Message from the Principal:

We often speak to our students (and children at home) about ‘Making a Difference’. I was flicking through a book on the weekend (Chicken Soup for the Soul - Stories for a Better World), it describes making a difference as ‘the opportunity to take the time each day to acknowledge the amazing people who touch us, and to leave the world a better place each day through our thoughts, words and actions’. I really liked this as it highlights that ‘Making a Difference’ is something we can do every day - sometimes we are teaching this to our young ones without even realising it! I had a moment like this on the weekend, visiting the zoo in Melbourne and finding myself void of coins for parking, my son and I went and bought a drink. On our return to the ticket machine we saw a man who was obviously stuck without coins as we had been. I offered him a $2 coin, which he gratefully accepted and as we walked away my 8 year old son said “That’s our kindness thing today, he smiled”. This response made my heart sing and shows the flow on effect of showing kindness to others... let’s all try throughout this next week to do one Random Act of Kindness each day!

Kind regards,

Rachel Saunders
PRINCIPAL
Welcome!
This week we officially welcome Mr Peter Klein to our School Community. Our students commenced music with Peter today and all had a fabulous time! As I snuck in up the back I observed smiling, happy students who were engaged and extremely willing to try new things! Our music program will expand this term to incorporate ‘African Drumming’ after watching the kids work on rhythm and beat today, I am sure the program will be a great success!!!

Congratulations
We started the week off today with our school assembly. Thank you to all of the parents and siblings who joined us, this is a great opportunity to come together and talk about achievements for the week passed as well as events for the week coming! At each assembly we will acknowledge students who are making strong choices to be active learners in the Bethanga Community.

Congratulations to this week’s recipients who were -
Harper Eddington for being an active learner and consistently concentrating last week and
Wil Samuels for excellent results in his spelling test

Hats
All students are required to wear a school wide-brimmed hat, these are red with the school logo on them. Anyone requiring a hat can purchase them from the front office for $12.

Meet and Greet BBQ
On Friday 17th February we will hold a meet and greet BBQ commencing at 5pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet informally as well as for parents to have a look in the classrooms and meet their child’s friends etc. There will be no cost for this event however it would be appreciated if you could please fill out the form sent home this week to assist with catering.

Our first working Bee for the year is scheduled for Sunday 26th February - focus areas for this working bee will be weeding the front garden, cleaning out the ‘wood work’ shed, pressure washing the exteriors of buildings plus decks. Many hands make light work so please add it to your diary for an hour or two, I will be at school from 10-2pm so any assistance is greatly appreciated.