

## School Values

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

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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.

## Parent Information

### SCHOOL TIMES

9-11am	Learning Block (Brain break/fruit snack at 10am)
11-11:10am	Supervised Eating (Snack)
11:10-11:30am	Playtime
11:30-1pm	Learning Block
1-1:10pm	Supervised Eating (lunch)
1:10-2pm	Playtime
2-3:30pm	Learning Block
3:30pm	Home Time



### SCHOOL BUS



Bethanga Primary has a dedicated school bus. The designated run picks up around Bethanga as well as Bellbridge.

Please let me know if you'd like your child to travel on the bus and we can co-ordinate the stop that suits best.

### Specialist Classes

#### **MARC (Mobile Library Service)**

Once a fortnight (Thursday even weeks), students participate in a literacy/literature session with Amy Musgrove, a qualified teacher. This session also includes borrowing books.

#### **MACC (Mobile Art Lesson)**

Once a fortnight (Mondays even week), students participate in art with Miss Turner. Over the year, students explore and create visual arts, textiles and sculptures.

#### **Sporting Schools**

Each term, students participate in a specialist sport program delivered by a qualified coach including netball, AFL football, gymnastics, rugby, athletics and sailing (students in 3-6 only)

#### **Language**

At Bethanga our students learn Auslan (Australian Sign Language) in weekly lessons delivered by Mrs Smith.



### Food for Thought What to pack in your lunchbox

Where possible, we encourage our students to bring a 'litter free lunch'. We avoid excess packaging and recycle when we can. All students require:

- ✓ A refillable water bottle
- ✓ A fresh piece of fruit for fruit snack.
- ✓ A snack for recess (eg. crackers and cheese or yoghurt)
- ✓ Lunch eg. Sandwich, roll, dinner leftovers, sushi

Multiple snacks are not required, there are only two 10 minute eating sessions each day (in addition to fruit snack)

### Parent Involvement

We encourage all of our parents to be active participants in our school community – attending assembly, working bees, help with class activities such as reading, car-pooling, fundraising, stalls etc.



### UNIFORMS

Our uniform is available for purchase at our school only. We send home an order form each term in week 6 ready to place an order in week 7. We also have a selection of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms which are available for \$5 per item.

Students can choose a red & white check dress or a red polo (available in long or short sleeve) and black shorts/tracksuit pants. Pants and Shorts do not have a logo so can be purchased from Kmart, Target, Big W etc (as long as they do not have logos or sport stripes).

# PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



## Working with Children Check

At Bethanga Primary School, we are extremely committed to the implementation of the Child Safe standards to ensure our students are safe. As a small, rural school, we already have a culture of caring – everyone looks out for each other be that teacher, parent or child. As part of Standard 1 'Creating a culture of Child Safety' we would like to formalise this Caring Culture by requiring all of our community members to complete a Victorian Working with Children Check. Once you have obtained this, or if you already have one, please bring it in to be copied at added to our register.

## COMMUNICATION

We pride ourselves on the strength of our home-school relationships. We build this by communicating regularly with families through weekly newsletters, Facebook posts, text messages and our uEducateUs app please see me if you have had any trouble logging on). Our school phone number is 60264263 or I can be contacted on 0403983939



EQ at Bethanga Primary School



*'Research shows that students who participate in rigorously designed and well taught social and emotional learning programs demonstrate more positive social behaviour, are less likely to engage in risky and disruptive behaviour, and show improved academic outcomes. Collaborative learning activities help students to build their social skills. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy, build self-awareness and empathy for others.'*

EVIDENCE BASED REFERENCES FOUND IN RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

At Bethanga Primary we believe in teaching the whole child, addressing their emotional, social and academic needs. We explicitly teach EQ (Emotional Intelligence) as well as Respectful Relationships. Emotional literacy is not only the ability to recognise and name emotions in ourselves but also to recognise them in others and respond appropriately.

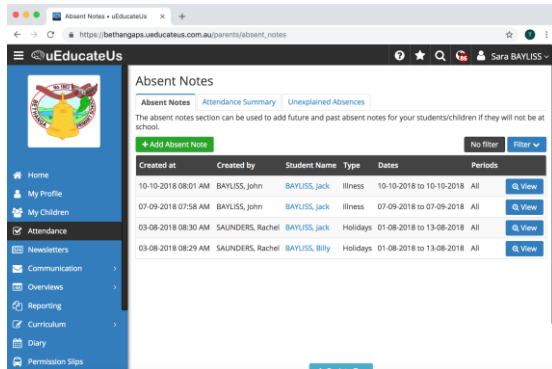
The emotional wellbeing of students is addressed in the Victorian Curriculum under 'Personal and Social Capabilities'. We incorporate elements of many programs and resources to deliver a both an integrated and explicit approach that meets the needs of our students

## What to do if your child can't go to school

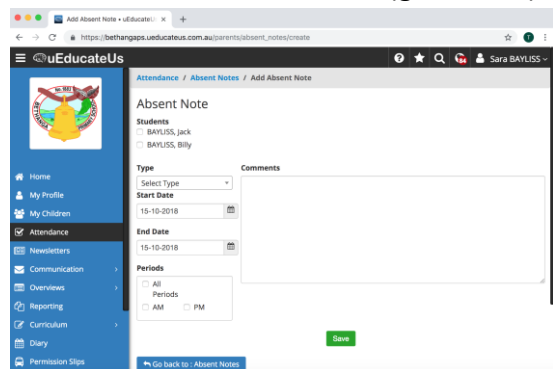
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/attendance-missing-school.aspx>

It is now a Victorian Department of Education expectation that every student absence is accounted for on the same day as the child is away. To assist with this, at Bethanga we ask that you let us know as soon as you know that your child will be away whether it be unplanned (illness) or planned (appointments or holidays). You can do this by ringing the school and leaving a message, sending a text message to me 0403983939 or you can record it directly on uEducateUs.

### 1. Click on attendance in blue menu bar



### 2. Click on 'add absent note' (green box)



## Excursions and Camps



We believe in students learning beyond our school through experiences that enhance the curriculum. Although camps and excursions do change, as a guide we do the following:

### Camps/Day Trips

F-2 Day Trip to Melbourne in term 4

Students travel by train with the focus of the trip alternating each year between – the Zoo, the Aquarium and the Museum.

3/4 Cluster Camp to 15 Mile Creek Outdoor School Greta

This alternates each year between a Spring/Summer and Winter program and includes outdoor adventure activities such as rock climbing, canoeing and bush hikes/rides.

5/6 Cluster Camp

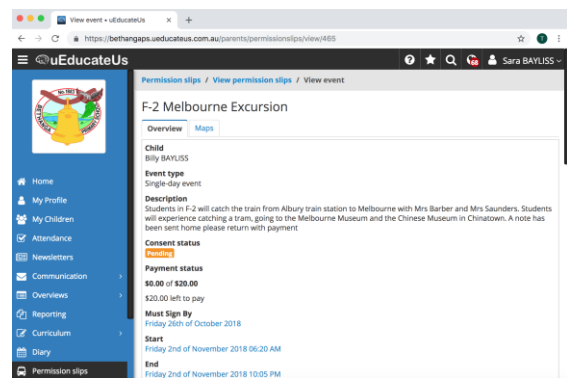
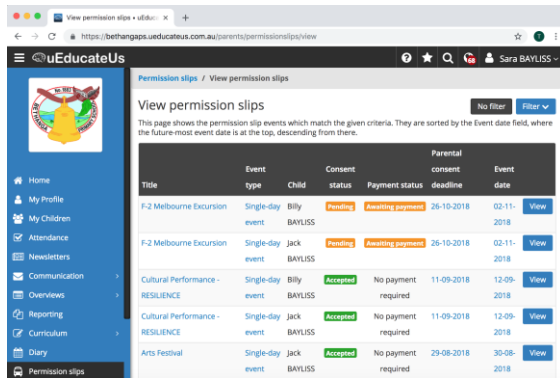
This alternates each year between Canberra (Discovering Democracy Focus with the addition of a trip to the Zoo) and Ballarat (Gold Rush Focus)

Cluster Days: Each term we have a Cluster day hosted by a different school. These days are a great opportunity for students to engage with staff and students from different schools.

Additional Excursions: We usually have either class or whole school excursions approximately once a term to align with our learning focus and student interest.

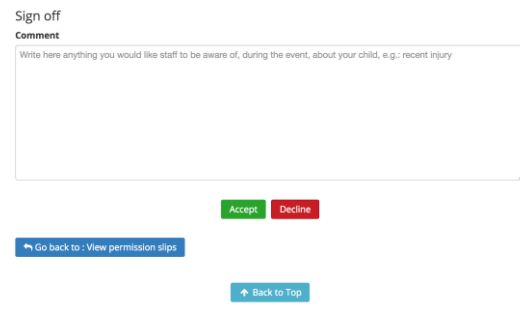
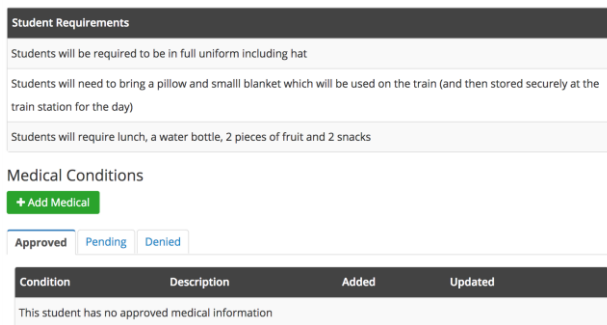
To give permission for an excursion:

1. Click on permission slips in blue menu bar
2. Click the 'view' button next the excursion requiring permission



3. Scrolling down will display student requirements

4. Scrolling down further will display the sign off section. If there is additional information for the teacher, add it here, otherwise click 'accept'





School Photos are held each year around August, orders are made online. We have class photos, individual orders and whole school photos.

Where to go for further information:

We endeavour to keep the calendar up to date on uEducateUs. In addition to this, all newsletters and past announcement can be accessed as well.

