



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 4 Week 2 2023

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Friday 13th October 2023

Upcoming Dates

Week 4

Wednesday 25th
Downball Session

Friday 27th
World Teacher's Day

**Science Session 3-6 @
Tallangatta S.C.**

Week 5

Friday 3rd November
Cluster Hockey Day

Week 6

Monday 6th
**Cluster Curriculum Day- NO
SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

Tuesday 7th
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Melbourne
Cup**

Friday 10th
F-2 Melbourne Trip

Week 8

Friday 24th
School Spring Fair

Week 9

Whole School Swimming

Week 10

3-6 Sailing

Week 11

Growth Showcase &
Presentation Night



Happy Birthday to Annie and
Jaymee who are celebrating
their birthdays this week.



From the Principal's Pen...

It has been a marvellous week at Bethanga! The weather has been spectacular – the sunshine certainly brings out the smiles and energy!



Firstly, congratulations to Aleysha who represented NERSSA (Small Schools sports association of 10 schools including our Cluster schools) at the Hume Division Athletics last week. Aleysha qualified for both discus and shot put. Although she did not advance to the next level, she should be super proud of the 7m shot put throw and whopping 13.76m throw for discus... well done Aleysha!

The Opening of the Young at heART Exhibition on Saturday was a great success! A big crowd were in attendance to watch as students sang, danced and played! Our VSSS23 did us proud performing 3 of their VSSS23 songs alongside students from Melrose and Eskdale (As a side note, our involvement in VSSS is usually every 2nd year however given that student engagement was SO high this year and there is so much interest, we have decided to participate again next year!). The Young at heART exhibit is open at the Gateway Gallery (Lincoln Causeway) Tues-Sat 10am-4pm until Sat 28th October. Entry is by gold coin donation so please get along and support this wonderful event if you can.

Students from Mudgee participated in a Cluster Day this week. As our Cluster of 6 small schools now has 160 students (isn't that amazing!?!), it is becoming increasingly difficult for each of the schools to accommodate when they host a Cluster Day. In response to this, it was decided that we would move forward with a sport focused, whole school Cluster Day each term as well as alternating each term between an F-2 and 3-6 School-based Cluster Day. Talgarno hosted a wonderful Science themed day this week. Students were engaged in a number of different activities including the creation of lava lamps, floating foil boats, cloud dough, parachutes and oobleck (slime!). They also got to explore the use of microscopes looking at a number of different items from the environment. Students returned buzzing with excitement sharing what they had learned from the activities – thank you to Talgarno for organising and hosting such an engaging, student-centred (activities were run by senior students from Talgarno) day.

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.

Amelia: an amazing start to term 4 with a new teacher. You worked really hard last week Amelia, especially in maths when learning about fractions. Thanks for showing me how things work around the classroom. Keep it up!

Sylvie: for producing an amazing, published holiday recount for writing. She successfully uplevelled her original draft to add more detail. Sylvie was also able to independently use 'CUPS' to edit her work before publishing, using Google docs. Keep up the fantastic effort with your writing.

Hudson: for a great start to a new term with a new teacher. Thanks for helping me out and showing me around. You tried really hard using the correct punctuation too when we were working on our sentences. Great start term 4 Hudson!

FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER 2023
4:30-7:30PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 2023
SPRING FAIR

BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
RIDES • GAMES • MARKET
SHOWBAGS • FOOD STALLS




VISIT: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BETHANGAPS
FOR MORE INFORMATION

SPRING FAIR

This week we also held a meeting regarding our School Fair (Friday 24th November – add it to your calendar!). This event is being organised primarily as a fun way to bring our community (both school and the wider Bethanga/Bellbridge/Talgarno) together. Obviously, it will be very 'kid-focused' with face painting, show bags, games, jumping castles and other great activities! For the parents there will be stalls (books, white elephant, plants, cakes etc) to make this possible, we will require your help! Although not physically collecting donations yet, we ask that if you do any type of sort/cull at home over the coming weeks, that you keep this event in mind, we are after:

- Good quality toys/games
- Good quality 2nd hand books for both children & adults
- Plants (we are looking into having a nursery provide us with mini pots for planting so we'll keep you posted!)

In addition, if you have other ideas/ways you could assist in the preparation of this event... we'd love to hear from you! Each week in the newsletter, we will provide additional information.

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Millewa



Millewa have had a wonderful start to term 4! Students have settled straight into learning, as has our fabulous new teacher Mrs Baude. Mrs Baude will be teaching Mon-Thur and I (Mrs Saunders) will be teaching on Fridays (There are some occasions where we will swap to accommodate other commitments).




On Fridays this term, students will be exploring science and technology through weekly STEM sessions. STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Through STEM, students develop key skills including:

- problem solving
- creativity
- critical analysis
- teamwork
- independent thinking
- initiative
- communication
- digital literacy

Students showed great focus last week in STEM. Our learning intention was to work creatively with a partner to solve a problem. The problem was to create the tallest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows in 20 minutes.... A lot more challenging than originally predicted but a whole lot of fun!



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Get to know our community



Danni



What makes me a good friend?



Bubblegum

My favourite Ice cream flavour

My favourite game



Fortnite

You are amazing. I love it when you play footy with me. Chase. P.S. Essendon is the best!!

You are kind, imaginative, funny and energetic. You are a good friend. Amelia
You are really good at footy. Hudson

You are a really kind friend. Billy Blackburne

You are a good friend to others and you are great at footy. Quinn

You're a very kind friend. Aleysha

You are a good leader. you are also very funny. Annie

You're great at footy. Billy Bayliss

You're good at footy. Happy Bucket Filler Day! Jacob

You have been a good table buddy, you are very energetic. Keep it up. Ava

You have a great personality. and you are very kind to everyone. Ivy L

You are so good at footy. Angus

You are very funny. Melody

I love you x 2321. Hugo

I have loved sitting next to you the past term. It has been a joy. Olive

You are fun to talk to and you are funny and a good friend. Reuben

You are a nice friend to Chase. Olivia T

You are so funny and kind. Thank you for helping me. Remi

You are so kind. Thank you for helping me and others. Olivia Bryant

You are good at AFL. Parker

You are so funny to me. Olivia Barrow

I like you because you run away from me when we play tag. Nick

You are great at AFL. Jude

I think that you are great at AFL, and Happy Bucket Filler Day. Lucy

You are good at football and every time I walk past you, you have a smile on your face. Brianna

You are really good at AFL because you kick high. Ollie

You are great at football. Ivy V

You are really good at football and markers up. Sylvie

Happy Bucket Filler Day! You are kind. Everly

Your smile lights up the sky. Maggie



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GATEWAY PROGRAMS- TERM 4

Parenting Programs - Term 4 2023

*There is no cost to attend these programs



People living well

Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wodonga	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 24th October - 28th November 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Click here to register
Wodonga	Parenting Trans & Gender Diverse Kids & Teens	8 weeks	Mondays 9th October - 27th November 11am - 1pm	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Click here to register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wednesdays 4th October - 6th December 10.30am to 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Click here to register

Adolescent Parenting	Raising Resilient Children (From the Triple P International)	Adolescent Parenting
For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 17 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 12 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 17 years
This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges • How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience • Connecting with your teenager • Helping to problem solve • Family values 	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising and accepting feelings • Expression of feelings • Building a positive outlook • Developing coping skills • Dealing with negative feelings • Stressful life events 	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges • How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience • Connecting with your teenager • Helping to problem solve • Family values
Monday 30th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm Baranduda Community Centre Click here to register	Monday 6th November 7pm -9pm Via Zoom Click here to register	Monday 13th November 4pm - 6pm Felltimber Community Centre Wodonga Click here to register

WORKING BEE

We have not had a Working Bee for over 12 months, due to the ramp works which blew out from 12 weeks to 14 months (and counting!) we held off, anticipating that we would do a working bee once the works were complete. Given we are waiting for hand railing and other works such as fencing adaptations to be completed (with no confirmed finish date as yet), we have made the decision to do a working bee prior to the School Fair. The working Bee will be on Sunday 5th November 10am-4pm. Some of the key jobs needing to be done are:

- Trimming back the succulents from the Millewa garden (it is very thick at the moment, reducing it makes the gaps in between a little more visible and less likely to house snakes!
- Cement the last totem pole in the front garden
- General weeding/tidying
- Pressure washing the decking, assembly area and tiered seating
- Restoring/refreshing the ANZAC garden

As is always the case, many hands make light work so please pop this date on the calendar, even an hour or two would be greatly appreciated. We will provide a sausage sizzle lunch and icy poles for those in attendance.

Tallangatta Secondary College 2024 Transition Q & A

NEW DATE
DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 18TH OCTOBER 2023
TIME: 6PM
LINK:
[HTTPS://EDUVIC.WEBEX.COM/EDUVIC/J.PHPMTID=MA73DF2376424B020F17E8E60D7EB9F14](https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=MA73DF2376424B020F17E8E60D7EB9F14)

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