesday for an inter-school sports day focused on health and wellbeing. The opportunity to bring all of the kids was not taken for granted – it was smiles all around as they played with each other and embraced the activities both with Cathryn as part of a very active Bluearth Session or with Healthy Harold.

Students in Millewa have commenced practice for the NERSSA Athletics Carnival which will be held on Monday 6th September at Wodonga. Unfortunately given the current guidelines we must work within, this event will be for 3-6 students only and we are unable to have any spectators. As is always the case – I will take a huge volume of photos and keep families up to date throughout the day.

At this stage, it appears that we are once again going to have to cancel our school photos. For now, we are keeping our booking (rescheduled from earlier in the year) however it is not likely to go ahead under the current COVID Operational Guidelines. If this is the case, we will again turn our skills to 'student photographers' and take photos of individual students, families and classes. More information will come out in coming weeks.

Currently, I am consulting with families to see whether Before and After School Care would support current families in addition to perhaps enticing future enrolments. Thank you to those that got back to me today – if you didn't get a chance, feel free to do so over the weekend... assessing viability of such a service is vital before any funding grants are explored.



Kind Regards, Rachel Saunders

Department of Education Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Thank you so much to families who have already taken the time to complete this online survey - **currently 9 responses which is 45% of our school population.** As has been evident in the past, we highly value the opinions of our school community and use survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Given the small size of our school, **we hope to represent the opinions of ALL families in this survey.** All responses to the survey are anonymous. Information regarding the log on details specific to our school will be communicated through uEducateUs. The survey closes on 3/9



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BOOK WEEK WEEK 7

Monday 23rd –
Friday 27th August

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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|  <p>Books & Breakfast 8:30-9:30am</p> |  <p>Scavenger Hunt Bethanga Rec Reserve 11:30-1pm</p> |  <p>Buddies & Books Creating stories together</p> |  <p>Book Week Parade Come dressed as a book character or something linked to this years theme</p> |
| <p>Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, all Book Week events are for Students only.</p> | | | |



ART SHOW Bethanga Primary School

The Last weekend in August at Bethanga Memorial Hall

FRIDAY 27th AUGUST

Wine and Cheese Opening \$30 tickets available at the School

SATURDAY 28th & SUNDAY 29th AUGUST

Art Exhibition Open for Viewing and Sales 10am-4pm

Find us on Facebook for more information or ring the school on 60 264 263




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.

THANK YOU TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE SENT IN ORDER FORMS FOR OPENING NIGHT TICKETS. GIVEN WE HAVE HAD TWO RECENT LOCKDOWNS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SELL TICKETS UNTIL WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST. TICKET MONEY CAN BE DIRECT DEPOSITED INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT

(if you do this, please send order form in with details of online payment – date, amount and reference number)

The opening night is an adults only event due to the serving of alcohol.

Next Friday before the Art Show officially kicks off at our Opening Night Event, students will walk down with teachers to see the exhibition before anyone else! The opportunity to see their works hung with pride amongst those of local artists... it will be a beautiful experience I am sure! There is no need to access a permission form on ueducateus as our local walking excursion form will cover it.

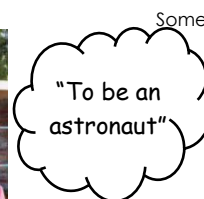
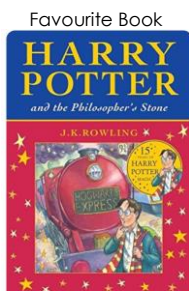




A plate with instructions will come home today. Please read carefully and contact me if you have any questions regarding this or anything else related to the Art Show.

GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



Annie



I love how every time I walk by you, you always give me a smile and wave. I also love how you are never too scared to ask for help with anything. Thanks for always inviting me to play with you IZZY
 You are so much fun to play with. I love being around you. AMELIA
 You are kind to everyone and you are a good friend BILLY BAYLISS
 You are really kind to Sylvie and others. You are so smart and read cool books from CHASE
 You are always up for a game REUBEN
 I like how you treat all of your friends with respect. MELODY
 You are a very good sister to Sylvie, well done. You have a smile on your face. SAMUEL
 I like the way that you always greet me with a friendly smile when I see you MADONNA
 Six thousand, one million times xxxxxx I like you. HUGO
 You are a really kind and sincere person, you always offer to help and give me a smile DANIEL
 I like how you are kind to me and others. BILLY
 I like how you have a happy and cheerful personality MILES
 You are a very friend to me and others. OLIVER
 Thanks for letting me play your game BROOKE
 It is lovely seeing you blossom this year. Your beaming smile is always delightful to see. It is impressive the way you 'having a go' at lots of new things. Sensational! Mrs LARKIN
 I love it when you are enjoying something and your whole face lights up... so much joy! MRS S
 I like how you play on the play equipment. HUDSON
 Thanks for showing me around the school and being nice to OLIVE
 Every day you prove to me how good of a friend you are! You're so considerate, kind and so much more HAZEL
 I like how you always play with me and others. OLIVIA
 You are my best friend. I love the way you are always so sweet. You always give things a go plus you always have the time to be with me. Thank you for being my best friend AVA
 You are the best sister in the whole entire world. SYLVIE
 You are a bundle of joy, you make up fun games like nice llama JACK
 I like how you play with me and you are a great friend. ANGUS
 We love you for being you and you are always making funny jokes DESTINY
 I really like it when you play with me. PARKER
 Thank you for being a nice friend to everyone and thank you for caring for our community. You're the kindest friend I have ever played with. BREE



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Transition at Bethanga Primary School

Starting school is an exciting time in a child's life. However, with this excitement can come feelings of uncertainty and nervousness. To ensure these feelings are minimised, we endeavour to make your child feel a part of our school before they start! This makes for a smooth transition and a great start in 2022!

Friday 12th November 2021

Bellbridge Early Years Centre visit 10:30-11:30am

Tuesday 16th November 2021

Bethanga Primary School 10-11am

Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Bethanga Primary School 9am-11:30am

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Bethanga Primary School 12:30-3:30pm

Tuesday 7th December 2021

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Bethanga Primary School 9-3:30pm

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE REVERSE

Follow us on Facebook

to see what we are up to and what is coming up - please feel free to join us for any whole school events.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or queries
Rachel Saunders (Principal) 60264263

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD COMMENCING SCHOOL AT BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2022, PLEASE COLLECT AN ENROLMENT PACK FROM EITHER THE SCHOOL OR KINDY AND RETURN ASAP TO ENSURE OUR NUMBERS ARE FINALISED BY THE END OF TERM 3 TO ASSIST WITH WORKFORCE PLANNING.



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Student Achievement



Congratulations to the students who were acknowledged at assembly this week for being active learners and making positive contributions to the Bethanga Primary School community.

Hazel for being a focused and self motivated learner participating in VHAP (Victorian High Ability Program)

Daniel for being an enthusiastic and motivated participant in VHAP

Bree for being a kind and thoughtful member of Mudgee

Olivia for the attention to detail she applies to all tasks. Olivia uses her artistic flair to complete colourful work.



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 7

Wednesday 25th August

Madonna in Millewa (Art Show Preparation)

**Wednesday
1st September**

**Father's Day
Stall**

All Gifts \$5
(maximum 2 per student)



Dental Hygienist from Smile Squad will return to school next week on Wednesday to provide those students identified at their last visit with a fluoride treatment follow up



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