



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 9 2023

Newsletter published
Friday 31st March 2023

Upcoming Dates

Week 10

Monday 3rd April

Playgroup 9:30-11:00am

Thursday 6th April

**Last Day of Term 1 -
2:30pm finish**

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 24th April

First Day back for Term 2

Tuesday 25th

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd May

**GRIP Student Leadership
Conference 5/6 ALBURY**

Week 3

Tuesday 9th

**Cluster Day- STEM Focus
(Eskdale)**

Friday 5th

Mother's Day Stall

VSSS23 Movie Fundraiser Night



Happy Birthday to Mrs. Smith
who is celebrating her
birthdays this week.



From the Principal's Pen:

What a wonderful Day we had hosting the Cluster for a Wellbeing Day on Tuesday! Students participated in groups of students from F-6, from all 6 schools and enjoyed sensory activities, gratitude, mindfulness, yoga and lots more. Our Small School Cluster has grown so much that there is now 160 students spread across the schools! A big task organising a day such as this but well worth it with high engagement, lots of fun and budding friendships as well.

A big thank you to families who have donated Easter goodies and blocks of chocolate for our Easter Raffles and Gymkhana – donations are still being received so please send them in! Below you can see some of the amazing prizes we have for our raffle! Tickets are due back on Monday and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of school (Thursday 6th April).

I have had some families contact me about availability for Gymkhana to assist with our stall however I do need more (see roster below) We are not running the traditional games this year, we will be situated on the Tennis court near the market stalls running lob-a-choc and 'Soak Mrs Saunders' a target 'dunking' game! If I can fill all of the spots on the roster, it will mean everyone will only be needed for one time slot so will have plenty of time to enjoy the Gymkhana with their families. I know Easter is difficult with many families going away so if you are around, your help would be greatly appreciated.

I have had several families contact me recently about School Fees and not receiving invoices and being unsure of what to pay. I just wanted to remind families that Parent Contributions to School are voluntary – we do not invoice (although we certainly appreciate contributions made!). For your reference, I have included the Parent Payment information again with this newsletter. Contributions can be made at any time but we appreciate the form being filled in when you do so that we know what to align the funds to on your child's account. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Anita in the office (on Mondays).

10:00-11am	Gerr Hamam
11am-12pm	Katherine Haines
12pm-1pm	Megan Sutton
1pm-2pm	HELP NEEDED
2pm-3pm	HELP NEEDED

**Kind Regards,
Rach Saunders**



**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Thank you so much to the families who have already sent donations of Easter eggs for our Annual Easter Raffle. Please continue to send donations over the next week, at the end of week 9 we will share photos of the prizes! Tickets are going home today with the eldest of each family. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please return ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets by Monday 3rd April.



**Lob-a-choc
CHOCOLATE
DONATIONS NEEDED**

Parents, just a reminder to please return Gymkhana Availability ASAP so that a roster can be confirmed before the end of term – ideally (if everyone pitches in) you'll only need to give up an hour of your time.



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Millewa

MARVELLOUS MILLEWA LOVE TO WRITE!



Happy as puppy
Playing in a tree
Happy as a Hippo
Trying hard to see
By Bree



As happy as an animal
grazing in the grass
As happy as a Cheetah
running through the grass
By Brooke

Happy as a rat
dancing in a tree
Happy as a whale
swimming out to sea
Happy as a monkey
swinging in a tree
**By Angus and Billy
Blackburne**



We love to write everyday!
This week we wrote our own verse to the Happy Poem. Last Tuesday was World Poetry Day. This was a wonderful chance to stop and read our class poems and attempt to write some of our own poetry. Here you can see the Happy Poem we have read in class the past week. Students were asked to work alone or in a pairs to come up with another verse to this poem. We would love to receive favourite poems from families to add to our classroom supply. Please send them in!
You may like to add a verse to this poem with your family and sent in your creative ideas.

Happy Poem

Happy as a rainbow
happy as a bee
happy as a dolphin
Splashing in the sea



Happy as bare feet
running on the beach
happy as a sunflower
happy as a peach

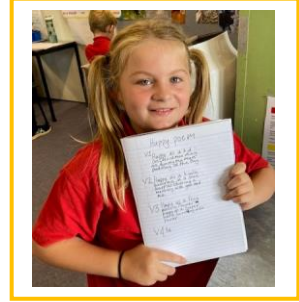


Happy as a poppy
happy as a spoon
dripping with honey
happy as June



Happy as a banjo
plucking on a tune
happy as a Sunday
lazy afternoon

Happy as a memory
shared by two
happy as me...
When I'm with you



Happy as a ship in the
sea
Happy as a flower being
pollinated by a bee
By Olive



Happy as a tree
Happy as a peach
Happy as a shell
Being washed up on the
beach
By Melody



Happy as a crocodile
snapping in the sea
Happy as a person who is
hugging me





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.

Denver: You are a thoughtful student who shows care and concern for others and is always willing to help out all of your peers and teachers, often without being asked. Thank you, Denver. Your kindness is amazing!

Billy: for a magnificent effort in class. You are trying hard with all of your school work, especially your writing goals. Well done, Billy! Keep trying hard every day!

Jude: the growth he has shown in maths this term. Jude is able to count by ones from different starting points up to one hundred bridging across tens. Well done Jude, keep counting!

Olivia: the effort she has been putting into her reading. Olivia is showing so much confidence and reading with great fluency and expression. Well done, Olivia, you are a joy to listen too!

Ivy: the amazing effort she put into her 'Little Red Hen' writing last week. Ivy was able to describe three ways that her hen was helpful and did a wonderful job punctuating her writing. Ivy used a capital letter at the start of each sentence as well as a full stop at the end. Great work Ivy!

OUR TOWN TOWARDS 2030

Bethanga

Setting a plan together for Bethanga to strengthen our community, environment, local economy and livability.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



What do you love and value about Bethanga?

WAYS TO ENGAGE

Come along to an engagement session, fill out a survey, or pop into the public display at a time that suits to have your say.

What would make Bethanga an even better place to live, work, learn or visit?

COMMUNITY EVENT

Where: Bethanga Hall
When: Tuesday 4 April, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Light refreshments provided
RSVP: tinyurl.com/ourbethanga2030

What could help make Bethanga a more sustainable and resilient community?

ON PUBLIC DISPLAY

Where: Bethanga General Store
When: Tuesday 4 April - 20 April

SURVEY

Available on Council's website from 20 March until 20 April. Hardcopy surveys can also be collected from the Bethanga General Store or the Towong Shire Council Office in Tallangatta or you can request a copy using the details in the 'find out more' section below.

FIND OUT MORE

Call Towong Shire Council : 1300 365 222

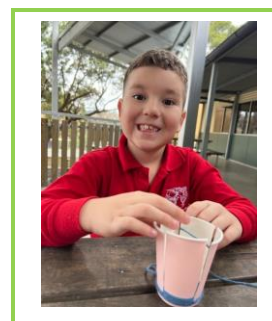
Email : info@towong.vic.gov.au

Website : tinyurl.com/ourtown2030

Let's Chat!
Bethanga Hall
4 April
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Lunchtime Activities

During our lunchtime Activities this week, we have started some wool weaving. We are hoping we will end up with a beautiful little easter basket.



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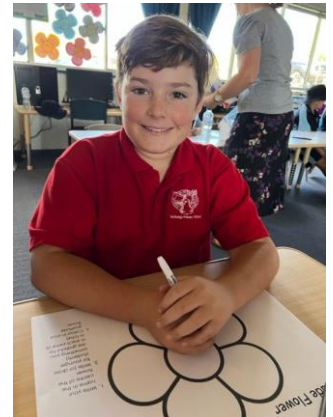
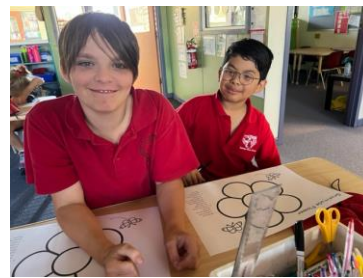
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TERM ONE CLUSTER DAY

I enjoyed doing the craft. I really liked seeing our friends from the cluster schools. **Billy Bayliss**

I enjoyed making the calm jars, I also liked seeing my friends from the other schools. **Aleysha**

My favourite activity was making the nature collage. **Ivy L**



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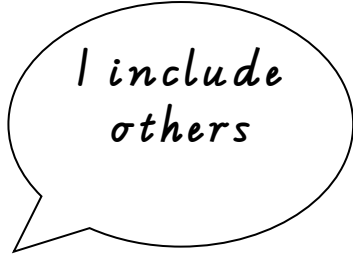
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GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY



Billy Bayliss



What makes me a good friend?



Raspberry

My favourite Ice cream flavour

My favourite game



Great Wall of China

I love you x 60. Hugo

I like your bubbly personality. you also make me laugh. You are really fun to play with and you are really smart. You make my day 10 times better. Amelia

I think you are a wonderful friend. Denver

You're so funny and you are such a great friend. You always cheer me up with your animal noises. Olive

You're a great friend to play with and you're very funny. Jacob

You're the nice friend and the nicest person to others. I love how you love looking after animals and you are so funny. Aleysha

Thank you for all your great ideas on our book, You are so intelligent. Brooke

You are a fantastic friend! I enjoy doing assembly with you! Ivy L

You are a really kind person. Billy Blackburne

I like how you are always kind and smiling. Hudson

You are the best brother and I hope you have a great Easter. Angus

I enjoy playing games with you. Have an awesome week. Quinn

You are a kind and caring friend and I like how you like Koalas since I do too. Ava

You are a great friend. you are really kind to others. Reuben

You are kind and helpful and funny. You are great at drawing. Archie

You are great. Bree

You are nice and you are funny. Your smile lights up the room. Melody

I like how you are organised every morning because it is great role modelling to others. Miss Sutton

You are so good at your work and keep it up. Nick

You are so kind to me. Ivy

You are very friendly to everyone. Olivia Bryant

You are cool because you are funny. Remi

I like you. Jude

You are a great at assembly. You are my best friend. Olivia T

You are nice and can do everything. Everly

Your smile lights up the room. You are a good friend. Parker

You are great at assembly. Lucy

You are so funny and kind. You have so much energy. Ollie

You are very funny to me. You are the best leader. Olivia Barrow

You are such a happy person. You are also very funny and you light up the room. Annie

You have such a good and kind heart. You are so full of love and compassion for others. Never change. Mrs Hamam



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