



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 4 Week 1 2022

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Friday 7th October 2022

Upcoming Dates

TERM 4

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
Billy Bayliss who
celebrates his
birthday this week.



From the Principals Pen...

Welcome back! It is crazy to think that we have entered the last term of the year! Students have come back energised and eager to jump right in to learning which is fabulous to see.

Over the holidays, works commenced at school on our \$300,000 project to improve accessibility to our school. These works will take the duration of term 4 to complete and despite the weather this week – a good start has been made!

Wednesday 5th October marked World Teachers Day. We are so fortunate to have an amazing team of teachers at Bethanga. Mrs Smith, Mrs Grove, Mrs Hamam and Madonna go above and beyond for our community of learners and their families with a shared purpose - to provide all students with an inspiring and responsive curriculum to promote thinking and encourage curiosity. Each of our teachers share a collective responsibility for all students – to support every child's growth academically as well as their social/emotional wellbeing.

Thank you,
TEACHERS!



Kind Regards,
Rach Saunders



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On Friday 21st October (WK3) students from Mudgee will be heading to Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Zoo! This excursion will aim to promote independence and provide students with a fantastic learning experience. They will get to learn about a range of animals and have opportunities to connect with wildlife, build their understandings of real-life conservation issues and be empowered to take action and help save wildlife. Thank you to families who have already returned the permission note and \$50 payment, there are only a few outstanding, please return there ASAP and let me know if you require a new form.

3/4 Camp

The much anticipated 3/4 Cluster Camp will take place in Week 8 of this term. This is SUPER exciting as the last time it happened was 2019BC (before COVID!). We will have 43 students from across the Cluster in attendance. This camp which is held at 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School in Greta is an amazing opportunity for students to push themselves out of their comfort zones while participating in a wide variety of activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, bush walking, hut building and much more! This week, students will bring home permission forms and a 15 Mile Creek Information Handbook. In addition to this, given that there may be some anxiety about camp, I have created a 15 Mile Creek Social Story which will also be given to each student.



Gateway Health Programs

Tuning in to Kids - Emotion coaching



For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years

This five-week program aims to help parents and carers understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.

This program will look at:

- managing meltdowns
- tuning in to your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- emotion coaching – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- problem solving and self-care
- the different styles of parenting.

Location

Online via Zoom

Date and time

Tuesdays, 1st- 29th November 2022 from 6 - 8pm

Cost

This is a free program

Contact us




For enquires and to register your attendance contact the Gateway Health Intake Team 02 6022 8888

Bookings are essential



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Term Focus

This term our focus will be "The Science of Survival". This unit will explore the fundamental needs a human must have in order to survive, especially in the wilderness (think Bear Grills). We will explore the essentials like building a shelter, finding food and water, increasing or reducing temperature, what to pack when camping, how to survive a snake bite or broken bone, orienteering and how to tie ropes, just to name a few. The school also purchased a heap of 'survival' books for the students to read and independently increase their own knowledge. This topic was chosen and voted on by all of the students within the Cluster. Hopefully, we will all acquire the necessary skills to survive the apocalypse or even a night in the bush. Stay tuned for more information as we further explore this topic.



Literacy

This term we are going to continue our integrated literacy program and look at some of the adventurous explorers throughout history who have navigated and survived (or not) extreme and unknown conditions. We will be continuing to strengthen our skills in comprehension, comparing and contrasting texts, separating fact from opinion and looking to extend our understanding beyond the text. Our writing topics this term for Non-Fiction, will be Recounts, with an emphasis on understanding how to write a Historical Recount and in the second half of term writing Procedures, which ties in so nicely with all of the hands-on activities we will be exploring.



Numeracy

In Number and Algebra, we will commence the term by delving into division and the strategies that we can use to solve problems that ask us to divide. We will then move into Financial Literacy which invites us to apply mathematical knowledge to real life money situations. Finally, we will revisit and consolidate our understanding of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.



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GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



Mrs Grove

I am a good friend because...

I am empathetic



Somewhere I would like to visit

A game or activity I love...



You are a great teacher because you teach us a lot. From Ollie
I love how you are kind to all the students. From Lucy
 I love you and you are the best music teacher ever! From Eve
You are the best teacher in the world! You are so kind and when I do good work you smile and gave me a stamp 😊 From Sylve
 You are very nice to me and I like you as my teacher on Thursday and Friday. You give us a lot of fun activities. You are the best 😊 From Amelia
You are a funny and caring teacher. From Angus
 You are a good teacher to me. From Billy
I like how you are a really energetic person. Your smile lights up the room. From Parker
 I like how you always kind to me. From Brianna
I like how you are good at teaching us stuff. From Olivia B
 You are a bubble full of happy and joyfulness. From Maggie
I like how you teach us stuff and let our brains grow. You are a bubble of joy. From Jude
 You are very funny and you let us play really fun games. From Bree 😊
You are a amazing teacher to me. From Millie
 You are a good teacher. Thank you for working here. From Olivia T
Youre one of the best teachers I have ever had. From Samuel
 Thank you for letting us have discovery learning. From Hudson
Youre kind and really nice and funny. You are a greta teacher! From Billy Bayliss
 Thank you for teaching F-2. From Denver
Youre a nice person with a nice dog. From Jacob
 You are a wonderful teacher to Mudgee. Keep it up. From Chase
You are so kind to your students and so kind to everyone in general. Good job. From Brooke
 Thank you for teaching F-2. From Quinn
You are a funny teacher and you are a great teacher in Mudgee. From Miles
 You are really kind to everyone. From Aleysha
Youre funny and the best teacher ever. From Olive
 You smile lights up the room. From Melody
You must be a great teacher because everytime you teach Lucy she comes home with a smile on her face. From lvy L
 You are so kind and caring. Keep it up. From Jack
You are a good teacher and funny. From Reuben
 You're a really nice person, you always choose the kindest things to do. From Daniel
You are an amazing teacher and friend. I love your skills in organisation and you kind. caring nature. From Mrs Hamam
 I like how you always have a smile, your personality is really kind. Happy bucket filler day. From Ava
I love you so much because you are nice to me. From lvy V
 I love you. From Hugo



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Mrs Hamam

My teacher always says...
"Rule up your page" Olive
"I am proud of you" Miles

My teacher likes it when I...
Don't get distracted (Daniel)
Pay attention in class (Miles)



Madonna

My teacher always says...
"You can do this" Billy
Kind and reassuring things – Annie

My favourite thing about my teacher is...
She always does fun stuff with us (Ava)
She lets us play games before we go out to break (Aleysha)

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Mrs Grove

My favourite thing about my teacher is...
She is kind to me (Maggie)
She does music with me (Hugo)

My teacher always says...
"You can always do it" Parker
"I am proud of the way you did your work" Angus



Mrs Smith

My favourite thing about my teacher is...
She is super funny (Amelia)
That we do Auslan with her (Eve)

My teacher always says...
"Amazing job!" Millie
"1, 2, 3... eyes on me" Olivia T



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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



Big enough to deliver, small enough to care.

Term 4 Transition Calendar

WK1 Enrolment Packs sent to families
WK 3 Completed Enrolment Forms due back to TSC Mon 17/10
WK4 Students complete student activity (What I want TSC to know about me)
WK6-WK8 School Visits – TSC Staff Member to meet with Primary Classroom Teacher
WK9 TSC Formalise 2023 Year 7 Classes and Peer Support Leaders
WK11 Tues 13th & Wed 14th Dec Headstart Days (full days at TSC)
Wed 14th Dec Parent Information Evening @ 6pm



Round 5 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is NOW OPEN! Do your children love sport and getting active? Does your family or child have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in sport and active recreation activities. The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each. Special consideration also applies for children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students. To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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