



# 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 3 Week 4 2023

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Upcoming Dates

#### **Week 4**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

**Principal's Day**

**ART Show Opening Night**

#### **Week 5**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

**School Photos**

#### **Week 6**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

**Year 7 Transition Day- Kiewa**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

**NERSSA Athletics**

#### **Week 7**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

**Books and Breakfast**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Somers Camp**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

**Book Week Dress Up**

#### **Week 8**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

**SSG Meefings**



Happy Birthday to Danni who is celebrating his birthday this week.



## From the Principal's Pen:

### ART SHOW

The Art Show officially kicks off tonight with our Opening Night event! It has been wonderful seeing it all come together, particularly in the last week when a huge variety of Art Works have been delivered. I have loved seeing Artists returning from previous years as well as many new Artists this year. As was the case last year, we will have an Auction tonight, as well as Sales opening of all exhibited works (student pieces are reserved for family). Thank you to everyone attending tonight, there have been 70+ tickets sold so it is sure to be a fabulous night! The sales of works continue over Saturday 10am-4pm. In addition, there are a variety of Silent Auction Lots that open Friday Night, with bids taken up until 3:30pm Saturday... there is certainly something for everyone so please come along and support the school with this wonderful Fundraiser linked to our Local Community and beyond.



### PARENT OPINION SURVEY – MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. This Survey is created by the Department of Education and is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and wellbeing. As has been evident in the past, we highly value the opinions of our school community and use survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Given the small size of our school, we hope to represent the opinions of ALL families in this survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. Information regarding the log on details specific to our school will be communicated through uEducateUs. The survey opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August and closes Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September (T3, WK9). The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If you have any questions or queries about this survey – please do not hesitate to contact me.

### PRINCIPAL'S DAY

Thank you so much to staff and students who surprised me with thoughtful reflections and gifts in recognition of Principal's Day- I feel so grateful for our amazing school and community.

**Regards, Rach Saunders**



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## Student Achievement

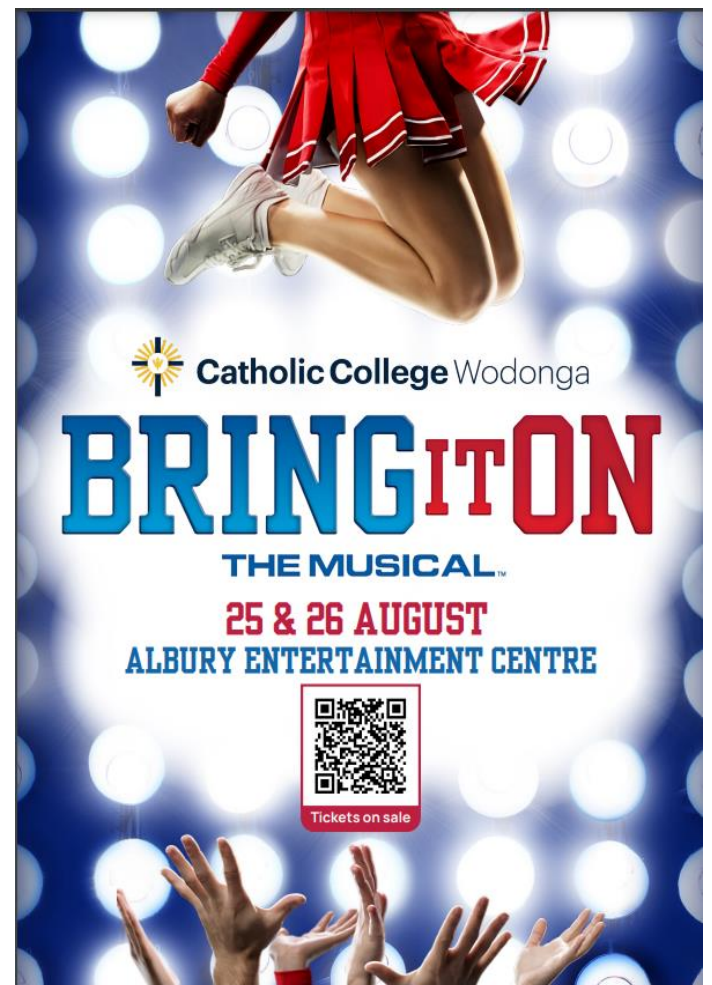
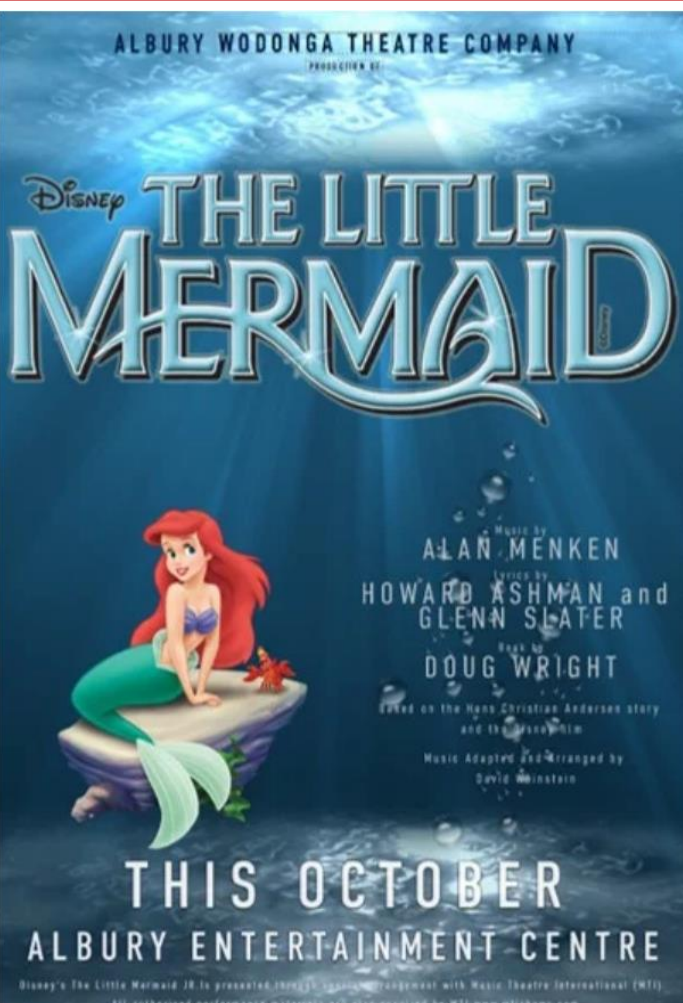
Congratulations to the students who were acknowledged at Assembly this week for being active learners and making positive contributions to the Bethanga Primary School community.


**Quinn:** for your thoughtful and insightful contributions to our class discussions when exploring the Wellbeing Survey Data- thank you Quinn!

**Remi:** for the amazing learning she has been doing in Maths. Remi is able to recognise all of the Australian coins and can order them correctly from smallest to largest value. Well done!

**Jude:** for the great work he has been doing in Maths whilst we are learning about money. Jude was able to show how to make collections of money two different ways. He did a great job when doing this for the amount of \$2.20. Keep it up, Jude!

**Danni:** for settling in beautifully at Bethanga Primary School- you are a valued member of Millewa who has put great effort into adjusting to a new school and routines.



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Over the last few years **The Resilience Project** has been very lucky to **partner with Culture is Life** to **enrich the wellbeing resources** we provide to our schools, **by incorporating First Nations knowledge and perspectives to wellbeing.**

We believe that, as Australians, we all have so much to learn from the longest surviving culture in the world.

Your children may come home and talk about some of these **First Nations wellbeing perspectives** that are integrated into our curriculum. We thought it would be a good idea to share some similar ways you could practise **Gratitude**, **Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** at home.

**Culture is Life** is an Aboriginal-led Not-For-Profit organisation who believe that all **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people have the right to thrive and flourish;** strong in knowing who they are, where they come from and who they are connected to.



### Gratitude

You could show **gratitude** for the land that you live on and **research your local area** (most local councils have a dedicated webpage for this). You could find the following information:

- What lands are you living on?
- What is the native language?
- What are the native plants?
- What native wildlife is in your area?
- What First Nations land are your family and extended family living on across Australia?



Scan the QR code to see a map of Indigenous Australia.

### Empathy

As a family you could sit in a **yarning circle** while having a conversation, and discuss the GEM question prompts below. This helps to practise **empathy** by respecting each other, taking turns and listening to everyone's ideas.

- What are three things that went well for you today?
- What is something that made you smile or laugh today?
- What kind acts have you noticed today?
- What is something kind you can do for someone this week? Think about who you might do this kind act for and when you could do this.

**Yarning circles** are a harmonious, creative and collaborative way to communicate. This is a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together. It is a place to build healthy and respectful relationships. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been using yarning circles for thousands of years.

### Mindfulness

**Dadirri** is an Indigenous term for **mindfulness**. It involves deep listening, bringing awareness to what is around you and focusing on your breathing. You could do this outside on Country by listening to the sounds of nature.

Check out **Dr. Paul Callaghan's** imperfects podcast episode where he shares a lot of wisdom that he has accrued over a lifetime of wins, losses and even a near death experience that changed his life forever. Connecting to Country is what help him through.



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## ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.  
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- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
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### Bethanga Primary School

Access Key **49WC82J7**



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Select your State
- 4 Enter your Access Key



**!** Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are booked for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August (week 5) **All orders must be placed online prior to photo day**, using the access key **49WC82J7**.



## BOOK WEEK 2023

21st-25th August

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Join us for BOOKS and BREAKFAST on the deck.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Book Scavenger Hunt

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Books and Buddies

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Come to school dressed as your favourite Book Character or Author.

## Diaries

We are asking all students in both Millewa and Mudgee to **bring their diaries in each school day**. We will be using the diaries to record daily reading and to keep communication open between school and home.

## MACC: Special Guest

Students were very excited to have a very special visitor for our last MACC session of Term 2. Jo is an accomplished local artist and experienced art teacher. She specialises in charcoal artworks and enjoys finding inspiration in the environment and landscapes around her.

After a discussion about what charcoal is and the different types and uses, Jo facilitated a charcoal exploration session, where students experimented with the various marks they can make with charcoal. Some students also had the opportunity to prepare a collection of stick bundles which were taken away and burnt into charcoal by Miss Turner and Jo.



This term, students have been using charcoal to create more brilliant artwork! We have worked hard to create CONTRAST in our artwork by adding lots of layers with shadows and highlights.

We had a fun, messy time with Jo and her charcoal and are so grateful that she could come to share her artistic knowledge.

Thank you, Jo!



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# Millewa




Dale Sidebottom was really cool because he was really fun, engaging and loud! **Olive**

I really like the games we played, especially trains. **Billy Blackburne**

I really enjoyed being active and dancing to the Nutbush. **Bree**

My favourite part was playing the games with a partner. **Ava**



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## Get to know our community



**Jude**



**What makes me a good friend?**



**Choc Mint**

**My favourite Ice cream flavour**

**My favourite game**



**Star Wars**

*You are kind to Oliver and me. Ivy VPS. You care about others and the play day was fun!*

*Happy bucket filler day I hope you have a nice day. Everly*

*You are so funny and kind. Brianna*

*You have a bubbly personality, and you are very nice to the school and me. You are always kind and funny. Sylvie*

*When we went to Ollie and Ivys house. we jumped on the trampoline together – it was fun! Maggie*

*Jude you are the funniest person. Remi*

*I love coming to your house. I also love playing with you. Lucy*

*If you have Pokémon cards, I would love to see the. Parker*

*You are a nice friend to Ollie. Olivia T*

*You are nice and kind to me. Olivia Bryant*

*You are a good friend. Olivia Barrow*

*You are so energetic and kind to all and a good brother to Melody. Reuben*

*You like Mario so play the Super Mario Maker games and I love you. Hugo*

*You are funny and a great friend. Billy Bayliss*

*You are a funny person and so kind to me. Angus*

*You are a really kind person. Billy Blackburne*

*You are so kind and loving to your sister. Brooke*

*You are a very bright and colourful person. You are a really good friend. Amelia*

*You're so funny and inclusive. you never leave anyone out of a game. Aleysha*

*You are a great neighbour and Lucy enjoys playing with you! I love your personality; you shine brighter than any star. Ivy L*

*I look forward to knowing you better. Danni*

*I enjoy being your neighbour. Have a lovely day. Quinn*

*You are so kind and cool. Bree*

*Your fun personality lights up the room. You're a joy to be around and I love being around you. Olive*

*You are so kind and funny. You have so much joy. Chase*

*You are the best brother. Melody*

*You are a very kind person. and you are also quite funny. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Ava*

*You are the best friend I have ever had. Ollie*

*You are super cool! You are great at down ball. Annie*

*You are an amazing person. Have a great bucket filler day. Jacob*

*Here is a Wombat fact for you Jude. did you know that if you touch a wombat that has white on its tummy it's an old wombat and if you touch it you can get really sick. Denver*

*I love the way you always say hello and ask how I am. You have a very caring nature. Mrs Saunders*



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