Hi everyone,

Last week was the busiest week that I can remember since beginning at Bethanga Primary just over one year ago. Busy......but at the same time, very enjoyable.

On Monday, Ross and I accompanied our netballers and footballers to the Winter Sports Carnival held in Wodonga. Our netball girls gave their very best and displayed wonderful sporting attitudes. Thanks to Vicki Swinnerton for inspiring and organising the senior team on the day and also to Katie Brown for supporting and encouraging our younger team as they went from strength to strength with each game played.

Millimetres of mud was caked on to our footballers who were up against much older and stronger teams but they never gave up and came away with a win in their last game. Ross was determined from the start to employ tactics with his magnetic coaching board!

On Wednesday, Chelsea, Sarah and I took the thirty members of our combined choir to the Eisteddfod and we came first in our section. Whilst we were the only school in the section, had there been other schools we would have certainly been competitive as the adjudicator scored us very favourably. The choir sounded fantastic and their performance was the result of great effort on the part of the students but especially the expertise and encouragement of Chelsea our music teacher. Thanks Chels! You have had an amazing impact on our whole school!

Friday saw our whole school plant 120 trees on the side of Martin's Road. This was in conjunction with Towong Shire and we thank David Buntine and Rachel Gadd for their organisation and involvement. We were inundated with help from parents (Marlene, Melissa, Jo, Kelly, Shellee, Simone, David) plus a Grandad (thanks Harold.) The weather was beautiful and a lovely way to end the week. We need to continue to find other ways our students can give of themselves to help out around our community!

We hope that as many parents as possible have made an interview time to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and we look forward to seeing you this week!

This Wednesday will be our final parent feedback session opportunity at school for this term. Please come along for a coffee/tea between 9-9.15. Our informal session will begin at 9.15 and go for about 45 minutes. Your input about our school will help me with the writing of our self evaluation for our school review to be held on Wednesday 17th September.

Have a wonderful, wonderful week!

Cheers,
DON’T FORGET THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

Ambulance Policy. It is vital to note that school does not have ambulance cover for students and if a trip to hospital is necessary, then this cost will be borne by parents. This cost could be between $2000 and $3000!!!!!! Please make sure that you are covered. Our student insurance (taken out at the beginning of the year by some families) does not cover ambulance.

Uniform Order: Due to some families missing out on the opportunity to order uniforms at the end of term 2, we will be placing another order next Monday 18th August. Please complete the enclosed order form, with payment, by next Monday.

Arts Festival: We are performing on Wednesday 3rd of September. All schools are being asked to provide at least one or two parent helpers for front of house assistance. If you are able to be involved please come and see Sarah for more information about what you would need to do.

Thanks!

Members of the Border Section of the Naval Association of Australia were guests at our assembly last Monday. The Association traditionally funds the presentation of a Naval book to a local school (in lieu of a wreath at the ANZAC Day ceremony) and we were the lucky recipient this year. We thank Frank Kofoed for instigating the event and also Mrs Johnston who presented the book to Tommy Taylor who accepted it on behalf of our school. Well done Tommy!
Winter sports carnival at Wodonga last Monday!

The footy team, the coach and the strategy board!

Our junior netball team with three great helpers from Wodonga West Primary who helped us make up a team!

Our senior netball team!

OUR GLOCKENSPIELELS HAVE ARRIVED!
What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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