



# 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 4 2023

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Upcoming Dates

#### Week 5

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**VSSS23 Rehearsal 1**

#### Week 6

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Playgroup 9:30-11:00am**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

**Rob Gordon Parent Session**

**1:00-2:00pm**

#### Week 7

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Labor Day- PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Year 5/6 Camp**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

**5/6 Camp**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

**5/6 Camp**

#### Week 8

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>- Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

**NAPLAN**

### Upcoming Staff Changes

Although staff absences are often unavoidable, we will endeavour where possible to communicate any planned changes in the newsletter each week.

#### Week 5

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Mrs Grove away-  
Madonna in Mudgee

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Mrs Grove away-  
Madonna in Mudgee



Happy Birthday to Chase, Evie  
& Archie who celebrate their  
birthdays this week.



## From the Principal's Pen:

Another fabulous week at Bethanga! I had the opportunity to teach F-6 on Thursday morning as Miss Sutton and Mrs Grove undertook a Professional Practice visit to Talgarno. It was such a wonderful interactive literacy session with students working collaboratively to create 'Three Billy Goats Gruff with a twist' performances! I so enjoyed hearing all of the creative ideas. These whole school activities support our younger students to express their ideas and contribute meaningfully to a group without limitation (particularly for our foundation students who are learning to read and write and the older students to develop their leadership and communication skills. Students were engaged and having fun! Student voice is such an integral part of what we do – if your child shares with you concerns or worries about school (academic, social or wellbeing), please encourage them to discuss with a trusted adult at school. This way they are not burdened by worries as they try and fall asleep! I appreciate that there are times that students will be apprehensive about discussing this in the first instance with someone at school, if this is the case – please let me know or discuss with your child's classroom teacher so that supports can be put into place... Two things I always say to the kids 'My job is to make sure you are happy and safe so that you can learn' and 'If we don't know, we can't help'.

In addition to this, to support staff wellbeing, messages and emails pertaining to student/school queries or issues will be answered between 8am-5pm. If communication is received outside of these hours, an automatic response will be issued to remind you of this new arrangement.



## School Council Nomination Forms are due 10th March

Please contact me if you require another form.



Just a reminder that parents are able to log student late arrivals, illnesses and absences due to holidays on uEducateUs.



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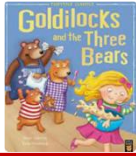
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# Mudgee



## Fairytale Fun in Mudgee

Here is a snapshot of our mornings in Mudgee:

- Creating sentences based on our favourite part of the story.
- Acting out the story and creating puppet theatre performances.
- Sequencing the story using pictures, words and retell.
- Writing detailed character descriptions.
- Putting ourselves in the characters shoes to write a letter.
- Changing the villain in the story.
- Enjoying Discovering Learning experiences based on a story. For example, creating a bridge for the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

On top of all of this wonderful, immersive work, students still have tasks we complete daily:

- Flashcards with a focus on phonics, segmenting and articulation.
- Handwriting task ('Joke of the Day' for Year 1/2 and sensory handwriting experiences for Foundations).
- Phonics song and dance.
- Reading Groups
- BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS!

Dear Baby Bear I am sorry like so so sorry that I ate your porridge, broke your chair and slept in your bed. Love, from Goldilocks

Dear Bears  
I am so sorry for eating your porridge. I made it for you with milk and daddy you can eat it in my house. Baby Bear I made a cake for you. To share can we be friends??



'knock knock the big bad bunny knocked on the little pigs door.

'knock knock the crazy crab knocked on the little pigs door. Open the door and let me come in. Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin or I'll pinch and I'll pinch and I'll

Goldilocks is asleep in the bed.

Knock knock the Wicked Witch <sup>who</sup> knocked on the little pigs door and yelled Little Pigs! Little Pigs! Let me in!!!! Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin. Then

**REMINDER:**

Please label your child's belongings, including their 'fruit snack' containers.




Knock knock The <sup>dreadful</sup> <sup>dragon</sup> ~~drag~~ <sup>dragon</sup> knocked on The little pigs door.

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE TEAM

# DR. ROB GORDON ROADSHOWS 2023

**Bethanga Primary School**  
**Staff and community session**  
 Tuesday, March 7th. 1.00pm - 2.00pm

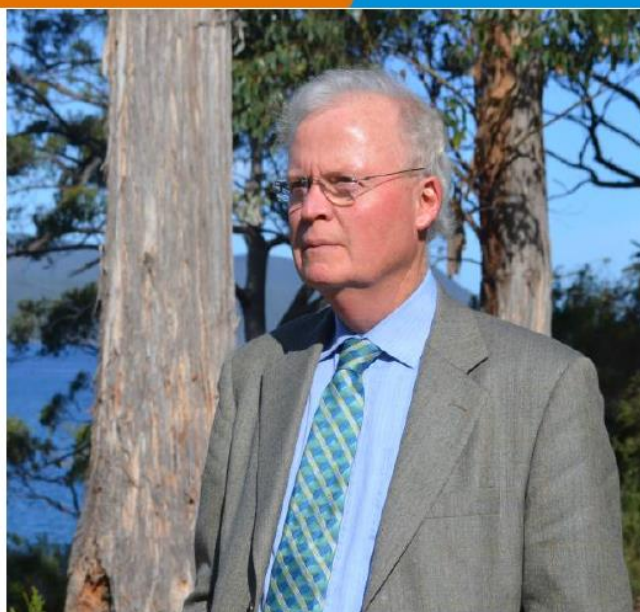
Connect with Rob who has extensive experience in trauma and disaster recovery to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 and bushfires on staff, children and families. These sessions are designed to support your staff, students and parents to increase their understanding of:

- prolonged stress, disruption and uncertainty on health and wellbeing
- self-care strategies to support yourself and others during this time
- the impact on children and practical ways to support them
- post-traumatic growth, hope and optimism

Each session is tailored to suit your school's context and needs.

For any inquiries or specific questions, please contact:

**Kate Dale**  
 Recovery and Resilience Senior Project Officer  
 kate.dale@education.vic.gov.au



**About Dr. Rob Gordon OAM, PHD, FAPS, FCCLP**

Rob Gordon, Ph D. is a Clinical Psychologist and has been Psychological Consultant to the Emergency Management Branch of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Emergency Management Victoria and Australian Red Cross for Emergency operations. He has worked with communities and individuals affected by emergencies, trauma, critical incidents and work-related stress throughout Australia and New Zealand for 35 years and provides training and workshops to government and non-government agencies. He has published articles and book chapters on recovery from trauma and emergency. He conducts a psychotherapy practice in Box Hill and is engaged by the Recovery and Resilience Team to provide support to education communities.

## Parenting Programs - Term 1 2023

\*There is no cost to attend these programs



Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wangaratta	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	5 weeks	Wednesdays 1st - 29th March 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	Mondays 27th February - 3rd April 6pm - 8pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Bring Up Great Kids (2-12 years)	6 weeks	Tuesdays 28th February - 4th April 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Tuning into Kids Emotional intelligent parenting (2-10 years)	5 weeks	Fridays 3rd - 31st March 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street F11A & B	Phone 02 6022 8888
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wednesdays 8th February - 5th April 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 3rd February - 7th April 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

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

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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 T:** for the effort she put into her narrative writing last week. Olivia was able to change the villain in 'The Three Little Pigs' story to a witch instead of a wolf. The witch used her wand to wave all of the houses in, very creative writing Olivia.

**Olive:** for supporting your peers in the classroom and the playground. Thank you for caring about others every day. You are very thoughtful, Olive!

**Olivia B:** for the great job she did when explaining our school value of 'Respect' in her own words. Olivia explained that 'Respect is being thoughtful and thinking about others' which is so true, well done!

**Melody:** for speaking so clearly and confidently when sharing your news items with the class. You are a positive role model. Keep up the magnificent work, Melody!

## Movie night – Regent Cinema Albury

**SAVE THE DATE**

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

**SPECTACULAR**

**Friday 12th May**

This movie night and a corresponding Mother's Day raffle (the Movie Night is booked for the Friday night before Mother's Day) will raise funds to support our students participating in the Victorian State School Spectacular (VSS23) this year.

Further information will come out closer to the date regarding the Movie (sure to be a rom/com at that time of year!) and raffle details. POP IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Our goal will be to have a private screening (minimum of 70 tickets sold) with 100 people in attendance. Our fundraising goal is \$1,500!

# Millewa

**A reminder for all students in Millewa -**  
Please remember to bring your diaries to school every day.



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# GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



**Lucy**



**What makes me a good friend?**



**Chocolate**

**My favourite Ice cream flavour**

**My favourite game**



**Everybody's it**

*You are so kind and creative and a good sister to Ivy and Quinn. Reuben*

*I really like your interest in Mario. Denver*

*I am looking forward to meeting you. Archie*

*You seem like a nice and funny person. Jacob*

*You are a good friend. Bree*

*When I am on playground duty I have noticed how you play respectfully with your friends. Miss Sutton*

*You are very kind. thank you for being a great friend. By the way, I like Mario too! Ava*

*Every time I see your cute little smile, it brightens my day. Billy Bayliss*

*You are the best sister because you help Quinn and I at home. Your personality is bubbly, and you are very kind. Ivy L*

*You are very funny and I ma looking forward to being your neighbour. Melody*

*You are a great sister and I love you so much. You have made so much progress in your reading and maths. I'm very proud of you. Quinn*

*You are a funny and kind friend. Angus*

*I like how you always have a smile on your face. Chase*

*I like how you are really kind. Hudson*

*I love you. Hugo*

*You are a kind person. Billy Blackburne*

*You're the best friend ever and I like Mario too. just like you. Aleysha*

*You're very nice to me and I would really like to get to know you more. Olive*

*You are very funny and kind. Brooke*

*Thank you for being me friend. Everly*

*You are so kind to me and others. Olivia T*

*You have a very funny heart and you are happy. Olivia Barrow*

*You are very funny and kind. Olly*

*Happy bucket filler day You are very funny to me and I like you a lot. Sylvie*

*Lucy. I like how when I work past you and you have a smile on your face. Jude*

*I like how you teach me how to do gymnastics. Brianna*

*Thanks for being the best friend to me. Evie*

*Thank you for always playing with me. You are so funny! Remi*

*Thank you for always being very kind. Olivia Bryant*

*I hope to get to know more about you. Maggie*

*You are a very kind person to me. Ivy V*

*You make me laugh. You are very good at your work. Nick*

*Thank you for being a good friend. Parker*

*You are joyful, kind and caring. You are so curious and always showing empathy. Annie*

*I love that you go out of your way each and every day to say hello- your beaming smile is infectious. Mrs Saunders*

*I LOVE how your smile always makes me smile. It lights up my day. I think you are caring and kind. Mrs Hamam*

*Your smile is infectious Lucy. you make me smile every day. Jaymee*

*You are so kind, and you have a very bubbly personality. Amelia*



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