Hi everyone,

Last Monday, John Northy came to school to accept our Red Balloon donations on behalf of the Bethanga CFA. We were also able to pass on the messages that our students had attached to the balloons so they can be displayed to brigade members. Thanks John for giving up your time to speak with us, display the fire truck and answer questions!

On Friday we celebrated Harmony Day and also acknowledged the National Day of action against Bullying and Violence. Our students made kites as part of a cross age activity. Incredibly we had the windiest day in a long time which was perfect for kite flying. Check out the photos in this newsletter. The key messages behind Harmony Day and the National Day against Bullying and Violence are ones to live each day and will continue to be a focus for our language and actions at school so that they become embedded. Wrist bands will continue to be worn to demonstrate a united school stand against bullying.

I am running a session for parents in F-2 which will include tips for helping your child with reading and writing. There will be two identical sessions to ensure as many parents can come along as possible—Wednesday 3rd April and Thursday 4th April from 2-3.15pm. Slips were sent home with F-2 students last week. If you are able to come along please return the slip as soon as possible.

Late this afternoon, we received our Peace Flame from the Rotary Club of Wodonga West and the Albury Wodonga Peace Flame Committee. Our students sang "Imagine." Our Peace Flame will be displayed in the art/music room window for everyone to see every day. A full report on the ceremony will be in next week’s newsletter. Have a fantastic 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.
Andrew Fuller will be speaking at the Cube on 31st March from 7.30-9.pm. The focus will be on developing resilient youth. Our whole staff will be attending (Chelsea, Madonna and Al too) so if you decide to come along and you are by yourself, please come and sit with us if you would like to. Tickets will be on sale at the door for $10. Andrew has a fantastic website www.andrewfuller.com.au

There are many interesting articles on the website. We’ve included the article titled
Ten hints for creating resilient families.”

Bethanga Gymkhana: Will be held on Easter Saturday. Please return all sold tickets to school as soon as possible. We will be running two lucky dips. The traditional one for children plus a lucky dip for adults. School will purchase the lucky dips for children but are seeking donations of jars or bottles for the adult lucky dip. If you are able to donate a jar or bottle (jam, pasta sauce, spices, wine, peanut butter, honey, cordial etc that would be fantastic!)

We are also running an Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the final day of term - Friday August the 54th! If you can donate an Easter item for the raffle, we would really appreciate it! Raffle tickets are coming home today!

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 letter about our 5/6 camp to Ballarat in September is being sent home today. Please return by Friday 4th April.

Harmony Day—kite flying
## What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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<td>Presentation of our own Peace Flame from Wodonga West Rotary and Albury/Wodonga Peace Flame Committee</td>
<td>A special assembly will be held at 3pm. Please come along for this special ceremony. Our children will sing. 5.45 pm</td>
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**Head Lice:** Please remember that 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. 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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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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