

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 8 2021

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Friday 3rd September 2021

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 9

Thursday 9th September

R U OK? Day

WEEK 10

Friday 17th September

Last Day of Term 3 2:30pm FINISH

TERM 4

October: Walk to School Month

WEEK 1

Monday 4th October

First Day of Term 4

Tues 5th – Wed 13th October

Somers Camp TBC

WEEK 2

Thursday 14th October

BITB Gala Day Grade 5/6

WILLOW PARK WODONGA **TBC**

WEEK 3

Monday 18th October

School Photos TBC

Friday 22nd October

Tree Planting

Bethanga Rec Reserve **TBC**

WEEK 4

'Belated Book Week'

Monday 25th October

Books and Breakfast TBC

Monday 25th October

The Resilience Project

Parent and Community Session

Tallangatta **TBC**

Tuesday 26th October

The Resilience Project

Student Sessions

Tallangatta **TBC**

Wednesday 27th October

Book Scavenger Hunt

Bethanga Rec Reserve

Thursday 28th October

Book Week Dress Up

Friday 29th October

Art Show Opening Night 7:30pm

Bethanga Memorial Hall **TBC**

Sat 30th & Sun 31st October

Art Show 10am-4pm

Bethanga Memorial Hall **TBC**

WEEK 4

Tuesday 2nd November

Melbourne Cup Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

From the Principals Pen...

It wasn't the news we wanted this week however, it was the news we expected -Although some restrictions may ease in Regional Victoria next week, the Statewide Lockdown will continue until 23rd September. The implication for schools is that we will continue in Remote Learning for the duration of Term 3 (Term 3 concludes Friday 17th September).

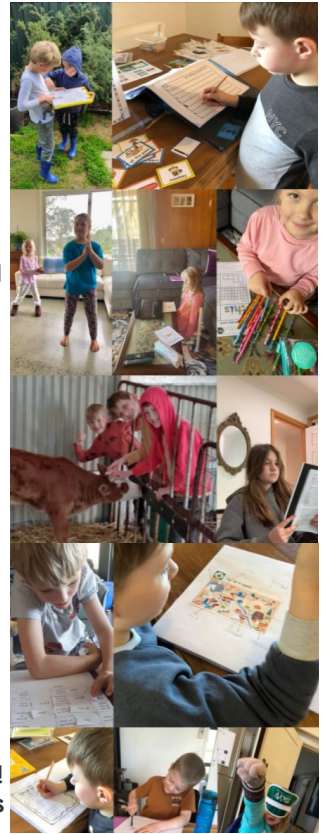
We will continue to have a pick up session on Fridays 4:30-5:30pm. Please try and get to this as there are often additional resources in both Millewa and Mudgee packs. Also, please return the purple folders (and any other resources such as dice, counters, games etc) each week, this will assist us to recycle folders and keep our resources stocked.

Thank you again for your amazing support - we really miss having all of the kids together and running our 'normal' classes... we are doing everything we can to ensure students remain engaged during these challenging times and we so appreciate YOU the people at home supporting your children to do the best that they can.

Understandably, many events have had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions. The NERSSA Athletics Carnival has been cancelled. We have rescheduled Book Week events, Tree Planting and our Art Show – of course all of these dates are dependent on restrictions easing... we will keep you posted!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Rach Saunders



Thank you so much to our School Community who, despite juggling restrictions, working from home and supporting Remote Learning, took the time to complete the Department of Education Parent and Carer Survey. Your efforts are greatly appreciated – at the time of writing this newsletter we had an 85% response rate which is wonderful. The information from this survey is used to enhance and improve the teaching and learning, wellbeing and facilities at Bethanga Primary.

In the take home packs this week of students in grade 3 and 5, you will find an envelope containing your child's individual NAPLAN report – overall our NAPLAN results were very pleasing however I ask that parents be mindful that this is a snap shot of your child on a particular day, working under test conditions, unsupported. It may not necessarily be a true reflection of your child's capabilities or how they work consistently. Although we use data to improve teaching and learning – it is only one component of the big picture. Please contact me if you need assistance interpreting the information contained.

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Also find us on Facebook to keep up to date.



BOOK WEEK T4 WK4

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

We have so much AMAZING art work ready to display at our Art Show! We are moving forward in the hope that term 4 will bring some 'normality' and we will be able to go ahead with this event.

We will of course have to confirm once restrictions and operational guidelines are released for term 4 however want everyone to pencil in the weekend and cross everything that it happens!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Opening Night event, we hope that you are still able to join us on Friday 29th October.



**Bethanga
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The Last weekend in October at Bethanga Memorial Hall

FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 30th & SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER

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

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

Commencing next term, we at Bethanga are part of a 'Resilience Project Partnership Program' with all schools both Primary and Secondary in the Towong Shire. This is an amazing opportunity to further strengthen our Emotional Intelligence Curriculum. With continued Lockdowns and uncertainty, term 4 will be the perfect time to put the spotlight on Mental Wellbeing.

The Resilience Project provides evidence-based positive mental health programs to build resilience and happiness. The program focuses on a whole of school approach: partnering with teachers to build their capacity in wellbeing, educating parents and embedding behavioural change in students through year level specific curriculum.

This partnership program will include Teacher professional development, student participation days as well as Parent and Community information sessions.



Parent and Community
Session MONDAY 25th
OCTOBER Tallangatta
(time and venue TBC)




UNIFORM ORDERS

With lockdowns etc has come a lot of flexibility in routines – one routine that has slipped is our set times for uniforms which has meant ordering here there and everywhere over the last 12 months! We are hoping to get back into a consistent routine – sending uniform order forms home at the end of each term in preparation for the next term. These forms will go home today and are due back by THURS 9TH SEPT This will allow everyone time to order Summer uniforms for term 4. We will do another order at the end of term 4 in preparation for the 2022 School Year 😊



SCHOOL PHOTOS
ARE NOW
SCHEDULED FOR
TERM 4

Monday 18th October
Ordering Envelopes will go
home in Week 1 next term

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