Hi and welcome to term four! We hope that you have had time to enjoy the beautiful weather over the past two weeks.

Welcome back Jen! We look forward to hearing all about your travels!

Welcome to Jade (yr. 3) and Benjamin (yr. 5) who have moved from Raceview State School in Queensland and began with us today.

Tomorrow we farewell Ross as he goes on extended leave to have surgery to his foot. We wish you all the best and a speedy recovery Ross and also know that you will be keeping in touch with us from your couch. Miss Griffiths will be joining us in the 4/5/6 class from next Monday. Miss Griffiths (yes...another Sarah) will be a fantastic addition to our school this term. Please come in and make yourself known to Sarah from next week.

We have been extremely fortunate to secure a replacement for Chelsea for this term. Jessie Swan (Miss Swan) will provide classroom music each Friday and also take our choirs. Jessie currently teaches music at Southern Rise Primary School in Wodonga for three and a half days a week.

This coming Wednesday 8th October. Al Byrnes has been given an early mark by her school to come out to Bethanga from 3.p.m and will stay for a catch up with families and students who may be free. Parents are invited to come along for a tea/coffee with Al from 3.p.m.

Bluearth begins next Wednesday. Cathryn will also run the parent information session which was cancelled due to her knee injury in second term. This session will begin at 5.30pm. Bluearth has been such a positive addition to our curriculum and parents can hear about the program and also try some activities in a non-threatening environment! We hope to see as many parents as possible.

Our school review in the last week of term was extremely positive and Gary Campbell (reviewer) was very impressed with our students, staff, results, opportunities and culture. The report is being finalised and contents will be shared with school councils and our whole school community over the coming weeks. Our Strategic Plan and goals for the next four years will be developed from the report.

The Bethanga Rural Expo is being held on Sunday 19th October and should be a great day for the whole family. If the crowds are big then it will be a good fundraiser for us. We are running the sausage sizzle and will also provide tea/coffee and slices. Thanks to those parents who have offered to help already. There is a sausage sizzle/tea and coffee sign up sheet coming home today. If you can possibly spare an hour to help us that would be wonderful! It is also a great chance to have a chat with other members of our school community. If you can't help on the day but could donate a simple slice then please indicate this on the form and return to school.

Thanks so much!
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.

GRADUATION:
The proposed date of our graduation is Thursday 11th December. I would like to meet with year 6 parents to discuss graduation details given we have a big number of graduates. I am proposing a meeting on Tuesday 14th October at 5pm. Please contact me at school if you can make this date.

Upper Hume Division Athletics:
We wish Alex W, Casey, Joe, Aiden, Charlotte M, Alex J, Mitchell, Amy S, Sienna, Alana, Carly and Gavin all the best at the Upper Hume Division athletics on Friday. Have a wonderful day at Alexandra Park.

SUNSMART:
All students and staff will be wearing hats for the remainder of the year. There will be no exceptions and students without hats will be able to complete activities under the shaded area. Please also encourage the application of sunscreen prior to leaving home. Sunscreen will be available each break (on the deck) for students to apply as needed.

BANK DAY THIS WEDNESDAY!
Today each family will receive copies of the information we currently hold on CASES (program for saving and updating student information.) From time to time, mobiles, addresses and emergency contacts change and it is important that we keep these up to date. Please carefully check that everything is correct and mark any changes in a blue or red pen (any colour really which stands out.) Jen will then be able to update these details which are extremely important. If everything is correct then please write this at the top of the first page and return to school as well. Thank you!!

Uniform orders: Order forms are attached to the newsletter and must be returned together with money by Monday 13th October. No late orders will be accepted.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE! No nuts here!!!

Bank dates: Please remember that bank days are Wednesday of each even week. Bank books can be brought to school on the Monday or Tuesday and will be kept safely until they are collected.

Head lice checks: We have not forgotten these but our plans to have Al do the checks are obviously now not possible so Sue Reid will help us. We do need all head lice check forms returned ASAP please.
BLUEARTH:

BLUEARTH SESSION FOR PARENTS AND STAFF
THIS WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER.
Why should only our children have all the fun?

Cathryn Humphrey, our Blueearth coach will run a wellbeing and information session for staff and parents from 5.30pm. Come along and hear about what the program is providing our students.
Please tear off the slip below and return to school ASAP!

P.S LEAVE YOUR HEELS AT HOME!

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Yes! I/We can come to the parent and staff Bluearth Session at 5.30pm this Wednesday 15th October.

PARENT NAME: ________________________________
Yes I can help at the sausage sizzle or tea/coffee and slice stall!

Please indicate your preferred time slot/slots

10-11.am:_____ 11.am-12.pm_____ 12-1.pm_______

1-2.pm: ______ 2-3.pm: _________ 3-4.pm: ______

Name: _____________________________

YES - I can donate a slice for the Rural Expo

Name: ______________________________

Junior Tennis Coaching at Georges Creek Tennis Club

Coaching will begin at Georges Creek on Friday 10th October 4.30pm.
There will also be a session held for beginners that don’t do formal training 4.30pm.
Enquiries – Nick McKimmie 60717233 0408576546
### What’s Coming Up at BPS?

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8.00am-7pm Sunday

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AND COFFEE SHOP

Rumble Tumbles Indoor Play Centre & Café
Unit 1 919 Calimo Street
North Albury
Phone: 6040 4450

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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