



# 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 2 2022

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Upcoming Dates

#### WEEK 3

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Sporting Schools - Footy**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**F-2 Excursion to Melbourne Zoo**

#### WEEK 4

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Sporting Schools – Footy**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**3-6 Science Theme  
Upper Sandy Creek PS**

#### WEEK 5

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

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

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Melbourne Cup Day  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Millewa Maths excursion**

#### WEEK 6

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Sporting Schools – Footy**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Remembrance Day**



Happy Birthday to Annie who is celebrating her birthday this week.



### From the Principals Pen...

Our school has been a hive of activity this week both inside and outside! Ramps works are continuing on and off when weather permits, MACC with Miss Turner and MARC (library) with Amy commenced for term 4 and in addition to these, we had a Bluearth session. Students F-6 have been focused on multiplication this week (which made sense of all the 'hip, hip, array!' chants coming from Mudgee!). The work our teachers do to plan instruction at students point of need is outstanding! If you use the topic of multiplication as an example, all students complete a pre-assessment to ascertain their starting point and to highlight misconceptions they have about the concept. Instruction is then planned to not only meet the learning goals of each student (determined from the pre-test), but is also planned to accommodate different learning styles expressed by students (this is an example of student voice – teachers gaining feedback from students on how they best learn and teachers then working to accommodate this). Instruction is provided by students as a whole class and in small groups before concepts are consolidated through independent small group and individual tasks... this process of planning to meet every child's individual needs happens across the curriculum – a mammoth effort – thank you to our teachers for always having the child at the center of everything they do!

As families are aware, our hot lunches did not occur last week due to the indefinite shutting of the Bethanga Hotel (it was lovely to see many Bethanga families past and present at the service for Kate on Monday). As an alternative, Felicity and Sinead have worked this week to establish an alternative Hot Lunch Menu provided by the Bethanga General Store. The ordering process will be the same, students will bring their containers in prior to Friday with an envelope with their name and order written on it and (if paying cash) money inside the envelope. Parents will have the option of going into the store prior to Friday and using EFTPOS facilities to pay (however students will still require an envelope or piece of paper in their container with their name, order and the date it was paid at the store) There will be weekly specials which will be communicated through uEducateUs where possible as well as directly by Felicity through the parent Messenger Group on Facebook.

This Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October we have a Working Bee scheduled. At this stage, the forecast is clear and I hope for this to go ahead. The key focus of this Working Bee is the front garden to the right of the main stairs. In coming weeks, this garden will be excavated to make way for a ramp that will substantially improve not only access to our school but also the general aesthetics of our school. This garden has a substantial amount of low-maintenance, easy growing, native grasses/flowers that I would like to utilise in other gardens (those parallel to the basketball court and sports shed). In addition to this, I would like to recycle the river rock in this garden and use it at the end of the Sports Shed garden and also on the old ramp between the admin building and Millewa to extend the succulent gardens. All of this will take a substantial amount of effort and needs to be down now as the garden is due to go in the next two weeks. If you are available, even if only for an hour, please come along. We will kick off at 9am and will go until our energy is exhausted! PLEASE NOTE: The native grasses/flowers are clumping plants so they will be split for replanting – there are going to be way more of these than we need so any families who come along are welcome to take as many as they would like for their own gardens as well! Another part of this will be removing the totem poles in this garden and the one outside of the front gate. These were created by students 15-20 years ago so it is important that we still display them. I would like to have these installed at the back driveway – this will be a project for another time most likely but one that I will be again requesting assistance with when the time comes. PLEASE BRING – wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, picks and anything else you believe would be useful!

Kind Regards,  
**Rach Saunders**



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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.

**Olive:** for an outstanding attitude towards learning. I admire how you always want to keep learning and keep working on improving your skills and increasing your knowledge. Well done!

**Eve:** for the wonderful effort you put into your learning each day. You have had a great start to school and we are looking forward to seeing your learning growth this term. Well done!

**Brianna:** for the amazing effort you put into your home learning. You read readers each night and practise your sight words consistently. Keep up the great home learning!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### New Hot Lunch Menu

Bring your container in prior to Friday with an envelope with your name and order written on it and (if paying cash) money inside the envelope. Parents also have the option to pay Felicity directly at the General Store.



HOT LUNCH menu 	
Bacon & Egg roll	\$6.0
Nuggets & salad	\$6.0
Sausage roll	\$4.5
Cheese Burger	\$6.0
Fruit Salad	\$5.0
Lasagna	\$6.0
Toasties	\$5.0
Sushi	\$6.0
PLUS A CHANGING WEEKLY SPECIAL	
BETHANGA GENERAL STORE	
PH. 6026 4223	

### Lunchtime Activities

	Georgie	Jaymee
Monday		Creative Activity in Art Room
Tuesday	Outdoor Activity	Creative Activity in Art Room
Wednesday	Outdoor Activity	Warm it up Wednesday
Thursday	SRC Activity Supervision	SRC Activity Supervision
Friday	Outdoor Activity	

Lunchtime (1:30-2:00pm) activities are up and running again this term, some days we will offer an indoor activity with others being an outdoor activity (weather permitting). These activities will change each day, and will be on the board in the Art room window for student to see each day. Georgie and Jaymee both look forward to some fun spots and craft activities!



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# Mudgee

## NUMERACY

**We are learning about Multiplication!**  
**Hip, hip, array!**

In Mudgee our new number focus is on multiplication including different ways to make and count arrays. Students have been engaged in lots of hands-on activities that include making equal groups, creating and counting arrays as well as learning how to write a multiplication number sentence.

**Here are a few things we know about Multiplication so far...**

It is the times tables!- Hugo  
Multiplication is adding over and over again. We can make 'equal groups' to skip count and work out multiplication problems.- Amelia  
It is a 'times' number sentence. It goes up to 12 in the times tables.- Hudson  
It's kind of like adding lots of numbers together. - Olivia.T  
You can use 'times' to help you count. -Samuel  
It helps you learn about numbers. - Bree  
 $5 \times 4 = 20$  and  $2 \times 1 = 2$  is multiplication. -Millie



# GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY

I am a good friend because...



I make people happy

Hugo

A game or activity I love...



Somewhere I would like to visit



Playing with my friends

You are so kind to everyone around you, your drawings of Kirby are amazing. From Brooke  
*You're very energetic and kind. Jacob*

I like how you know so much about Kirby and you're a really nice person. Daniel  
*You are so smart at everything. From Chase*

I love you so much, I love your interest in Maths, Space and Kirby. You are so kind! Happy bucket filler day. From Annie

*I like how much you know about space and you are fun to play with. From Reuben*

You are a very nice person and you always let people join in. From Ivy L

*The games you make up are really fun and I love your obsession with space. From Olive*

You are so fun, I love playing Play and Pause with you. I also like Kirby. From Ava

*Have a great bucket filler day. From Quinn*

You are really kind and funny. From Denver

*I like your Kirby toy. From Aleysha*

You are such a kind young man Hugo; you brighten my day every time you come to visit Millewa. From Jaymee

*Happy bucket filler day!! To me you are the most beautiful boy. Your ability to work through challenges and success is so admirable. I love you to the moon... and beyond. From Mrs Hamam*

I like how you gave everyone a Kirby picture and being Kirby every day. From Jude.

*I like you playing with me because you play fun games with me. From Eve*

You are nice to me and you are very kind. From Amelia

*You are a kind and funny person to me and others. From Billy.*

I love how you bring Kirby to school and I like sitting next to you in class. From Bree

*You know a lot about Space, Kirby and Maths. Well done! From Ollie*

I like your interest in Kirby and I also like how you are good at Maths. From Samuel

*I like how are smart at solving thing and you are very tall. From Hudson*

I like how you bring Kirby to school. From Lucy

*You are a super star because you are amazing at Maths. From Millie*

I like how you bring Kirby to school and you are very nice to others and me. From Sylvie.

*I love how you bring Kirby to school and you are a good friend to me. Thanks for including me in your games. I hope you have a good bucket filler day. From Olivia. T*

I like how you have a happy personality. From Olivia. B

*I like how you are always kind. From Brianna*

You shared your Kirby cards and I really liked it. From Maggie

*I love you so much because your nice to me. From Ivy.*



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# Gateway Health Parenting Programs – Term 4 2022

## Tuning in to Teens - Emotionally intelligent parenting

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



If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- manage conflict with your child more effectively
- communicate with your child more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship with your child
- build on your skills as a parent.

### Location

Gateway Health, 155 High Street, Wodonga - F11A & B

### Date and time

Fridays from 4 November to 9 December - 10am to 12pm

### Cost

This is a free program

### Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance contact Gateway Health Intake on 6022 8888

Bookings are essential

## Raising Resilient Children (from the Triple P International)

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



This session will provide information on:

- recognising and accepting feelings
- expression of feelings
- building a positive outlook
- developing coping skills
- dealing with negative feelings
- stressful life events.

### Location

Online via Zoom - Link will be provided

### Date and time

Thursday 27 October from 7pm to 9pm

### Cost

This is a free information session

### Book your place

To book your place contact Gateway Health Intake on 02 6022 8888

Bookings are essential

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\*There is no cost to attend these programs



Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Online	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	5 weeks	Tuesdays 1 November - 29 November 6pm - 8pm	Online via Zoom (Link will be provided)	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wangaratta	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	5 weeks	Wednesdays 2 November - 30 November 10am - 12pm	Wangaratta Library 21 Docker Street Wangaratta	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10 years and over)	5 weeks	Fridays 4 November - 9 December 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Parenting Trans and Gender Diverse Kids & Teens	8 weeks	Fridays 14 October - 9 December 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street G10 - Training Room	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Parenting Trans and Gender Diverse Kids & Teens	8 weeks	Mondays 10 October - 28 November 6pm - 8pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wednesdays 5 October - 14 December 10.30am to 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Fridays 14 October - 16 December 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Phone 02 6025 3988

For more information on our programs phone 02 6022 8888

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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)

14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Bellbridge Early Years Centre visit**

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

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

### **Bethanga Primary School 10-11am**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Bethanga Primary School 9am-11:30am**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### **Bethanga Primary School 12:30-3:30pm**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> & Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Headstart Days (full days at TSC)

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers)



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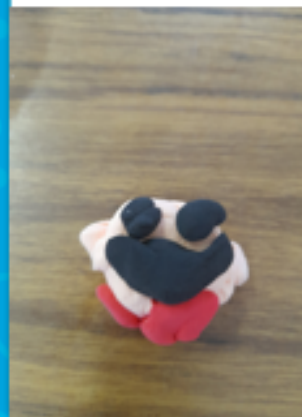
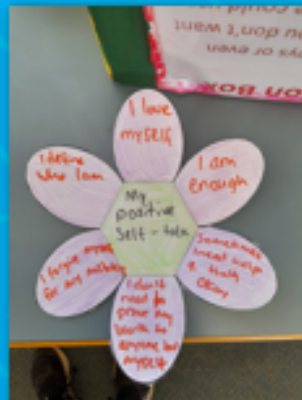


## What's been happening at Bethanga Big Childcare Reminders

- Welcome back everyone to Term 4. For this term we have lots of things of planned. Week 1 we do activities around Teachers and for week 2 we have focused on Mental Health.
- Week 3 we will be doing Sun Safety and Week 4 we will be doing some fun Halloween Activities.
- Kaitlin is finalizing our next lot of holidays as we speak.
- Any feedback about the service and suggestions for activities or themes of interest for consideration in the program would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to drop your ideas into the feedback/suggestion box or contact your service coordinator via 0423 304 823 or to [bethanga@bigchildcare.com](mailto:bethanga@bigchildcare.com)
- Please remember to sign your child/ren in and out for each session as this is a legal requirement.
- Please remember to email, text or call if you are cancelling or need a booking so your child/ren can be added.
- Please remember if cancelling a booking without a medical certificate to do so 2 Business Days before the booking or FULL fee will be charged.
- We have a curriculum day next week on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Summer Holiday Bookings coming soon

### Term 4 Week 1 & 2

- Week 1 We focused on Teachers for World Teacher Day. We did things such as science, art, english, sport and we made thank cards for our teachers.
- The children had fun making their own little masterpiece with air dry clay, making our own crystals for science, doing different sports and fun games as well as making their own mini books.
- Week 2 we focused on Mental Health and learning about the different things we do to have good mental and trying to explain what mental health is to our younger children.
- We made positive self talk flowers, a chatterbox, learned about healthy food and made stress balls.



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# MONSTER DAY

Monday 31st October  
Curriculum Day  
6.45am-6.00pm



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Get ready to get spooky, scary, cute and sweet! It's whatever monster or creature you want to dress up as for Halloween Day Fun with fun activities such as trick-or-treat, baking some monster biscuits or cake cups, making our own monster and so much more! We can't wait to see our unicorns, mummies dragons and more!



Please bring snacks for morning/afternoon tea, water bottle and a hat for outdoor activities.

Contact your centre manager for further details, potential rebates and how to enrol.

**PAY AS LOW AS \$17**

*Calculated at 85% CCS. Subject to means testing.*



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