



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 1 Week 1 2023

Newsletter published
Friday 3rd February 2023

Upcoming Dates

Week 1

Friday 3rd February
Welcome BBQ 5-7pm

Week 2

Monday 6th
Playgroup 9:30-11am

Wednesday 8th
Foundation Rest Day

Friday 10th
**NERSSA Swimming Tallangatta
(Millewa Only)**

Week 3

Wednesday 15th
Foundation Rest Day

Friday 17th
Division Swimming WAVES

Week 4

Monday 20th
Playgroup 9:30-11am

Wednesday 22nd
Foundation Rest Day



Happy Birthday to Parker
who celebrated his
birthday this week.



From the Principal's Pen...

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday break – a great chance to recharge and prepare for the term ahead! We have had a fabulous start to the term! Thank you to our teachers who spent a lot of time on the holidays preparing the learning spaces. We have maximized the use of our buildings this year –

- In the Millewa Building we have the classroom (3-6), withdrawal space for intervention and small group work, library and a new working space for Intervention and Extension Groups with Mrs Hamam which also commenced this week with students identified by need highlighted in their Semester 2 reports.
- We have been fortunate to keep the Mudgee Building available for the exclusive use of our F-2 students ensuring space for floor and table work along with Discovery Learning – an area that changes regularly depending on curriculum focus and student interests.
- Wellbeing Space – We have converted the uniform shop into a Wellbeing Space. This beautiful, calming space will be utilised by Mrs Hamam when working with small groups. As the term progresses, you will be notified if your child has been identified to participate in a group to enhance their wellbeing (focus will vary from communication, to increasing self-confidence, to navigating social situations)

Tonight we will have our annual Welcome BBQ – this is a relaxed, outdoor event. It is an opportunity to introduce yourself to new parents as well as catching up with friends and teachers, clarifying information and asking questions. Along with class teachers and education support staff, Kaitlin from Big Childcare will be at the BBQ to meet with families and answer any questions you have regarding our Before and After School Care program or the new app for bookings introduced over the break. The BBQ will be provided so please feel free to bring a picnic rug and enjoy the catch up! This is also a great opportunity to check out the changes to the Learning Spaces mentioned above.

There were staff changes this week with Miss Sutton joining us this term (teaching in Millewa Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri) as well as Mrs Smith being away sick. All students handled these changes beautifully and got straight into learning, the silver lining was I was able to teach in both classrooms this week – an absolute treat and a chance to reconnect with everyone and observe how wonderfully settled the classrooms are already – it's going to be an amazing year!

Remember that you do not have to wait for formal events to talk to us – we are happy to catch up and discuss any concerns or questions you may have about your child, their learning and our teaching. The best way to organise a time to catch up is to either message through uEducateUs, text message (0403983939) or email the school at bethanga.ps@education.vic.gov.au

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead and appreciate our School/Home partnership.

**Kind Regards,
Rach Saunders**



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Millewa



Mudgee



Meet Miss Sutton



A little message from Miss Sutton who is teaching in Marvellous Millewa this year on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays.

Thank you for the wonderful welcome messages that have been sent in this week. I already feel at home here at Bethanga Primary School. I have been teaching for 27 years and have a passion for teaching Emotional Intelligence. When I am not teaching, I enjoy going camping with my son especially to the beach. I love animals and would love a hobby farm full of animals one day. I live in Thurgoona with my son who is in primary school and my two dogs. I look forward to meeting all the families here in your beautiful community.

Local Babysitting Service

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER?



I AM A LOCAL YEAR 8 STUDENT. I AM AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR BABYSITTING!

PREVIOUS BABYSITTING EXPERIENCE. REFERENCES AVAILABLE

0493105004
HAZEL.CROPPER@GMAIL.COM
CONTACT FOR AVAILABILITY AND BOOKING

SCHOOL AGED KIDS ONLY

I KNOW BASIC FIRST AID

\$10 PER HOUR



*SCAN FOR EMAIL

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!

CV WWCF PROGRAM - BETHANGA CC



REGISTER AND RECEIVE A SHIRT AND CAP

CV WWCF PROGRAM - BETHANGA CC

VENUE: BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE, HOLLOW STREET, BETHANGA 3691

DATES: 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH FEBRUARY

TIMINGS: 4PM - 5PM

COST: FREE (SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER)

CONTACT: PETER - 0468 540 872

Woolworths Cricket Blast

Cricket Victoria (CV) is working with Bethanga Cricket Club (BCC), "The Mighty Saints", to deliver a **FREE** four (4) week cricket program to girls and boys aged 5yo-10yo.

We are offering this FREE program to 5yo-10yo (Year1-Year 4) students as an entry level to cricket.

Simply scan the QR Code, complete the registration and turn up at the Recreation Reserve Oval, starting **Tuesday, 7th February** from **4pm to 5pm. FREE OF CHARGE.**

Girls and boys welcome to come along, bring a friend and give cricket a go.



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Homework Club

Each Wednesday, after school from 3:30-4:30pm starting in week 4 (22nd Feb) we will run a Homework Club in the Art room. This is an opportunity for students in Millewa to bring along their homework to gain assistance with any tasks they are finding difficult.

Parents will need to book their child in each week to confirm staffing required by contacting Jaymee via email, jaymee.twyman@education.vic.gov.au

Also to confirm end of session arrangements (either permission to walk home, or pick up arrangements) Student may attend each week, or occasionally.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be held on Tuesday and Friday mornings this year, from 8:30am. Students are encouraged to join their peers in the Art room for some brekky and chat before they begin their school day.



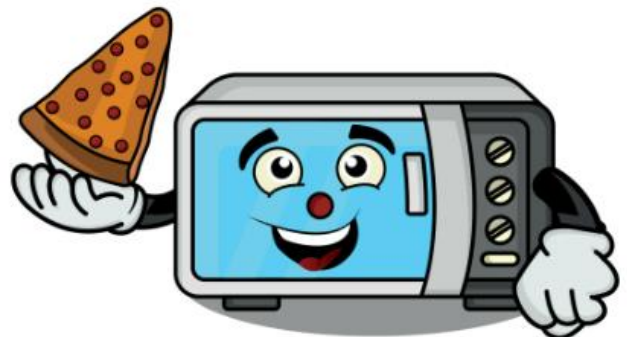
Zooper Dooper Tuesdays


Beginning next Tuesday, the 7th February, our student leaders will be selling Zooper Doopers at lunch time for \$1 each. The money raised from these sales will go towards new sandpit toys for both our play spaces.



Warm it up Wednesdays

Just a reminder that Warm it up Wednesdays has kicked off again this week. Students may bring lunch from home that can be warmed up or toasted each Wednesday in the Art room.



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