Hi everyone,

Over the past few weeks there has been cause for me to be out of our school for a number of meetings such as information around developing our annual implementation and strategic plan, network Principal days and sessions on performance and development. I am happy to say that there is nothing coming up to take me out of school again until the middle of May. These meetings have been vital in ensuring that we are up to date with departmental guidelines but at the same time, I would much prefer to be at school where all the real work happens!

Mrs Wood and Mr H took our year 3-6 students to the environmental day in Tallangatta last Thursday, on their arrival back at school they both expressed how proud they were of our students across the whole day and how lucky we are. This is exactly the behaviour we expect from our students!

This morning at assembly we talked about the impact of our words and behaviour on others and how just saying sorry won’t fix all of the hurt. Please ask your child to explain the scrunched paper activity.

On Friday we will complete a cross age activity across the school. Whilst our children already get along so well (as evidenced by the current cubby making) we will work together harmoniously and at the same time, pledge to stand up to bullying as part of the National Day against Bullying and Violence.

Our Peace Flame also arrives on Monday at a special assembly at 3pm - please come along if you are free!

I had coffee with a friend on Saturday and bombarded her with photos and anecdotes about our school. She summed our school community up when she said that it sounds “precious.” I agree wholeheartedly!

Have a wonderful week!

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.
NATIONAL DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE—FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

IT IS HARMONY DAY TOO!

We have been doing a lot of work on what bullying is. We are also giving our students an insight into the role of a bystander and how powerful this can be;

There are three types of bystanders but only one of them is positive;

1. Fuel to the fire bystanders: They make the situation worse and actually add to the problem. For example they might laugh, urge the bully on or even worse—join in.

2. Passive Bystanders: Do nothing—they watch or walk away and don’t tell anyone what they saw.

3. Active Bystanders: They use their words to stop what is happening or defuse the situation peacefully. If they don’t feel safe to do this, then they tell an adult immediately. Being an active bystander should be a goal for us all.

On Monday 24th March we will be presented with our own peace flame from the Rotary Club of Wodonga West and the Albury Wodonga Peace Committee. This flame will become symbolic for our school and really reflect our culture of compassion and care and our quest for everyone to be peacemakers both in and out of school.

Our assembly will begin at 3.p.m. We hope you can make it! Our children will sing which will make it even more memorable.

A lovely quote by Patrick Overton

Watch your thoughts
_They become words_
Watch your words
_They become actions_
Watch your actions
_They become character_
Watch your character
_For it becomes your destiny_
175 Nights of Reading: Each child who reads 175 nights during school terms 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 Wed. fortnight. Please put this date in your diary/phone - 26th March.

A huge thank you to Sienna’s Pop (Harold) who arrived with a magnificent watermelon last week. Everyone loved it!

Photos from Environment Day Tallangatta
# What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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|      | National Day against Bullying and Violence  
Harmony Day |  We will run a stall; stayed tuned |
|      | We will complete a cross age activity 11.30-1.pm.  
Working in harmony! | |
| 9    | Monday 24th March | Presentation of our own Peace Flame  
from Wodonga West Rotary and Albury/Wodonga Peace Flame Committee  
School Council Annual General Meeting and normal School Council meeting  
Bank day  
Mobile library van | A special assembly will be held at 3.pm. Please come along for this special ceremony. Our children will sing.  
5.45 pm  
Return and borrow books |
|      | Wednesday 26th March  
Thursday 27th March | |
| 10   | Friday 4th April | Last day of school for term one  
Break up at 2.30pm |
|      | | |
| Week | Term Two 2014 | |
| 1    | Monday 21st April  
Tuesday 22nd April  
Friday 25th April |  Easter Monday  
BEGINNING OF TERM TWO  
ANZAC Day (no school)  
Last day of term one holidays  
Anzac service at Bethanga Hall |
| 2    | Wednesday 30th April  
Friday 2nd May |  Blueearth information and wellbeing session for parents and staff  
Athletics for whole school  
More details later this term  
Albury athletics complex |

**Head Lice:** 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. A parent has also recommended the use of Moov Headlice Defence Spray or simply spraying hair with diluted tea tree oil in water. These are preventative though and can only be used in conjunction with proper treatment of outbreaks.
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