



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 6 2022

Newsletter published
Thursday 10th November 2022

Upcoming Dates

WEEK 6

Thursday 10th November
TSC Transition visit to Bethanga

Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day

F-2 Excursion Melbourne Zoo

WEEK 8

Tuesday 22nd November
Year 3/4 Cluster Camp 15 Mile Creek departs

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

Friday 25th November
Year 3/4 Cluster Camp 15 Mile Creek returns

WEEK 9

Tuesday 29th November
F2023 Transition Session 2- 9:00-11:30

Whole School Swimming Tues-Fri

Sunday 4th December
Bellbridge Carols by Candlelight

WEEK 10

Tuesday 6th
F2023 Transition Session 3-

Thursday 8th December
Year 6 Graduation



Happy Birthday to Jack, Maggie and Brianna who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.



From the Principals Pen...

Last week I had my first meeting with the Student Voice Executive – it was such a wonderful experience to see the progression of this Leadership/Student Voice Program.

Students have been meeting each week and are divided into Student Voice Groups, each led by a grade 5/6 student (The student Voice Executive). Prior to this session, the senior students are mentored by Mrs Hamam in what the focus of the session will be, developing skills for facilitating a meeting, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to share ideas and feels heard.

Our Executive Meeting last week was for the Student leaders to share their groups top 5 suggestions for improvements or additions to our school. These included –

- More garden beds in the veggie patch
- Bike/Scooter Rack
- Nets for the Soccer Goals
- Icy Poles at lunchtime once a week
- New Sandpit toys
- Nets for the Basketball hoops
- A water play day
- A Spring Fair

The minutes of this meeting were then shared with School Council – it's so important that when we are developing Student Voice, it is authentic and that students feel validated.

I am very happy to report that as a result of this Exec meeting:

- ✓ New nets have been ordered for the basketball hoops and the Soccer goals
- ✓ The Student Exec will be selling icy poles every Tuesday at lunchtime for the remainder of term for \$1 with funds going towards new sandpit toys
- ✓ A water play day will be scheduled in the last two weeks of term
- ✓ School Council have added to the next agenda whether we alternate between an Art Show and a Spring Fair each year.
- ✓ A bike rack has been ordered for students riding bikes and scooters to school

It really is wonderful to see students having a say in what happens at their school both in the classroom and in the grounds!

PLEASE NOTE – UNIFORM ORDER FORMS WILL GO HOME TODAY, PLEASE

RETURN BY THUR **24TH NOV** SO THE ORDER CAN BE PLACED AND UNIFORMS DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE 2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

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.

Jacob: for the stunning watercolour landscape you created, using atmospheric perspective techniques to create depth. You used scale effectively in your foreground and middle ground to create a fabulous piece of art. Well done, Jacob.

Jack: for outstanding leadership. You are always so willing to help others out, even when they may not be in your group. Whilst doing compass work, you did not hesitate to help members of another group without another thought. Keep it up Jack. You have an abundance of leadership potential.

Aleysha: for great work when learning about division. You have done so well learning about the many strategies we have studied whilst exploring division.

Billy: for the amazing growth you have shown in Maths. After finishing our learning on multiplication your assessment demonstrated twelve months growth. Keep up the great learning Billy!

Melody: for an outstanding historical recount on Neil Armstrong. You have made so many gains in your writing Melody. You followed the Writing Process so well and have used well thought out sentences. I'm so proud of you Melody.

Everly: for doing such an amazing job settling into Bethanga Primary School. We have had lots of things happening and you have taken it all in your stride. Well done, we are so happy to have you!

Effective Perspective

We have continued our investigation of perspective this week during our MACC sessions. Now that we are experts at using straight lines to create perspective, we have ventured into creating 'atmospheric perspective'. That means we use techniques such as shadows, colour and scale to create depth in our artworks.

Students considered how objects that we want to appear closer need to be drawn larger, while objects that are further away would appear smaller, to help create the illusion of depth in our drawing or landscape creations.

- Miss Turner



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 6:**
Friday 11th November
Madonna in Millewa (Mrs Hamam- Assessment)
- Week 7:**
Wednesday 16th November
Mrs Saunders in Mudgee (Mrs Smith at a PD)
- Week 8:**
Friday 25th November
Madonna in Mudgee
- Week 9:**
Wednesday 30th November
Mrs Saunders in Mudgee (Mrs Smith at a PD)

Tutoring available



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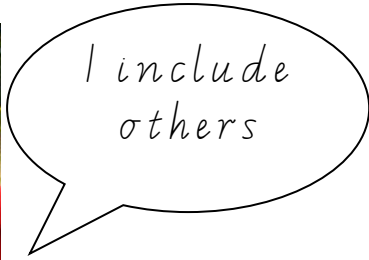
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GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



Billy



What makes me a good friend?



A place I'd like to visit



Footy

You are a really good hut builder. From Ollie

You are a really good drawer, very smart and a really good friend to me. From Millie

You are kind to others, and I like when you talk about fishing. From Bree

I like how you are so funny. From Brianna

You are very kind and funny and you also great at building huts. From Jude

I like you so much because you play with me sometimes. From Ivy

You are kind, funny and caring. And you are fun, and you always let people join your game. From Maggie.

I like how you are a good friend. From Olivia B

I like how you always play with me. Your smile lights up the room. From Parker

You are very nice, and I think you have a very bubbly personality. I think you are really funny. From Amelia

You are a really funny and kind friend. I've known you since kinder and we've had an awesome time together. From Angus

You are so kind to me and others. From Eve

You are a good friend to me and others. From Olivia T

You always let people join in your games and you've got a bubbly personality. From Lucy

I look forward to getting to know you more. From Everly

You are very funny. And you are funny to others. From Hugo

Your smile lights up the room every day. From Ivy L

You are a nice person. From Daniel

Have a great bucket filler day and also you are super speedy. From Quinn

You are a good friend to me and others. From Ava

You are a very kind person. I like your mullet. From Chase

You are a really good worker. I love how hard you try. I also love how you always say hello. From Mrs Hamam

You are so funny and kind. Keep it up. From Jack

You're a nice person and a great friend. Billy Bayliss

You're a great friend. From Aleysha

You are a very athletic person and you are a good friend. From Miles

I like how you are funny. From Melody

Happy Bucket Filler Day. I hope you have a great day! From Annie

You're very funny and nice. From Olive

You're a great friend and keep your friends company. From Brooke



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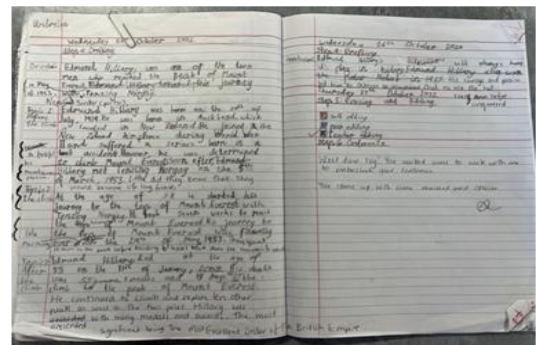
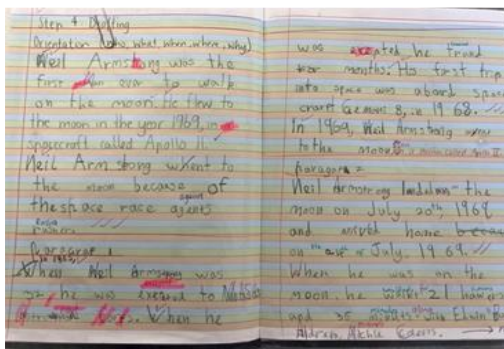
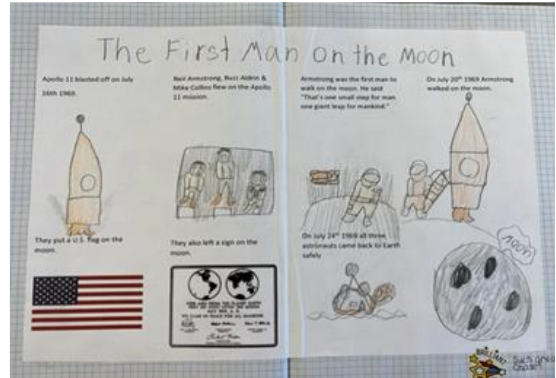
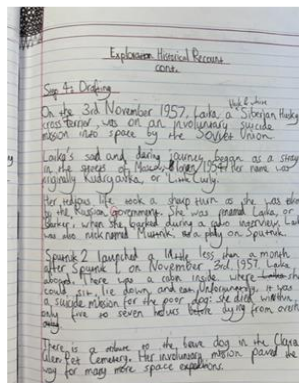
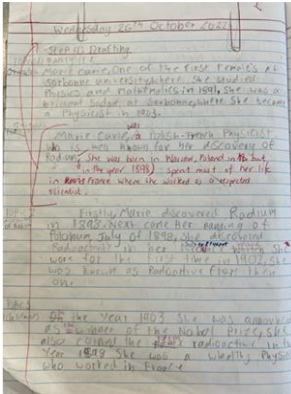
Millewa

Writing in Millewa

Throughout the past few weeks, students in Millewa have been very busy producing a Historical Recount on a famous explorer or exploration, following the 'Writing Process'.



We initially delved into the purpose, text structure and language features of the historical recount genre in order to give us a good foundation on which to write about our chosen topic. Next, we commenced a BRAINSTORM, although most students already had a good idea as to what it was they wanted to write about. We then began the RESEARCH & NOTE TAKING phase in order to gain a sound understanding of our different topics. This phase took a bit of time as we then had to PLAN our paragraphs, with topic headings, and sort our notes into corresponding ideas. Afterwards, we began DRAFTING our writing, drawing from our notes, our understanding of the text structure and our exploration of the language needed to communicate for this genre of writing. Once our draft was complete, we moved into EDITING. We had to self-edit, peer edit and teacher edit, with each editor using a different coloured pen. We discussed how this phase was the one that could turn a good piece of writing into an exceptional piece of writing. Adding more information, descriptive language and improving sentence structure was a big focus. Next, we CONFERENCED with Mrs Hamam. Here, we had the opportunity to explore our topic and have her help us by modelling how we revise and edit our work, one on one. The final phase, PUBLISHING, where most of us are at now, is the part where we type out our finished copy. Some amazing writers have emerged. Watch this space!



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



Enrolments for 2023 are now open. You can visit our website (bigchildcare.com), email bethanga@bigchildcare.com, phone 0423304823 or see Kaitlin for a paper copy and to get any further information. Kaitlin can also send a paper copy home with your child or post it to you.

Kaitlin will be at Bethanga Primary School all day every Transition to School Day to speak to parents and answer any questions. Tuesday 27th November Kaitlin will be hosting a small morning and afternoon tea for parents as well as holding an information day. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Summer Holiday days are open too. Please contact Kaitlin to book your child/ren in.



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