Hello everyone,

We would like to congratulate our whole school community on the positive start to the year. Our students returned to school last week with plenty of smiles and ready to be learners! The heat is challenging but hopefully a slightly cooler break is on the way.

Our four foundation girls — Charlotte, Gabby, Jade and Patricia have settled into our school in such a positive manner and it feels like they have been with us much longer than four days!

We are continuing to develop a whole school understanding of what constitutes a safe and respectful school. All three classes have contributed to the development of a Y chart (looks like, feels like, sounds like) and we will continue to develop a shared language about how our actions and words contribute to everyone’s wellbeing and happiness. A laminated copy of our chart will be sent home to every family to share.

We will be participating in a school review later this year in preparation for the development of a new Strategic Plan for 2015-2018. This will involve assessing our progress against the goals in our current plan and setting new goals for our school for the coming four years. We want our families to be actively involved in this process so please take up the opportunity to attend discussion groups and forums as they arise, during the year.

Next Wednesday evening, Sue Reid from Tallangatta Health will conduct a parent information session to explain the Preparation for Puberty program which Sue will run with our year 5/6 students over six sessions this term. This parent session is open to all parents as Sue is happy to answer any questions parents may have. We really stress the importance of our 5/6 parents attending this session.

It is still extremely hot and drink bottles will run out quickly so please consider sending an extra frozen plastic water bottle as well. The bubblers heat up quickly and our water cooler in the staffroom can only fill up so many bottles before it runs out. Keep cool everyone!
**School Hats and Sunsmart behaviour:** Our red bucket hats are compulsory for term one and this will be reassessed at the beginning of term two. Please assist/remind your child to apply sunscreen prior to coming to school. We do have sunscreen available at school but students will need to take responsibility for remembering to apply it.

**BLUEARTH PROGRAM:** We are extremely lucky to have access to the Bluearth Program for 2014/15 due to the generosity of MILSPEC Engineering who are providing a part sponsorship to our school. The Bluearth Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation whose focus is to increase the levels of physical activity amongst Australians, in particular school aged children. This program involves a Bluearth coach (Cathryn Humphrey) working with our teachers and students each fortnight. The students work collaboratively as well as develop skills such as decision-making, resilience, responsibility and self learning. We will provide extra information over the coming weeks but feel free to go to [http://www.bluearth.org](http://www.bluearth.org) if you would like to know more.

**School Satchels:** If your child does not yet have a school satchel, they are available from the office for $10.

**Uniform:** We have a small selection of second hand uniforms for sale. We also buy back uniforms in good condition so if you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown, please bring them along to school and we will buy them back from you.

**School Banking:** School bank day is Wednesday 12th February. We rarely have more than one bank book each pick up. I know how hard it is to remember one-off dates like banking so perhaps pop the date into your mobile phone or send the bank book along in the days prior to bank day. There is a box on Jen’s desk for safe keeping.

**Reading/Classroom Helpers:** Both our F/1 and 2/3 rooms would love to hear from parents able to hear reading in classrooms. Please pop in and see us if you can assist.

**Head Lice:** Please keep regular with weekly head checks and remember whichever form of treatment you use, you need to follow the instructions and treat more than once.

Richard at the Bethanga Store stocks Moov Headlice Solution for $17.50 which is very handy to know!

**Do you love to sew?** We hope to put curtains on the windows in both the 2/3 and 4/5/6 classrooms to assist with blocking out the sun which will be more comfortable and also allow us to view our interactive whiteboards effectively. We will supply all the materials. Please let us know if you can help.

**Parent Contributions:** All parent contributions need to be paid by 28 February. If you wish your child to be insured through the school, payment must be received by Monday 10th February or your child will not be insured.

**175 Nights of Reading:** Each child who reads 175 nights during the school term will choose a free book at the end of the year. Diaries need to be signed by an adult each night.
# What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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**Attachments to Newsletter:** There were quite a few forms sent home with last week’s newsletter that needed to be completed and returned to school today. We are still waiting on a large number of these forms to be returned to us.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY TOMORROW.** (IE PHOTO/VIDEO/WEBSITE PERMISSION FORM; WALKING EXCURSION PERMISSION FORM; APPLICATION TO TRAVEL ON A SCHOOL BUS; BUS TRAVELLERS CODE OF CONDUCT; EMA APPLICATION FORM IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE). All school fees

**Uniform Orders:** These were all due in today and have already been ordered, so late orders will not be accepted.
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- Friendly Service

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Rumble Tumbles Indoor Play Centre & Café
Unit 1 919 Calimo Street
North Albury
Phone: 6040 4450

Rumble Tumbles entertains the children and allow parents a place to be able to come and sit, read the paper, have a coffee and enjoy a bite to eat while the kids wear themselves out!

Party at Rumble Tumbles........ Rain, Hail or Shine, that peace of mind that your party is organised and hassle free is priceless.

OPENING TIMES:
Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 3.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4.30pm
NSW & VIC School Holidays
Monday to Sunday 9am to 4.30pm
Private parties available outside these hours by arrangement.
For further details Phone 6040 4450.

ADVERTISING SPACES FOR SALE

If you would like to advertise on this page of our newsletter please email your advertisement to bethanga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible and we will send you an invoice. If you do not have email facilities, please drop your advertisement into the office.