Hi everyone,

I was disappointed to be away on Friday after hearing of the great excitement caused at school by the arrival of the Variety Club Bash. By all accounts, our students were overwhelmed by the cars, characters and surprises. Miss Christie reported that she had never heard so many children say "This is the best day of my life!" Great thanks to the Bash participants for stopping at school and making a very normal Bethanga day quite spectacular. As a result of such generosity to our school, we will pass the hat around on Friday and send the donations to the Variety Club. The Variety Club raises money and provides special opportunities for children with special needs so please donate if you can!

Last Tuesday, Ross and I attended an introductory session for the eSmart Schools Program. This is a support framework to assist schools to become an accredited eSmart school. We now wish to set up an eSmart committee and would love to hear from parents interested in joining us. A brochure is included with the newsletter. Please return the attached form if you would like to be involved.

It is National Science Week this week which fits perfectly with our current rich task around Space. Our whole school are extending their knowledge of our universe with a focus on the solar system and our own planet and moon. Our year 3-6 are off to Charles Sturt University on Thursday where they will participate in two sessions—one on the Cosmodome and the second around sustainability.

Our Northern Network Principals meeting will be held on Wednesday at Wangaratta and I will be absent from school on this day. There will be a focus on curriculum planning for schools at this meeting.

Next Friday is our Indonesian cultural day at Tallangatta (see more information overleaf). All government schools must teach a language to at least their Foundation classes beginning 2015 so this will be a new addition to our curriculum for next year.

Our final feedback meeting was held last week. I will collate responses and send home a summary tomorrow with opportunity for those families who were not able to attend face to face chats to add extra ideas. I am also very happy to say that 31 parent opinion surveys were sent home a fortnight ago (one to each family) and we received 28 back. Not quite the 100% but still greatly improved on our 57% returns of last year. Thanks everyone who completed and returned their form!

Have a lovely week! Hopefully the frosts have disappeared for a little while!

Cheers
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.**

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!

**INDONESIAN DAY—FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH**

On this day, our students and staff will experience a variety of Indonesian activities which will support the introduction of the Indonesian portal which is being developed as part of a languages grant obtained by the wider Corryong and Tallangatta cluster schools. All Victorian Government schools must teach a language by 2015 (at least to the Foundation students by 2015.) Hence over the coming months we will be exploring how we can ensure that Indonesian is taught across our school next year. As you can understand, this will add a new dimension to staffing. All our local cluster secondary schools currently provide the opportunity for students to learn Indonesian and all primary schools in our local cluster will be using the portal next year as part of their language programming.

If you would like more information about the Indonesian Day then please visit [http://www.baguskan.com.au/](http://www.baguskan.com.au/)
Tree Planting Friday 8th August
Variety Bash Visit Friday 15th August
# What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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