



# 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 4 2022

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Friday 28th October 2022

### Upcoming Dates

#### WEEK 4

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**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
**Cluster Hockey Day**

#### WEEK 6

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
**Sporting Schools – Football**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
**TSC Transition visit to Bethanga**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
**Remembrance Day**

**F-2 Excursion Melbourne Zoo**

#### WEEK 7

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
**3-6 Maths Excursion**

#### WEEK 8

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Year 3/4 Camp 15 Mile Creek**

**F2023 Transition session 1 -**  
**10:00-11:00am**



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



### From the Principals Pen...

I am really unsure of where this year has gone... it genuinely is flying! Planning is happening for 2023. Our classroom structure will remain the same with Mudgee being F-2 and Millewa being 3-6. Mrs Smith and Mrs Grove will continue as teachers in Mudgee. I will be in Millewa part time and we are in the midst of the recruitment process for a teacher to share Millewa with me.

An addition to our Curriculum next year is a Wellbeing Teacher. This has been made possible thanks to the Department of Education's focus on Student Health and Wellbeing, passed on to schools as extra funding to facilitate staffing and programs to support students and enhance their mental health.

Our Wellbeing Teacher will work two days a week, aspects that they will cover over a fortnightly timetable include:

- ✓ Intervention and Extension (The Tutor Learning Initiative in addition to Georgie who will continue this in 2023)
- ✓ Creative Arts – drama, dance and music
- ✓ Sport – Specific Skill Development
- ✓ Leadership and Student Voice
- ✓ Social Groups and 1:1 support where need is identified.

I am thrilled to announce that **Mrs Genn Hamam will be our Wellbeing Teacher in 2023!** Her passion for our school and students is already evident and with previous experience with both sporting programs and drama.... She is the perfect fit! I feel very grateful for the amazing team of staff we have at Bethanga Primary.

Students, Teaching and Learning is always our core work. As we come to the 'pointy end' of the year, focus is on ensuring students have a solid understanding of concepts taught and can generalise their knowledge. Supports are put in place to ensure that all students have the optimal growth... we always strive for 12 months+ growth in a 12-month period no matter what their starting point is. End of year assessment will commence in coming weeks to support the writing of Student Reports as well as reflecting on achievement levels for learning goals set in Individual Support Plans (SSG Meetings will occur in week 10, invitations for these meetings will go out to relevant families in coming weeks).

On Monday, we have a Student Free Day. This Curriculum Day is an opportunity for staff to come together to work collaboratively on a common goal and participate in Professional Development.

Our focus on Monday will be on –

- **Creating an 'Instructional Model'**. Teaching in both Millewa and Mudgee is very specific and aligns with the Victorian Curriculum. The idea of an Instructional Model is that it outlines the 'how' we teach so that there is consistency in structure F-6. This also embeds expectations to support any new staff that come to our school.
- **Auditing our Assessment Schedule** – ensuring that every assessment item has purpose and guides planning and instruction at students point of need.
- **Revising our Numeracy Scope & Sequence**. A Scope & Sequence is a document that outlines the order in which concepts or topics are taught to ensure everything required in the Victorian Curriculum is addressed appropriately. We are revising the document we currently use to ensure it is developmentally appropriate and that concepts align to support the HITS (High Impact Teaching Strategy) of multiple exposures. For example, linking decimals, fractions and money allows for an integrated approach to teaching these concepts with real life application.

It will be a big day but we are super excited to have this opportunity to work collaboratively on these vital guiding documents to ensure we continue to improve and always work at the high level we strive for.

I hope all of our families have a wonderful long (long!) weekend, school will be back next Wednesday 😊

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.

**Olivia:** for the outstanding effort you put into learning about homophones during reading last weeks. After learning about homophones, you were able to think of your own including 'paws' and 'pause'. Well done!

**Brooke:** for excellent narrative writing. Your story was so detailed, cohesive and full of imagination. Keep up the great writing Brooke!

**Bree:** for sharing your amazing knowledge about New Zealand as a part of our 'Planet Earth' topic. Mudgee has learnt so much from you and your Mum, we are so grateful. Thank you, Bree!



Enrolments for Big Childcare at Bethanga Primary School 2023 are now open. If you are needing to book your child/ren in please do so via the booking website <https://bigchildcare.com> or there are hardcopy enrolment forms available at school.

There will be an information session with Kaitlin held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November for any parents interested in their children attending Big Childcare in 2023.



## 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 5:**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-  
Mrs Saunders in Mudgee (Mrs Smith at a PD)

**Week 7:**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Mrs Saunders in Mudgee (Mrs Smith at a PD)

**Week 9:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Mrs Saunders in Mudgee (Mrs Smith at a PD)



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## GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



**Billy**



What makes me a good friend?



A place I'd like to visit



A game I like to play

**Hockey**

I like how you play Gang Up with me. From Jude

*You are very funny and you can make lots of animal sounds.* From Ollie

You are a kind person and you also do very realistic animal voices. From Sylvie

*I like your dog barking. It's really cool.* From Eve

You look very nice and I hope to get to know you better. From Lucy

*You are so creative and you are a good drawer. I also like how you are good at origami.*

From Amelia

You are a funny and caring brother to me and Jack. I LOVE YOU!!!! From little bro (Angus)

*You are a funny person and you make good dog noises.* From Other Billy

You are a really energetic person. Your smile lights a room up. From Parker

*You are very funny.* From Brianna

I love you so much because you are nice to me. From Ivy V

*You are very kind to me and you are very good to your brothers.* From Bree

I like how you are so funny and fast. From Hudson

*You are so super funny and I love your reactions.* From Hugo

You are a good brother to Angus and Jack. From Olivia. T

*I like how you have a very funny reaction.* From Olivia. B

I like playing Hide and Seek Tag with you. From Samuel

*It's cool how you can make animal sounds. wish I could do it too.* From Millie

You are a really good friend and drawer. From Denver

*You are talented and kind. You are always happy.* From Annie

I love how you love Koalas because I love them too. You are also very inclusive. From Ivy L

*I love your bubbly and fun personality. also you are great at making me laugh.* From Ava

You're funny and nice. Your animal impressions are sooo funny. From Olive

*You are really good at making farm animal noises and also have a great bucket filler day.*

From Quinn

You are a good brother to Jack and Angus, You are a kind and caring person. From Miles

*You're nice and energetic and a nice friend.* From Jacob

You are a really good friend and you are kind, thank you. From Brooke

*You are my bestest friend in the entire world.* From Reuben

You are the best brother, your smile lights up the room

*You're a super bright and cheerful person. You always have cool things to talk about. Also.*

*nice animal sounds.* From Daniel

You are so good at drawing, I hope you can teach me one day. From Melody

*You are a kind person and you have a good personality.* From Chase

You're an excellent friend and you're the first person I know that like Koalas. From Aleysha



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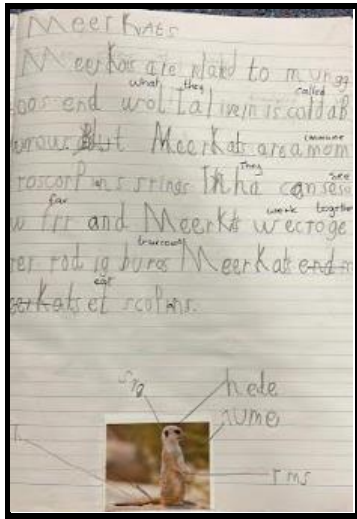
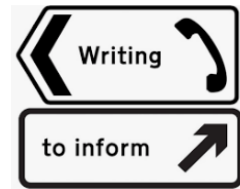


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# Mudgee



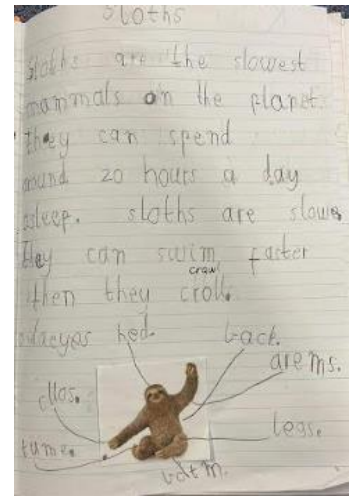
Jude

**Information Writing**  
Mudgee have been reading non-fiction texts, watching National Geographic Kids clips and sharing prior knowledge with each other to create information texts about insects and zoo animals.

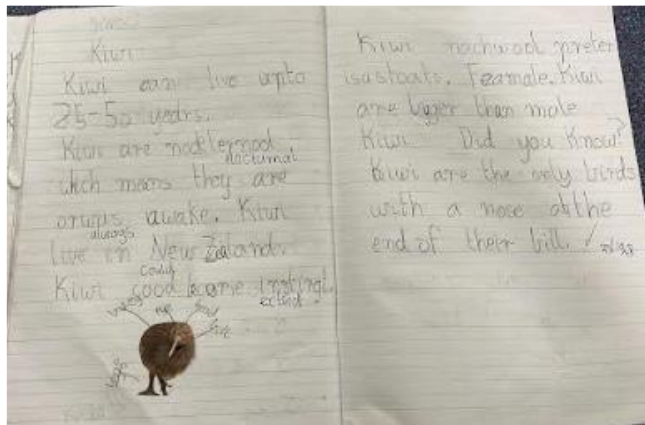
We know that information writing needs:

- To inform the reader
- To include a title
- To include facts NOT opinions
- To have labelled diagrams

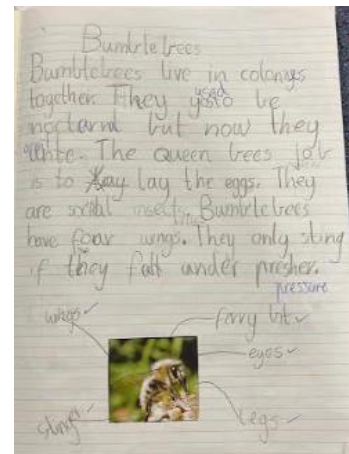
Here are just a few examples of our wonderful writing...



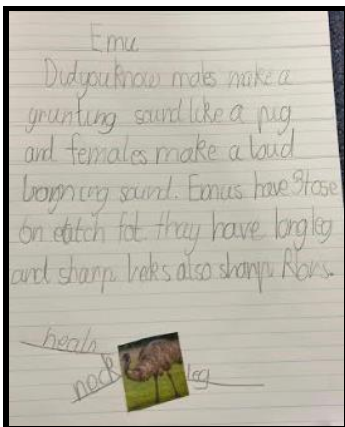
Ollie



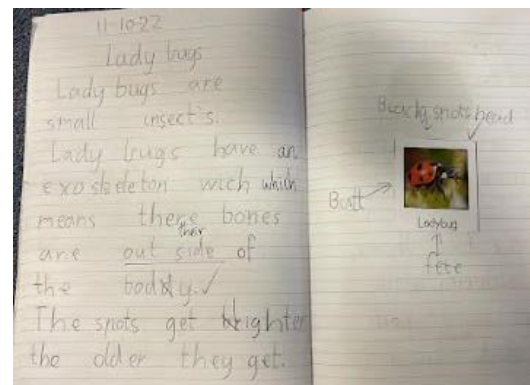
Millie



Sylvie



Lucy



Samuel

## 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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