



# 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 10 2023

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Friday 8th December 2023

### Upcoming Dates

#### **Week 11**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

**Growth Showcase &  
Presentation Night**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

**F2024 Transition 9:00-3:30pm**

**Whole School Transition Day**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**3-6 Sailing**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Whole School Fun Day**

**Reports go home**

#### **Week 12**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Last Day of Term 4- 2:30pm  
finish**

#### **TERM 1**

##### **Week 1**

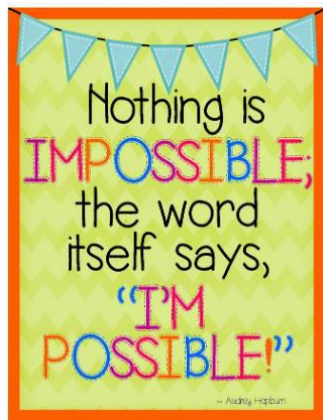
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**First day back for all students**

##### **Week 2**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**F2024 Rest day**



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

Last night we had a fabulous night celebrating the end of an era for Denver and Adam. Finishing Primary School is a significant transition in a child's life. For both Denver and Adam, their Primary School journey started at different schools however in their time at Bethanga, they have cemented themselves in our community with close relationships with peers and teachers alike. As you begin this new chapter of your life, we wish you all the very best and know that you will always have a place in the heart of Bethanga Primary School.



### **GROWTH SHOWCASE**

As term 4 draws to a close, we look forward to having everyone come together to acknowledge our students – their growth, their achievements and their creativity! We will hold our Growth Showcase on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Classrooms will be open 4:30-5pm for students to share the work they are most proud of with families.

After this, we are inviting all families to bring along a picnic dinner and blanket. Between 5-6pm, we will enjoy dinner on the lawn, once done, we will pack up our picnics and head for the tiered seating area. We have some special guests from Bellbridge Rotary and Kiewa RSL to make presentations to our grade 6 students before moving on to a Creative Arts Showcase! Students have prepared some performance items they are super excited to share with you! After this, we will continue with acknowledgements of achievements and contributions to our school community through awards and thank you's.

The night will conclude at approximately 7:30pm after a special visitor 😊

### **2024 Class Structure**

As the Principal of Bethanga Primary School, my objective is to meet the learning needs of all students in an environment that is safe, happy and responsive to the needs of the school community. As you will be aware (letters went home with everyone earlier this week), we will be running with a mixed model next year with Grade 3 students in Mudgee for reading (they will do a targeted writing session with Mrs Hamam Mon-Thur), numeracy, Auslan and Creative Arts and then combined with the 4-6 students in Millewa for Integrated, Sport, EQ, digit-tech, MARC van, Bluearth and STEM.

I wanted to thank you all for your support with this model, the feedback has been very positive with recognition that this model evens the classes to 17 each for literacy and numeracy yet still extends the grade 3 students further for other curriculum areas. As is always the case, staff plan lessons based on point of need so everyone is challenged at the level required no matter what year level or classroom they are in.

**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.

**Nick:** for the amazing effort you put into swimming last week. You gave everything a go and did such a great job learning to paddle along with improving your kicking skills whilst blowing bubbles. Well done, you should be so proud of yourself, we sure are!

**Aleysha:** for always displaying exceptional behaviour in the classroom. She is a role model for all other students with her work ethic and her happiness to help out all when needed.

**Danni:** for showing kindness to all of the 2024 transition students. He happily included them during their visit to our school during break times and made sure they felt welcome.



## VICSWIM DATES

### VICSWIM 2024

**(not running on the public holiday January 1)**

#### Program Dates:

Week one – Tuesday, Jan 2nd – Friday, Jan 5th

Week two – Monday, Jan 8th – Friday Jan 12th

Week three – Monday Jan 15th – Friday Jan 19th

**Please note:** Week 1 of the 2024 program will run Tuesday - Friday and will not run on Monday 1st of January as it is a public holiday. The weekly charge will remain at \$35 for the 4 lessons, however, lessons will be extended from 30 minutes to 35 minutes during this week to make up for the lost day.

VICSWIM Bookings will open on the 29th of November 2023 at 10:00am\*

\*Exact time may be subject to change closer to the program.

**This is a great intensive swim program run over the Christmas Holidays in pools around our local area including Waves, Tangambalanga and Yackandandah Pools – a great way to reinforce what the kids have learnt at swimming lessons this week and super cheap!**

The VICSWIM Summer Kidz 2023 Program received over 19,000 bookings across the state and over 14,000 of those were in the first 24 hours! Don't leave it until it's too late! The VICSWIM Program enrolment remains at \$35 per week. There will be a booking fee of \$7 to ensure the VICSWIM Program complies with COVID-Safe requirements.



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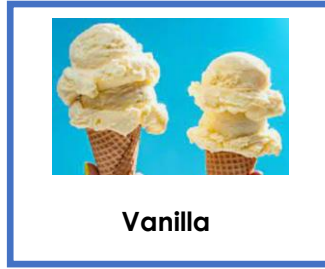
## Get to know our community



Ivy



What makes me a good friend?



Vanilla

My favourite Ice cream flavour

My favourite game



Tennis

You are really bubbly, fun and energetic. Keep it up. Annie

*You are kind and you have a really kind soul. Denver*

You are such a nice person to Ollie. Hudson

*You're a nice and kind person. Happy Bucket Filler Day! Jacob*

I love you x 1782. Hugo

*You are really kind and you have a really colourful personality. Amelia*

You always have a big smile on your face. Aleysha

*You are a funny and energetic person. Billy Blackburne*

You are kind and caring, also I can't think of a better person to share a name with me. Ivy L

*You are fun and have a bubble personality. Adam*

You are a kind person. Angus

*You are nice to everyone and you have a great smile. Billy Bayliss*

You're a huge help in the garden and you've got a great personality. Olive

*You are kind and caring to everyone. Melody*

You have a good personality and you smile lights up the room. Danni

*I think you are very funny and kind to everyone- therefore you are a kind, funny person. Quinn*

You are filled with joy. Have a good Bucket Filler Day! Chase

*You are an amazing BFF and friend. Maggie*

You have a bubbly personality. Parker

*You are the best sister. Ollie*

You're nice to me when I'm sad. Olivia T

*I like how you play with me. Brianna*

You are a great friend to me. Jude

*I hope you have a nice day at school. Olivia Bryant*

I like when you sit next to me on the bus. Oliva Barrow

*You are nice to me and Brianna. Remi*

I love it how you always want to play with me. I love it how you always make or draw things for me. Everly

*I love your bubbly personality. You're a great friend to me, Everly and Sylvie. Lucy*

I love your bubbly personality you are very kind to me and I hope you have a good bucket filler day. You are one of the bestest friends I have ever had. Sylvie



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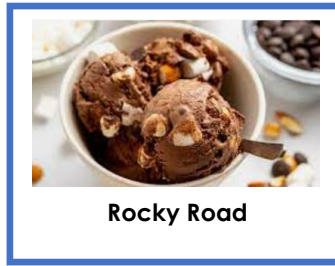
## Get to know our community



**Sylvie**



**What makes me a good friend?**



**Rocky Road**

**Favourite Ice cream Flavour**

### **My Favourite Game**



**Soccer**

You are the best sister ever. I love you so much! Annie

*You're a really kind person and you have a really kind soul. Denver*

You are the leader of personality. P.S. The good kind. Hudson

*You're a nice person. Happy Bucket Filler Day! Jacob*

I love you x 1782. Hugo

*You are so kind and I am so grateful that I have been your friend for as long as I can remember. Amelia*

You are a kind person. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Aleysha

*You are a really funny person. Billy Blackburne*

You have a fun personality. Adam

*You have a lovely sense of humour. Ivy L*

You are so funny. Angus

*You are always inclusive and kind to everyone. Billy Bayliss*

I love your personality. Your smile brightens my day and your laugh makes me smile. Olive

*You are nice and extremely funny. Melody*

You are a good person. Your smile lights up the room, Danni

*You're super nice to everyone and everyone is kind to you because you treat people the way you want to be treated. Quinn*

You are a good friend, and you are very funny. Chase

*Your Art work is always good. Maggie*

I can't wait until we build a cubby house together. Ollie

*You are really creative. Jude*

I love playing with you. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Ivy V

*I always walk past you and you always have a smile. Olivia Bryant*

Do you want to have another play date? Because I do! Olivia Barrow

*I like how you have a bubbly personality. Brianna*

You are nice to everyone. Remi

*Your smile lights up the room. Parker*

I like your enthusiasm. Olivia T

*I love your bubbly personality. I love your art work. Lucy*

I think you are a very good friend. I love it how you are always kind and let me and Lucy play with you. Everly



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# Mudgee

Our Integrated topic this Semester has been 'Under the Sea'. We have looked at the world's oceans, classification of sea creatures, marine habitats, life cycles and food chains. Mudgee students created information reports about their chosen sea creatures and this topic was further enhanced by our annual F-2 Melbourne trip to the Melbourne Aquarium. Here are a few things we have learnt with a few photos of us researching to plan our writing...

Maggie- I learnt about sea animal food chains so one could go like this...Seaweed, Fish, Shark, Killer Whale.

Nick- I learnt that Great White sharks live in the ocean and like to swim near the coasts.

Ivy- I learnt that a dolphin eats small fish and other little ocean animals as well.

Olivia Barrow- I found out that Great White Sharks can grow up to 20 feet tall (6.1 metres) and they can weigh 2,267 kilos.

Remi- I have learnt that jellyfish don't have eyes and some of them can glow in the dark because they have light in them.

Brianna- I learnt that there are different places for them to live in the oceans. Like fish might live in the coral reef where there is light and other creatures might live down low in the dark cold part.

Jude- I learnt that a Catfish's biggest size is bigger than a couch and it lives in shallow flowing coral reefs.

Olivia Bryant- I learnt that Tiger Sharks have holes on their sides called gills and that's how they breathe. They also have stripes on their bodies like a tiger.

Sylvie- I have learnt that dolphins live all around the world but mostly in shallow and tropical waters.

Lucy- I have learnt that stingrays can glide smoothly through the water and eat at the same time.

Everly- I have learnt that seahorses like to eat small crustaceans, like a fairy shrimp.

Parker- I learnt that marine eels only live in salty waters and seas and they eat fish, octopus, mollusks, squid and crabs.

Olivia T- I learnt about the seahorses. They have no teeth and they like to eat plankton and plants. A baby seahorse is also called a fry.

Oliver- I learnt that Great White Sharks don't have any bones and their skin feels like sandpaper.



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# Summer

## Holiday Program.

### SUMMER READING CLUB

LibraryMuseum &  
Lavington Library  
Friday 1 December –  
Wednesday 31 January



### ALICE'S WONDERLAND TREASURE HUNT

LibraryMuseum  
Saturday 16 December  
– Sunday 4 February



### MOUSE HUNT

Lavington Library  
Saturday 16 December  
– Sunday 4 February



### ALICE'S WONDERLAND SELF GUIDED TOUR KIT

LibraryMuseum  
Saturday 16 December  
– Sunday 18 February



### MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE

LibraryMuseum  
Tuesday 2 January  
10.30am – 12.30pm



### SCRATCH ART

LibraryMuseum  
Tuesday 4 January  
10.30am – 12.30pm



Drop-in programs, no bookings required. For more information please visit [alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on)

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## Holiday Booked Programs

### MAGIC CONCOCTIONS WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum &  
Monday 8 January  
2.00 – 3.00pm



### OPTICAL ILLUSIONS WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum  
Wednesday 10 January  
10.30 – 11.30am



### LEGO MINI FIGURES PAINTING

Lavington Library  
Tuesday 16 January  
10.30 – 11.30am



### GOODNIGHT STORYTIME

LibraryMuseum  
Wednesday 17 January  
6.00 – 6.30pm



### MAGIC WORKSHOP

LibraryMuseum  
Monday 22 January  
10.00am – 11.30am



### PAINT YOUR OWN LIBRARY BAG

LibraryMuseum  
Thursday 25 January  
10.30am – 11.30am &  
2.00 – 3.00pm



Bookings essential. For more information or to book please visit [alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on](http://alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on) or scan the QR code



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