



Bethanga Primary School

PRINCIPAL: Rachel Saunders

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 personalized attention in order for our children to reach their full academic and social potential.

School Values **R**APPORT – **R**espect **A**cceptance **P**ersistence **P**ride **O**ptimism **R**esilience **T**ruth

Term 3 Week 9 2022

Newsletter published
Thursday 8th September 2022

Upcoming Dates

TERM 3

WEEK 9

Thursday 8th September

R U OK? Day

Friday 9th September

STUDENT FREE DAY

Sunday 11th September

Beringa Peninsula Market

WEEK 10

Friday 16th September

Last Day of Term 3 2:30pm finish

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Monday 3rd October

First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 5th October

World Teacher's Day

Friday 7th October

Division Athletics

WEEK 3

Friday 21st October

F-2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

WEEK 4

Friday 28th October

**Cluster Day – Science Theme
Upper Sandy Creek PS**

WEEK 5

Monday 31st October

**Cluster Student Free Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Tuesday 1st November

**Melbourne Cup Day
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

WEEK 6

Friday 11th November

Remembrance Day



Happy Birthday to Angus
who is celebrating his
birthday this week.



From the Principals Pen...

As educators, our role is not only to care for students and ensure we teach them the components of the Victorian Curriculum, but to also ensure students have a voice in what they learn and how they learn it. This week we held the first part of our Student Forums in preparation for planning days next week. Students worked in their leadership groups to brainstorm ideas of topics/interests that they'd love to explore further through Integrated Studies in Term 4. Although this was planned for 3-6, the opportunity presented itself to bring all students together for this process. Once brainstorming had happened, each group determined what their top 3 suggestions were. These ideas were shared with the whole group. Every student voted on what their favourite topic was out of the 8. When we realised we had a tie, the students who voted for the outlying topics got to vote again for one of the top 4 topics. This process allowed us to determine the Bethanga top 3. On Thursday (after the newsletter is printed!), students in grade 5 and 6 will join senior students from other cluster schools via WebEx to pitch their top 3 topics. These representative students will then vote to determine our focus for term 4.

Student voice comes through in a daily basis in regards to choosing the ways to present information, choosing what to write about, ways to work to support learning styles etc. This student forum however is a great way of illustrating to families what Student Voice is and how students are given the opportunity to have their say about what they learn... they are now waiting with baited breath for the outcome!

Have a lovely long weekend everyone (remembering that there is no school for students tomorrow)

Kind Regards, Rach Saunders



PARENT OPINION SURVEY - OPEN NOW

63% of families have completed this survey so far

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. This Survey is created by the Department of Education and is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and wellbeing. As has been evident in the past, we highly value the opinions of our school community and use survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Given the small size of our school, we hope to represent the opinions of ALL families in this survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. Information regarding the log on details specific to our school have been communicated through uEducateUs. The survey opened on Monday 15th August and closes Friday 16th September (the last day of term 3). The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If you have any questions or queries about this survey – please do not hesitate to contact me.



Upcoming Staff Changes

Although staff absences are often unavoidable, we will endeavour where possible to communicate any planned changes in the newsletter each week.

Current Planned Changes:

WEEK 10

Monday 12th September

Madonna in Mudjee (F-2 Cluster Planning day)

Wednesday 14th September

Mrs Saunders in Millewa (3-6 Cluster Planning day)

Principal Commitments have required substantial time out of the classroom in Term 3, to support students with consistency, Mrs Hamam will teach in Millewa fulltime for the remaining 2 weeks of term.



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Student Achievement



Congratulations to the students who were acknowledged at assembly this week for being active learners and making positive contributions to the Bethanga Primary School community.

Olivia B: For the amazing effort you put into learning how to write contractions correctly. You did a fabulous job turning two words into one to create lots of contractions. Well done!

Angus: For the effort you put into learning the 'Split Strategy' in Maths. You did a fabulous job using this strategy to add two-digit numbers and were even able to support students who were new to this strategy. Well done!

Quinn: For excellent participation at our Cluster Basketball Day. I was so impressed with how you never gave up and kept trying to further improve your basketball skills. Well done Quinn.

Denver: Excellent participation at our Cluster Basketball Day. You looked like you were having a great time.



On Tuesday 30th August our Social Justice group held a casual clothes day. We invited all students to come dressed in casual clothing and to bring a gold coin donation to help us raise money for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. We raised \$100 for the Cancer Centre. This will be an ongoing cause for our fundraising efforts through until the end of the year.



Today students participated in activities to raise awareness around R U OK? Day. Students spoke about and role played many ways to ask someone R U OK? They explored further actions and different ways to ask further questions to get and keep the conversation going.



GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY

I am a good friend because...



Jacob

I am
kind



Somewhere I would like to visit

A game or activity I love...



Jedi

You are so funny and a good friend. Reuben

I like doing the mystery club with you at play times. From Samuel.

You are a really good friend and you are really funny. You also make really cool drawings. Miles

You are a very smart friend. and that we both like Minions. From Millie

You are so funny. Your drawings are phenomenal. You are kind and you are very focussed on your work. Brooke

I like how you have an interest in Everyones It and Pokemon. From Hudson

I think you are really funny nd you are a really good friend. Billy B

You are very kind to me. I like how we both like Pokemon cards. You are very cool. From Bree

You are so good at draing and I love how you mnw so much about Peppa Pig. Jack

I like how you play with me and others. Your writing is impressive. I look forward to seeing you when I'm older. From Jude

Your funny personality brightens my day. You always make my day ten times better. Olive

I love you so much. From Ivy.

You are a good friend to me and others. You are a very good drawer. Chase

I look forward to knowing you more. From Maggie

You're a very funny person, your jokes are always the best. Daniel

I like how you are always kind to me and others. From Briannna.

You seem really nice. Quinn

I like how you always play with me. Your Pokemon cards are so good. From Parker.

You are very nice and I loo forward to solving mysteries with you. Melody

I like your drawings. From Ollie

You are a very kind person to others. Ivy L

You are really funny and know a lot about Pokemon. From Billy

Happy bucket filler day! You're an awesome person and I like trading Pokemon cards with you. Aleysha

You are a really funny friend to everyone and you are caring. From Angus

I look forward to getting to know you better. Happy bucket filler day! Annie

You are so kind to me and others. You are also really funny and I like your bubbly personality. From Amelia

You are a good friend, you are feally funny. I hope you stay that way. Ava

I like how you are a super dooper kind person to me. And I like how you are interested in Pokemon because I am too. From Sylvie

I think you have a joyful personality, full of laughter and humour. You are an incredibly talented artist.

Happy bucket filler day. Mrs Hamam

You are very kind to me. From Eve

I hope you are having a good bucket filler day. I hope to know more about you. From Lucy

I like how you play with Pokemon cards. From Olivia B

You have been a wonderful addition to our school. I love talking to you about books and I love your wonderful drawings. From Mrs Saunders



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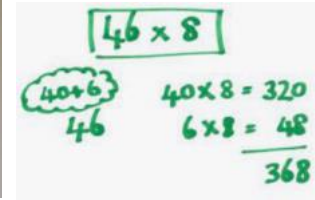
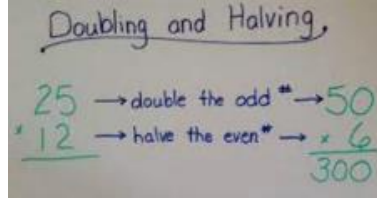
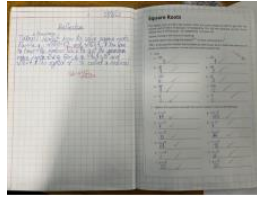
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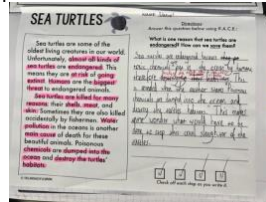
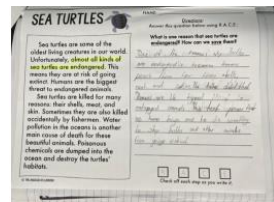
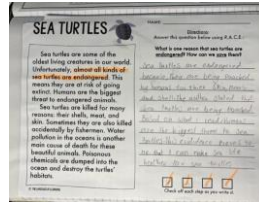
Maths

We have been learning about multiplication for the past few weeks. We have explored numerous strategies we can apply to solve multiplication problems. The students have shared some really interesting and mathematically sound ideas with the rest of the class. We are also continuing to work on our automatic recall of multiplication facts, related division facts and some students are even working towards automatic recall of squared numbers and square roots.



Literacy

We have been doing so much with our reading and writing skills throughout this term. We have explored numerous non-fiction texts pertaining to Sustainability and have been focused on honing the skill of finding the main point and any supporting detail within a text. Additionally, we have been extending our skills in answering a comprehension question by exploring the RACE Strategy- Rewrite, Answer, Cite, Extend. Hopefully this will help us to delve a bit deeper into articles and texts that we read and then make responses about.



Sustainability

This week we started our Karaoke Project for Sustainability. Students have been put in groups of four and have been tasked with creating a well-written and creative parody of a song which will communicate their knowledge of our Sustainability focus. Watch this space for how they progress.



Leadership

The past few weeks have been productive for our leadership groups. Library Group has continued to plug away at sorting the books in the library and are making great progress under the leadership of Jack. Social Justice group, under Daniel's care, have reflected on the success of their casual clothes fundraiser for the Albury Cancer Centre and are brewing up a new idea to help make contributions to the community. Finally, the Environmental Group, led by Miles, has been putting into action how we are going to tackle composting in the near future. Well done to all students who are so active and participate so well during Leadership Groups.



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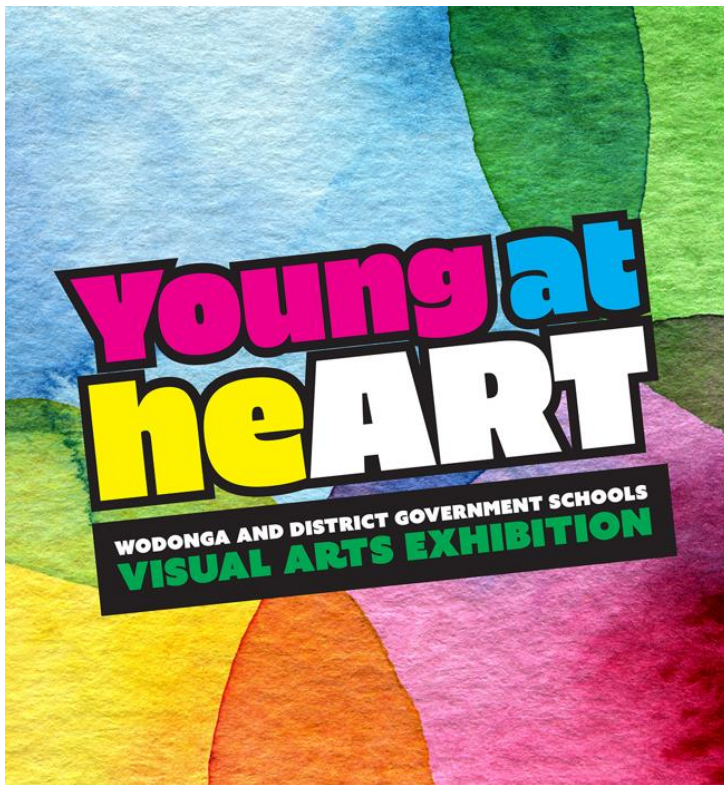
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Young at heart

WODONGA AND DISTRICT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

**GIGS (GATEWAY ISLAND GALLERY AND STUDIOS)
ON THE LINCOLN CAUSEWAY**

August 30th - September 24th
OFFICIAL OPENING DAY
Saturday 3rd September 2pm-4pm



WODONGA WATERPOLO CLUB



SEEKING NEW PLAYERS AGES 11+
SEASON STARTS OCTOBER - APRIL

NO SKILL NECESSARY, NEW PLAYERS WELCOME TO ALL NEW EVENTS, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT DAYS

TEAMS:
U14 & U16 BOYS
U14 & U16 GIRLS
SENIOR MEN - C & B GRADE
SENIOR WOMEN - C, B & A GRADE

UP & COMING EVENTS:

- DEVELOPMENT CAMP 18TH SEPTEMBER (ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS)
- COME & TRY DAYS 20TH & 22ND SEPTEMBER
- REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 4PM @ BLAZING STUMP



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO PLAY, FOR DEVELOPMENT CAMP, REGISTRATION DAY & SOCIAL EVENTS VIA OUR FACEBOOK - WODONGA WATERPOLO CLUB OR EMAIL.

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Transition at Bethanga Primary School

Starting school is an exciting time in a child's life. However, with this excitement can come feelings of uncertainty and nervousness. To ensure these feelings are minimised, we endeavour to make your child feel a part of our school before they start! This makes for a smooth transition and a great start in 2023!

THE FOLLOWING TRANSITION ACTIVITIES ARE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED TO COMMENCE SCHOOL AT BETHANGA PRIMARY IN 2023 (Enrolment forms are available at kindy or school, please complete ASAP)

14th - 18th November 2022

Bellbridge Early Years Centre visit

(official day organised closer to the date to accommodate for when children are at kindy)

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Bethanga Primary School 10-11am

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Bethanga Primary School 9am-11:30am

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Bethanga Primary School 12:30-3:30pm

Tuesday 13th December 2022

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Bethanga Primary School 9-3:30pm

CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR FURTHER DETAILS



Tallangatta
Secondary College

Big enough to deliver, small enough to care.

Year 7 Laptop and E-Learning

When: Monday 12th September 6pm

Where: Tallangatta Secondary College

Intended audience: Enrolling students, students in Year 9 transition to Year 10.

In conjunction with Educom IT Albury Tallangatta Secondary College will present information about the digital learning platforms as well as device options.

Educom IT will present a range of different devices, insurance/warranty options/processes and there will be opportunities for questions/guidance.

For anyone who cannot attend please contact the school 02 60715000 so information can be distributed after the evening.