Hi everyone,

Sarah had planned to work this week at school but has been advised to put her feet up and rest. We will organise a special assembly and morning tea (most likely next week) and will send home a separate note when this date is confirmed so parents can also come along and wish Sarah well.

Well done to seventeen of our students who participated in the cluster swimming sports last Tuesday. Everyone gave of their best and we had some wonderful results with ten students now progressing to the next level on Friday 28 February (back up day Monday 3 March in case of bad weather). Thank you to parents and grandparents who were able to assist with transport to the pool. We also had a number of parents duck out of work to watch the action so the Bethanga support crew was well represented and vocal! It was a great day!

We had twenty five red surveys returned which provided us with feedback about the proposed Integrated and Community services hub at Bellbridge. 100% of returns supported the proposed hub and seventeen families said that they would anticipate using before/after school care if available (even if only occasionally.) This very positive feedback has been included in the application along with a letter of support from school. Fingers crossed there is a positive result with the funding application.

Don’t forget our pancake breakfast on Tuesday 4th March from 8.am-8.45am. We would love to see as many families, extended families and community members as possible. Please let us know if you are coming though, by Wednesday 26th of February to save us the embarrassment of under catering.

We have included a flyer for an Andrew Fuller presentation on March 31st at the Cube in Wodonga. Andrew is a fantastic speaker and the session is about building resilience in our children and young people. Andrew has a fantastic website if you would like more information- www.andrewfuller.com.au

Have a lovely week!
Just another fabulous Friday lunchtime at Bethanga Primary School. I snapped these while on duty—students helping, enjoying each other’s company and happily amusing themselves!
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.

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.

Head Lice: While we have not had any reported cases, I am told that head lice are currently very busy so please keep weekly head checks going 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!

Parent Contributions: All parent contributions need to be paid by 28 February please.

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.

Bank day: We had 10 books for collection which was fantastic!! Great remembering!!!

Message from the MARC Van:
Hi to all parents and students

We look forward to tons of interesting library lessons and opportunities to borrow books this year (every 2 weeks - check the school calendar to stay up to date).

HOWEVER - it is SOOOOO important that each family chase up any overdue library books. As current caretaker of the MARC van, I'm very concerned that there are many, many overdue books spread throughout the cluster of schools currently accessing the van.

The sad part is that most of those overdue books are the new books. It means other kids do not get to access them.

I am aiming to do a mammoth chase up of these overdue books and ask families to do a serious look at home for any requested books, then report back to their class teacher.

Thank you for your support. Mrs K at Tawonga Primary School.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - Application for EMA close on Friday 28th February. If you are eligible to claim the EMA allowance, please complete the application form sent home with the first newsletter of the year. If you need another application form, please contact the school.

Late applications will not be processed.
## What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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**Attachments to Newsletter:** Please ensure that all forms have been sent back to school to save us chasing these up. **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).

**Uniform Orders:** Have closed for this term.
“Some more happy snaps”
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- Cold Drinks
- Groceries
- Papers and magazines
- Gas and Fuel
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- Friendly Service

Please ring through all orders on 02 6026 4215
Open: 6.30am-7pm Monday-Saturday
8.00am-7pm Sunday

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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.

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Disco & MC for all occasions
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