



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 3 2023

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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 Billy who is
celebrating his birthday this
week.



From the Principal's Pen...

Another spectacular week at Bethanga! Students have been engaged in learning and the sunshine has provided the opportunity for lots of outdoor tasks and play. Yesterday I, along with many Principals from across our area went to visit Wangaratta West Primary School. Opportunities to step into other schools is so valuable! Back in 2019, we started work on bringing Visible Learning into our Classrooms. Visible learning links strongly with Student Voice and Agency, its students understanding what they are learning and why, with a classroom that acts as the 'third teacher' (peers are considered the second teacher). In our classrooms, we use Learning Intentions and Success Criteria to support students – the Learning Intention anchors what we are learning while the Success Criteria is a place for students to go for help if they are not sure what to do or are seeking ways to improve. I loved moving in and out of different classrooms, getting ideas for improvement, validation of what we are doing, talking to students and Leaders of Learning... very inspiring!

Just a reminder to ensure you have our Cluster Curriculum Day (Monday 6th November) on your calendar. This day will allow all the teaching staff from across our Small Schools Cluster to work together to enhance our assessment, planning and teaching with a focus on writing.

Our School Fair is happening in only 5 weeks! In this newsletter you will find a whole page outlining ways that you can help us in the lead up to this wonderful community event – if everyone chips in, it is sure to be a great success! Let family and friends know so that they can add it to their calendar too!

Below are some photos demonstrating another example of authentic Student Voice – students voted on how to spend the morning of our end of year Whole School Fun Day! Preferential voting (with authenticators) meant that everyone's ideas were heard and shared 😊



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.

Billy: for always getting straight to work at his table without any distractions. He puts his head down and works as hard as he can. Getting some great results in his writing too. Great job, Billy!

Lucy: for the persistence you have shown in Maths. You have an excellent knowledge of place value and have tackled some challenging questions with a growth mindset. You did particularly well solving missing numbers and working out number patterns, well done!

Everly: for the amazing job you are doing following the 'Writer Process'. You have extended your learning further by being able to break up your writing using paragraphs which were shown in both your recount draft and published piece. Keep up the great work, you're a superstar!

Jacob: for persevering in working through his very difficult fractions, decimals and percentages assessment. Well done, Jacob!

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.



Bethanga Recreation Reserve – Committee of Management

Are seeking volunteers to assist with our major fundraising event for 2023
The SR 500 Club Australia - Annual Bethanga Rally



To Be held from the 17th to 19th of November 2023 at the Recreation Reserve
We are seeking

- Donations of Casseroles & Desserts for Friday Night (17th)
- Helpers to Serve / Attend tables / Wash up
- Budding Cooks for the Slow Cooked Roast & Spuds on Saturday Night (18th)
- Donations of Desserts Helpers to Serve / Attend tables / Wash up
- BBQ Breakfast Helpers from 7:00 am on both Saturday (18th) & Sunday (19th) mornings

If you can assist by donating a Casserole or Dessert on Friday &/or Saturday nights, &/or Assist by Serving / Attending tables / Washing up, – please call Jo Sirl on 0417 198421

If you can assist on Saturday &/or Sunday mornings with the BBQ – please call John Northey on 0414 931422



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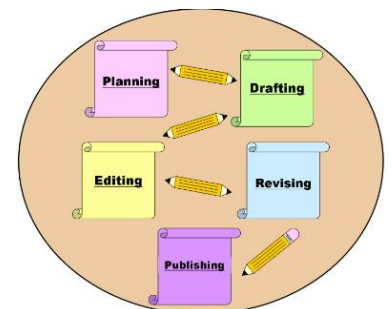
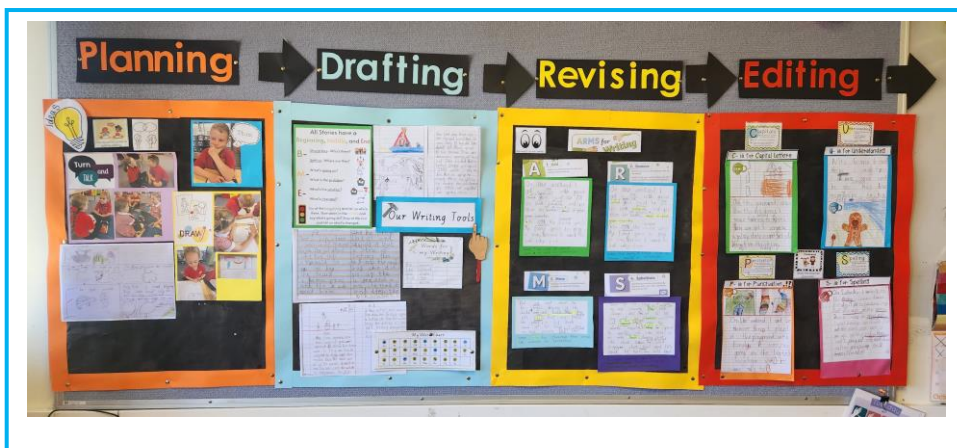
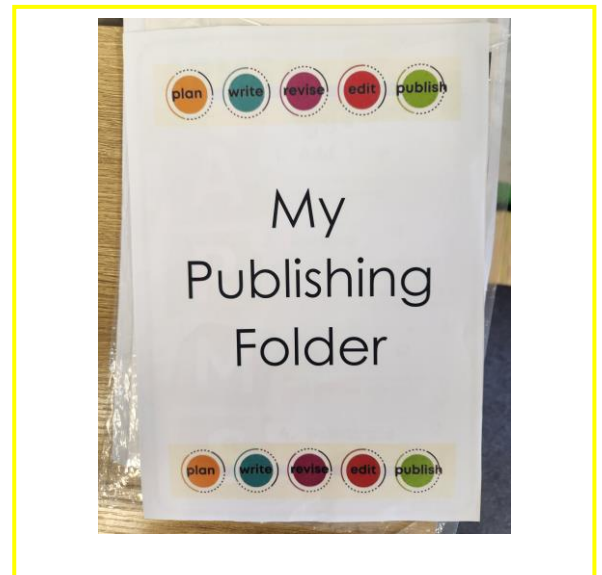


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Mudgee

The Writing Process

Mudgee have been looking at the writing process, to help students understand the steps involved when creating a published piece of writing. They are focusing on their sentence structure, vocab and editing skills to improve their drafts. They have then been using their revised drafts to publish and display for an audience. Students will then collate each published piece in a folder, to share with their families at the end of the term.



Get to know our community



Mrs Baude

I'm an honest person and supportive of my friends.

What makes me a good friend?



Boysenberry

My favourite Ice cream flavour

My favourite game



Ping Pong

You're a great teacher. Billy Bayliss

You are a very nice teacher. Melody

You're a wonderful teacher. You're also one of the best teachers I've ever had. Denver

You're the best teacher in the world because you like kittens just like me. Aleysha

You are an amazing teacher and you are a superstar! Danni

You are a really funny and kind teacher, one of my favourite teachers I have ever had. Happy Bucket Filler Day! Billy Blackburne

You are a wonderful teacher to us. You make us grow and be fair. Chase

You are a great teacher! Happy Bucket Filler Day! Jacob

I love you x 2169. Hugo

You are a good teacher and a nice person to everybody. Amelia

You are so kind and I love doing Maths with you. Angus

You are one of the best teachers I have ever had and that's saying something! Thank you for always being here for me. I appreciate the way you know me and understand how I learn.

Annie

You are the best teacher ever! Hudson

You're a great new teacher and you always teach us what we need to know. Quinn

You are a great teacher and you are very kind and caring. Reuben

Your teaching style is great, and you have an amazing heart. You are kind and caring. Ivy L

You are such a nice person, and I think you have been a great teacher so far and I look forward getting to know you better. Ava

You're an awesome teacher. I love talking to you. P.S. Thanks for putting up with all of my questions. Olive

You are so kind to Millewa. Ivy V

I hope I get to know more about you. Ollie

I like you because of your laugh. Nick

Thank you for coming to Bethanga Primary School. Olivia T

Thank you for teaching Ivy and Quinn and I hope you're going to be teaching me next year.

Lucy

I think you're a great teacher and I think you teach Millewa like a super star. Everly

Every single time I walk past you, you have a great big smile on your face. Jude

Thank you for coming to our school and you are very kind. Brianna

I hope you get to teach me when I'm in Millewa. Olivia Barrow

You are so kind, and I hope to get to know you more. Sylvie

I hope to get to know you better. I hope you like this school. Remi

I hope you like this school. And I hope you have a nice day. Olivia Bryant

I hope to know more about you. Maggie

I know you like Jeffery the banana. I want to know you better. Parker



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Thank you so much to Kate, Lisa, Genn, Katherine, Chantal, Sara and Felicity who attended our first Fair Meeting last week... what a fabulous level of support for this wonderful school event!

Plans are well underway to ensure the fair has something for everyone!

We are requesting support from our families, to make it easier, I have put together this 'how to help' guide.

Lob-o-choc – DONATIONS OF CHOCOLATE BARS & BLOCKS REQUIRED... GREAT TIME TO PURCHASE NOW – ALL ON SALE FOR HALLOWEEN!

This is a firm favourite with the kids where kids throw a gold coin onto a shell pool covered with chocolate – if the coin lands on a bar or block... the person wins it!

Mystery Jars (Tombola)



For this one, we are asking each family to donate filled jars – they could be filled with little toys, bath bombs, vouchers, lollies... the possibilities are endless! The jars are on display however which jar the purchaser gets is a mystery as they draw a number and then get the corresponding jar.

Wine or Water?

The adult version of the mystery jars! Bottles are in brown paper bags; you purchase one for \$5 and then pull the bottle out of the bag to reveal whether you have purchased a bottle of water or a bottle of wine! We require donated bottles of wine – both empty and full! For empty bottles, please make sure they are washed and have a screw on lid.

MARQUEES

I am after approx. 12 3x3m marquees to loan for this event. If you have one that you are happy for us to loan and return at the conclusion of the event – please let me know ASAP 😊

Plant Stall

We would love donations of plants, cuttings and succulents. We have some small pots that parents can pick up from school for this purpose,

2nd hand books & White Elephant Stall

High quality books, toys and household goods can be donated for these two stands. Please ensure nothing broken or worn out is donated.

Cake Stall

We certainly don't need these donations in advance! Just a heads up that the week before the fair, we will send home a plate and instructions for the cake stall and donations can be delivered to school the day of the fair (cakes, slices, chocolate crackles, honey joys)

Raffle

We will have a raffle drawn on the night. Being only a month out from Christmas we thought if we got donations of a variety of items – Christmas goodies, new toys, books, games, gifts for Mum or Dad, vouchers, we could create hampers as prizes.

**NEXT FAIR MEETING: 26th October @
4pm at the Bethanga Hotel**



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