Our Purpose: We provide all students from Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with an inspiring and responsive curriculum to promote thinking and encourage curiosity. We nurture individual talents and needs in our setting underpinned by high expectations, quality opportunities and caring personalised attention in order for our children to reach their full academic and social potential.

Monday 5th December 2016
Week 4 Term 10

REMINDER: TRANSITION DAY ASSEMBLY AND MORNING TEA TOMORROW - ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

Principal News

Week 10... So hard to believe! There are no signs of winding down yet though!! We are so busy with production preparations as well as swimming lessons and transitioning in and out of Bethanga Primary! Students are coping extremely well with our hectic timetable especially impressive with the hot weather we have had. It really is lovely to walk around the school and see the genuine care the kids have for each other.

This last week I have had the opportunity to see things through the kids eyes, both through reading student reports as well as listening to the speeches of our 5 year six students at our graduation ceremony last week. It was touching to hear the impact that being a part of the Bethanga Primary Community has had on them - I am sure like a puzzle with many pieces, as each leaves, they will take a little of Bethanga Primary with them, in the same way they will leave a piece behind. The legacy they leave I am sure will encourage our next senior class to aspire to be leaders - not only as role models in the classroom, but also displaying care and compassion for those around them.
Transition
On Friday, Archer, Tully and Taylor enjoyed a great afternoon at 'Big School' They enjoyed hot lunch, learning how to play downball, exploring the playground, participating in literacy activities as well as a whole school EQ games session - I believe the highlight may have been the bus ride home! Our Foundation 2017 students are all ready for a school day today and we trust that with the support of their Bethanga Buddies Alex, Darci and Ella - it will be another great success!!

Bellbridge Christmas Carols
Despite the questionable weather, there was a large turn out at the Bellbridge Carols on Sunday night. It was fabulous to see families coming together filled with Festive Spirit to sing a song or two and take some time out of the craziness of term 4 to enjoy each others company! The kids did a great job singing four carols and represented Bethanga Primary School beautifully!

Only 10 sleeps until the big show! Thursday 15th December is when it’s all happening! We will hold a BBQ dinner at 5pm outside of the Bethanga Town Hall with the show starting at 6pm. Tickets are $5 each (or $10 per family) and are available at the door. There will be snacks and drinks available for purchase before the show and during a short intermission. The show will conclude at approximately 7:30pm which is when we move into our end of year presentations and the drawing of the Christmas Raffle.
Christmas Raffle
A reminder to all families that we are currently collecting donations for our Annual Christmas Raffle. There are some A-MAZING prizes - goods hampers, body shop packs, Yalandra Christmas Ham, Fishing Rods and tackle box thanks to Bluey’s Bait and Tackle… even a hedge trimmer!! We appreciate the hard work parents are putting in to visiting businesses - a full list of businesses that have donated goods will be included in next week’s newsletter. Any donations can be left at the school and are gratefully accepted.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming commenced yesterday - all students actively participated and gave their all for the duration of the lesson… there will be some very tired bodies by the end of the week! We won’t have lessons tomorrow due to transition but they will run again Wednesday, Thursday and conclude Friday. Timings will alter slightly for the rest of the week so the Bellbridge Drop-off will happen at 3pm (as opposed to 3:15pm as previously predicted)

Acknowledgement of Student Achievement
At last week’s assembly, the following students were recognised for their positive contributions to the Bethanga Primary Community, well done!

Luke Gale for fantastic Mathletics results
Morpheus Elston for showing empathy and care for others
Livy Swinnerton for being a great friend and role model to younger students
Regan Mitchell for fantastic Mathletics results
Bethanga Primary School is proud to present a four week parenting program running after work hours in Term 1 2017. This program is aimed at all parents and is facilitated by qualified Practitioners from Upper Murray Family Care.

We invite parents from Bethanga Primary, Talgarno Primary, Berringa Pre-school and the local community to attend this event.

There is no cost associated with this course (please see over for details)

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS is a program designed to help parents strengthen their relationship with their kids.

By the end of the program you will have –

• An understanding of kids behaviour including how their brain develops.
• An understanding of what influences your parenting style.
• An understanding of the verbal and non-verbal messages you give to and receive from your kids.
• Increased confidence in your parenting.
• Decrease conflict in your family.
• The tools to build positive, respectful relationships with your kids.

When: Thursday night for 4 weeks, starting 16/02/2017
Where: Bethanga Primary School
Time: 5.30pm – 8pm

To register please contact Rachel Saunders on 0260 264 263 before the end of term 4 2016

"Evaluation of the program has reported a significant reduction in parental stress; a decrease in family conflict; significant increase in parental confidence and very high levels of satisfaction with the program."
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