



# 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 2 Week 8 2023

Newsletter published  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Upcoming Dates

#### Week 8

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

#### Week 9

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Grade 3-4 Camp**

**15 Mile Creek**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

**Blanck Canvas Workshop**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**MACC Van- Visiting Artist**

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

### TERM 3

#### Week 1

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

**Winter Sports Carnival 3-6**

#### Week 2

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

**VSSS23 Rehearsal 10:00-**

**2:30pm**



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



### **From the Principal's Pen:**

What a term it has been! We have navigated substantial illnesses and staff shortages, yet we have persisted and continued with our strong focus on student learning and wellbeing. This has resulted in many achievements in student growth – it really was lovely to read all of the student comments in the Semester 1 Reports. These really highlighted the moments most important to students... experiences, new discoveries, consolidating concepts and time spent with members of our school community... wonderful! Students will bring reports home today, they will also be available digitally through uEducateUs. Tomorrow we will hold our Parent/Teacher interviews, again an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between home and school – such a lovely way to finish the term!

Next week is the last week of the term – so much will be happening to round out the term! We have assembly on Monday and invite all families to attend and stay afterwards for a coffee and catch up before we embark on the holiday break! Students have lots of fabulous things happening in the last week – 3/4 camp, a Shadow Puppet Workshop and a visiting artist! Please remember that school will finish at 2:30pm next Friday.

**Regards, Rach Saunders**

### **3/4 Camp**

Only 5 sleeps until we set off to 15 Mile Creek for our annual 3/4 Camp! Excitement is certainly building! Earlier this week, notes went home confirming the final details regarding travel times and packing lists – please ensure EVERYTHING brought to camp is labelled, in shared living spaces, it is very easy for clothes to get mixed up, labels ensure they can be promptly returned to the rightful owner. Remember students will need snacks for the first day (lunch will be provided on arrival at camp). I will be at camp Tuesday-Friday so am the Emergency contact for our students if you need anything. Miss Sutton will attend Tuesday-Thursday lunch and then Mrs Hamam will be there Thursday lunch-Friday. On Monday, we will have a WebEx with a member of staff from the Outdoor School along with our cluster friends to answer any questions students may have about camp. I am currently co-ordinating the day activity groups in addition to the dorm arrangements – once I have all of this confirmed, I will inform students of who is in their group to alleviate anxiety – I always keep students with at least 1-2 students from Bethanga, this gives students a sense of connection and familiarity but also encourages interactions and friendship development with students from other Cluster schools.

### **BLANCK CANVAS – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

Performers from Blanck Canvas (a Performing Arts Company based in Melbourne) will be at our school next Wednesday for an exciting Shadow Puppet Workshop for students in F-2 and 5/6. This 90-minute workshop will include a short shadow puppet play followed by a session where students will create their own shadow puppets and then perform with them – sure to be a fabulous experience!

### **VISITING ARTIST**

Next Friday, Miss Turner (MACC) will have a visiting artist with her. Jo will work alongside Miss Turner to teach students all about drawing with charcoal.



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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.

**Ivy:** for the amazing effort that you have been putting into your narrative writing. You have begun including dialogue in your writing pieces and did a wonderful job using the 'Show, don't Tell' strategy to describe how your Wild Thing monster was feeling. Keep it up!

**Brianna:** for the outstanding growth you have shown in you Reading this semester. You have done so well with all of your reading assessments and have significantly increased the amount of sight words that you know and can read. Keep it up, you're a little superstar!

**Parker:** for the outstanding growth you have shown in Maths this Semester. Your knowledge of place value and mental maths strategies when counting are amazing! You were absolutely slammed with assessment last week and took it all in your stride, keep up the great learning, you rock!

### Laptop & E-Learning Information Evening



Monday  
19th June 2023

6pm

In partnership with Educom IT Albury. TSC will present laptop options for 2024 as well as information about E-Safety and Compass

ICT and Junior Years Leaders: Mitch Harris & Ryan Watson



**Strengthening Children and Teens Against Anxiety**  
**FREE Parent/Carer Workshops**

Join renowned author and speaker Karen Young for a free workshop on anxiety in children and teens.

Anxiety is a very normal part of being human. But for as many as one in five children, it can reach intrusive levels - interfering with family life, friendships and school performance.

These transformational sessions will provide parents and carers with essential information and powerful practical strategies to help their children and teens thrive through anxiety - whether they are experiencing everyday levels of anxiety or more intrusive anxiety.

In this presentation, Karen will explore:

- a new empowering way to understand anxiety
- common ways parents might unintentionally fuel anxiety
- what to do when anxiety hits
- proven ways to calm and strengthen an anxious brain
- how to build courage and resilience
- why anxiety might look like anger or tantrums
- anxiety during adolescence - How social media, friendships, and the changes in the adolescent brain might contribute to anxiety and what parents can do.

#### Workshop details

Availability is initially limited to specific schools - Eligible schools are listed on Eventbrite.



Tuesday 18 July 6.30pm to 8pm  
Wodonga Senior Secondary College (lecture theatre)  
Scan the QR code to register

[eventbrite.com.au/e/strengthening-children-and-teens-against-anxiety-tickets-629621473777](https://eventbrite.com.au/e/strengthening-children-and-teens-against-anxiety-tickets-629621473777)

#### Contact

If you have any questions please contact Sarah McQualter at [sarah.mcqualter@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:sarah.mcqualter@gatewayhealth.org.au) or phone 02 6022 8888.

This workshop is proudly brought to you by the School-Focused Youth Service at Gateway Health.



## Homework Club

Millewa parents please note: Homework Club will not run in the last week of term (Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June) due to staff absences.

Due to Student Voice feedback, beginning Term 3 Week 1, Homework Club will be moved to Monday afternoons 3:30-4:15pm.



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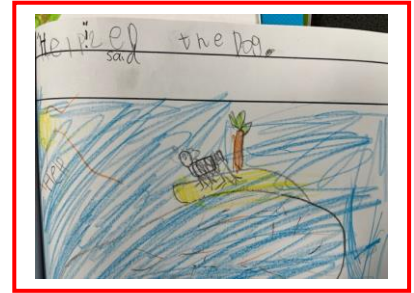
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# Mudgee

In Mudgee, we have been focusing on exciting writing by beginning all of our narrative writing pieces with a 'sizzling' sentence starter. Everyone has been so engaged when creating their sizzling starts and they have all left us sitting on the edge of our seats, busting to know what happens next! Here are a few of the strategies we have learnt during our writing sessions to start our writing off with a bang, literally!

## Dialogue-

Starting with characters speaking.  
 "Help!" cried the boy in a pitch black mansion... -Jude  
 "What was that?" she whispered as they hid under the bed... -Everly  
 'Help!' cried the rabbit. -Olivia Bryant  
 'Help!' cried the dog. -Remi

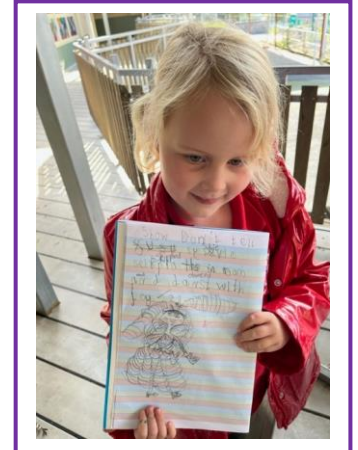
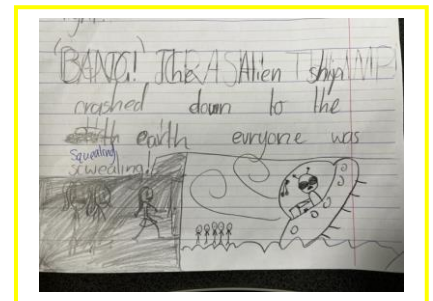
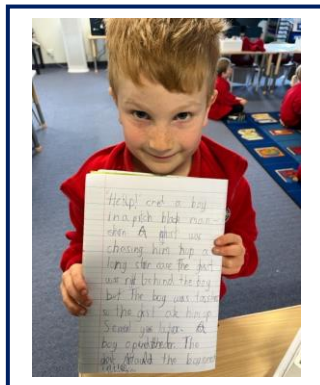
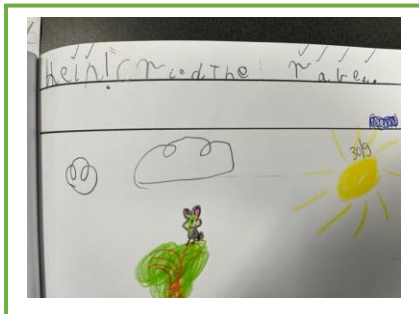


## Onomatopoeia-

Starting with a sound.  
 'Woof! Woof!' went the dog running around the tree... -Everly  
 'Zap!' The lightning struck the pond and you won't believe what I found at the bottom... -Olivia.T  
 'KABOOM!' The lights went out because ...-Sylvie  
 'Zoom!' Sonic raced past Eggman to the master emerald... -Ollie  
 'Crash!' Ivy slid the door shut because everybody was... -Ivy

## 'Show, don't tell' strategy using emotions.

Showing how a character is feeling without naming the emotion.  
 Sylvie skipped into the room and danced with joy. -Maggie  
 The wild thing was smiling and jumping. - Brianna  
 Julia was smiling and walking along the path with a bounce in her step. -Lucy  
 The wild thing is growling. -Parker  
 He smiled and jumped and waved his hands. -Ivy  
 Maggie is no good and yelling! -Nick  
 Jimmy Bob James was giggling with joy. - Olivia Barrow



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# Get to know our community



**Ava**



**What makes me a good friend?**



**My favourite Ice cream flavour**

**My favourite game**



**Everyone's it**

You have a bubbly personality. Keep it up. Maggie

*You are a great friend to Ivy and I also love how you have a bubbly personality. Lucy*

You are so kind to me and the school. You are a great friend to Annie. Sylvie

*Happy Bucket Filler Day. You are a great leader to my leadership group. Everly*

You are kind, you are sweet and awesome and caring. Parker

*I hope to get to know you better. Olivia Bryant*

You are kind to the school and you are always happy. Brianna

*You are a good friend to others. I would like to know you more. Jude*

You are so kind and caring and you blow me away with your dance moves at VSSS23 practise.

Mrs Saunders

*You are good at your writing and 100 times one. Nick*

You are a kind friend to me. Ivy V

*You are a very friendly girl. Ollie*

You have a bubbly personality, and you are a great dancer. Olivia T

*You're an amazing friend, you are so kind to all. I don't know what this school would do with out you. You are so creative, and your smile lights up the room. Aleysha*

You're a great writer. Have a great Bucket Filler Day! Jacob

*You're a great friend and its fun doing State School Spectacular with you. Billy*

Happy Bucket Filler Day. You are so funny and kind and so bright. Amelia

*You are so very kind and I like working with you. Melody*

You are so kind to me and others. Bree

*Your kindness to all your peers warms my heart every day. Miss Sutton*

I think you are kind; I like how you are nice to your friends. Your smile lights up the room and you make my day 10 x better. Chase

*You are so kind, and you are a great artist. Brooke*

You are very kind and you are great at writing. Archie

*You have been my friend ever since we met! You have a bubbly personality, and you are a great swimmer. I feel privileged to be your friend. Thank you. Annie*

You are a happy and caring friend to all. You have a bubbly personality. Angus

*You are so funny, and you are a super, doper triple super star. Quinn*

I love doing VHAP with you. You're funny personality is the only reason I keep doing it. Olive

*You are really good at Bluearth. Keep it up. Hudson*

I love you x 1100. Hugo

*You are a great friend! I love your personality and you make me laugh. You always share your opinion on things. One last thing... I love when we are partners. Ivy L*



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