Hi everyone,

Some wonderful news from the Kohne family with the arrival of beautiful Matilda May (5lbs 8oz) on Friday evening. Thank goodness Sarah made it out to school for her farewell on Wednesday. Congratulations Sarah, Neale and Hunter! We wish you a wonderful journey ahead!

Well done to Alana, Alex J, Amy S, Angus, Carly, Casey, Charlotte, Chelsea, Joe and Tahlia for their super efforts in making it through to zone level which was held last Friday at the Waves complex in Wodonga. Alana and Charlotte have made it to the Regional Finals to be held on Wednesday. Good luck girls.

Our front fence was covered in red balloons on Friday to say thank you to our fire fighters (both local and further afield.) Our students wrote some beautiful messages and these will be given to the Bethanga CFA captain John Northey when he comes to our next assembly.

I wish to run some information sessions on assisting your child to develop effective reading strategies. The slip for F-2 went home last week. Please return as soon as possible so we can set a date which suits all interested people.

Don’t forget our pancake breakfast next tomorrow from 8.am-8.45am. This will be a good chance to catch up with everyone as well as assist Uniting Care to support the homeless.

Have a lovely week! Cheers, Deb

BPS mission: To provide the students of Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with the best possible educational setting and programs which engage students with their individual needs and talents in order to reach their full academic and social potential.

When packing lunchboxes, please remember we are a nut free school. This means no nuts or products made with nuts.

THERE WILL BE NO HOT LUNCHES THIS WEEK. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN HOT LUNCHES BEGIN.
NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE—FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

As a follow up to our whole school work on a safe, caring and respectful school community, we are exploring age appropriate understandings of what bullying is and how we can all stand up to it together. The role of the bystander cannot be underestimated and we will be equipping our students with strategies to use if they witness bullying (what to do or say or who to tell.)

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Bullying can happen:

- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

Cyberbullying is a term used to describe bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies. Children who are cyberbullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face.

Examples of cyberbullying can include:

- repeated hang up calls
- sending insulting or threatening text messages
- publishing someone's personal or embarrassing information online
- creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites.

Cyberbullying is one potential cybersafety issue for children when they use computers and mobile phones.


Both these sites have a wide range of engaging information for all ages. Please take the time to sit with your children and have a look together.

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: We have had some reported cases of headlice so please be vigilant and check your child’s hair at least a couple of times each week. Please remember that which ever 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.
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: Is every Wednesday fortnight. Please put these dates in your diary/phone—12th and 26th March.

School Council: Nominations for School Council closed last Monday at 4.00pm. Welcome to our three new School Councillors, Amanda Craig, Scott Craig and Steve Jones. A big thank you to our two retiring School Councillors, Kelly Mitchell and Sheri Parkhouse. We certainly appreciate the time that our parents and staff members give to be part of School Council.

Check out our year 6 students in their fantastic new shirts!
## What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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- Monday to Sunday 9am to 4.30pm

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