



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 1 2024

Newsletter published
Friday 19th April 2024

Upcoming Dates

Week 1

Wed 17th– Fri 19th

Year 5/6 Camp Ballarat

Week 2

Thursday 25th

ANZAC Day- No School

**ANZAC Day Service-
Bethanga Hall 8:30am**

Week 3

Friday 3rd May

**Responsible Pet Ownership
incursion**

**VSSS24 Movie Fundraiser
Night 6pm**

Week 4

Monday 6th

5/6 Leadership Day- Albury

Wednesday 8th

**'Freaky Friday' Production-
Scots School Albury**

Thursday 9th

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10th

VSSS24 Rehearsal 2

do
THE RIGHT
THING...
EVEN WHEN
no one
IS LOOKING.

From the Principal's Pen...

I hope that all of our families have enjoyed the term break – beautiful weather, with many of our kids sharing stories with us this week about family catch ups, camping escapes and new adventures!

Our school is part of a connected community – I am so thrilled that the Gymkhana was yet again a great success! Students eagerly retold events of the day and were thrilled to see their art on display Thank you to the parents and teachers who were able to assist on our stall in my absence. Congratulations to Aleysha and her sister Maddie who not only displayed great courage participating in the busking competition but won a great prize as well!



We have had a wonderful start to term 2 – sun is shining, kids are smiling and everyone is eager to learn! Our 5/6 Students enjoyed their Melbourne – Ballarat Camp exploring the Treasury Building, Melbourne Museum, Sovereign Hill and so much more... can't wait to hear all about it next week! Term two is a long term this year (11 weeks!) with lots of activities planned!



The calendar has been updated on uEducateUs so you can see all events (scheduled so far), as usual, all of these events will be highlighted in our weekly newsletter as well.

Next Thursday is ANZAC Day. Although there is no school, each year our school community is invited to attend and participate in the Bethanga ANZAC Service which takes place at the Memorial Hall. The service commences at 8am and I encourage all families to attend if available. Students attending should be in full school uniform. We will join with students from Talgarno Primary to sing the National Anthem and then representatives of our school will lay a wreath in remembrance of our fallen ANZACS and all Service people who have and continue to contribute to our safety and freedom.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! 😊

Kind Regards, Rach Saunders



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PLAYGROUND CHANGES

At the end of Term 1, we completed a whole school playground audit. This was a way of engaging Student Voice to identify where students liked to play at breaks at the same time as identifying where they believed issues/arguments/unkind words occurred. I was really impressed with the thoughtfulness our students demonstrated in completing this activity.



Key points to come out of the audit were:

- ✓ All areas in our yard are utilised as valued play spaces by our students
- ✓ Students believe it can be hard to find a teacher when they need help at breaks if they are at the other side of the school
- ✓ The same places that were identified as the favourite places to play, were also the ones where issues occurred.

In response to this, we have commenced Term 2 with some changes:

- ✓ To ensure yard duty teachers are readily on hand when needed, we have halved the area they need to supervise. To do this, we have essentially split the school in half, the 'top half' is where everyone plays at recess and the 'bottom half' is where everyone plays at lunch.
- ✓ We have introduced toilet passes, office passes and first aid passes so that students check in with teachers before entering buildings (or helping themselves to ice packs without first aid attention from an adult first). This also minimises students near toilets making this a quiet, private space for going to the toilet only
- ✓ We have painted over the old down ball court and created some where interactive play spaces with a 'rainbow serpent' and hop scotch (other features to be added this term)
- ✓ The Fairy garden was moved so that it is more visible and the area it was previously is now out of bounds.

The response to these changes by both students and teachers has been really positive so far. I loved being out in the yard this week and being able to check in with all students in a smaller space – it had a wonderful 'feel' in the yard and encouraged a lot of cross over of play.



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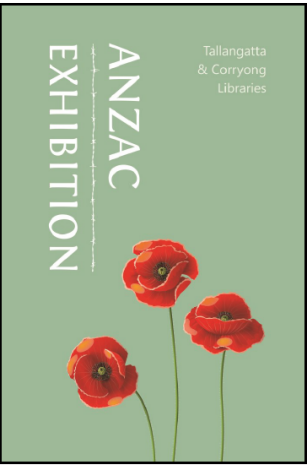
ANZAC EXHIBITION

At the end of last term, students of Millewa were invited by Towong Shire to create a poster about a soldier/sailor/aviator whose name appears on a local war memorial/honour board. The goal was to put a face to the names, to understand a little more about what these people did to serve their country, and to share that information with the local community. Here are a few examples of the posters our students created. These posters will be displayed around Tallangatta and will be shared at an official launch next week. We will not be attending given it crosses over with school and home time however if parents would like to take their child over to it, we have included the invitation and welcome you to do an early pick up to accommodate.


The Towong Shire Council
cordially invites you to attend the
official launch of the inaugural
ANZAC Exhibition
at the
Tallangatta Library
33-37 Towong Street, Tallangatta
on Wednesday April 24, 2024 at 3.00pm.

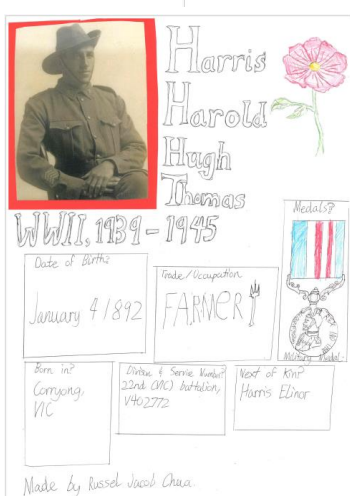
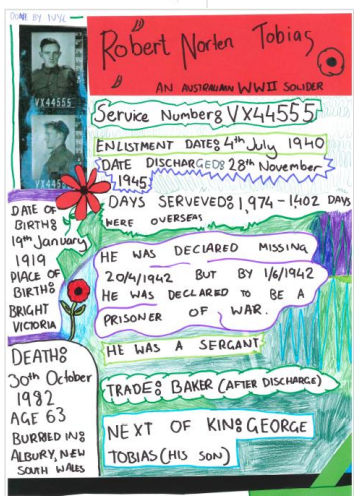
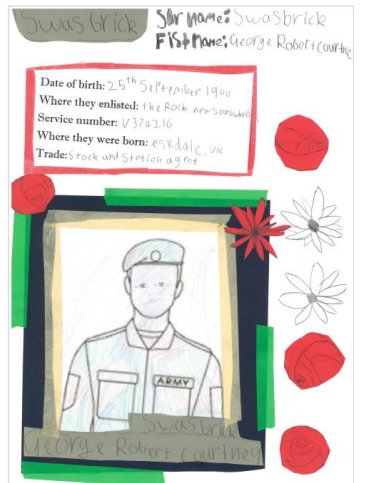
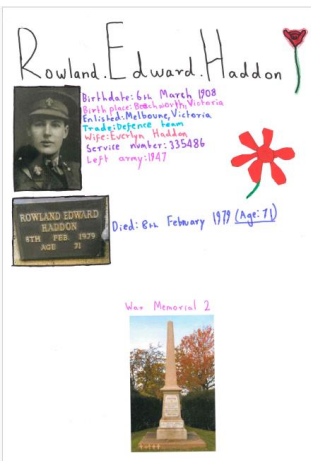
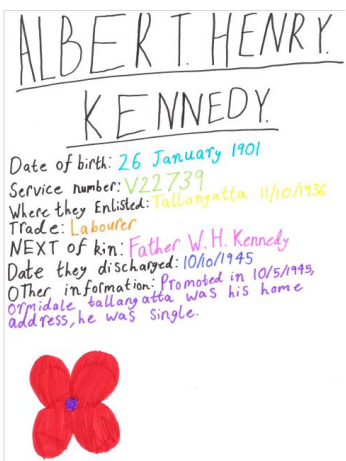
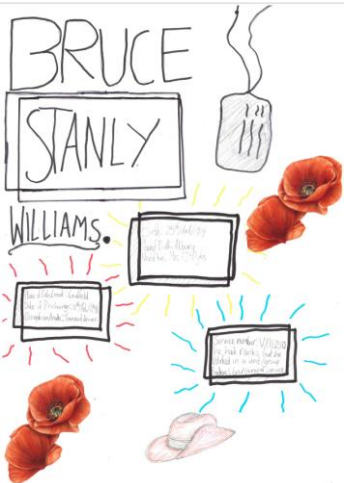
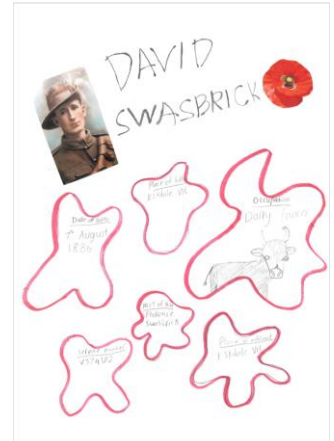
Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Please RSVP by Friday April 19 to:
library@towong.vic.gov.au or call 02 60712955.



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Libraries







MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Students from Bethanga Primary School will be travelling to Melbourne in September to participate in

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Although students are required to make a substantial financial contribution to make this happen, the funds raised from this movie night will subsidise this amazing experience.

3RD MAY 2024
6PM

Arrival time,
Movie start time TBC

TICKETS ARE \$25 each
Tickets can be ordered through staff and families.

There will also be a raffle on the night



Our goal is to sell 100 tickets... can you help us make this happen?

There is a \$50 gift voucher up for grabs for the family who sell the most movie tickets!



Our Children Our Communities Our Future

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years. Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information. The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool. Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au

If you have any questions, please contact me as I will be completing the census in mid-May

TRANSITION INFORMATION

Transitioning both in and out of Primary School are significant milestones that require planning to ensure adequate supports are put into place so that these changes are positive. For families with children in grade 6, once you have made the decision as to which Secondary School your child will attend, we ask that you inform us of this so that we can be aware of transition events and make links with the schools to ensure information sharing opportunities are established.

If you or someone you know has a child starting school next year, please let them know that a tour can be organised at any time. For siblings of current students, we will send 2025 enrolment packs home this week, these are due to be returned by 26th July 2024.



Tallangatta Secondary College Year 7 2025

Information Evening Wednesday 1st May 6pm



School Tours available 9.30am each Tuesday during May
Please contact the college to make a booking

For more information please phone
02 6071 5000
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Get to know our community



Chase



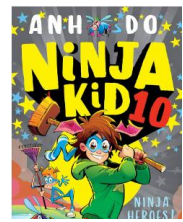
What makes me a good friend?



Sponge Bob

My favourite Movie

My favourite book



Ninja Kid

I like you because you are nice to me. Maggie P
I like it how you are always play with me. Zach

I like you because you are nice to me. Charlie
I think you are a star. Nick

I think Essendon is awesome as well. Remi
You are so fast and really really funny. Ivy V

Your smile lights up the room and every time I walk past you, you always have a smile.
Maggie F

You have a bubbly personality. Go Bombers! Owen

You are a great Down Ball player. Ollie

You are very fast and funny and also kind. Sylvie

You are great at footy. Jude P

You are funny, fast and you are great at footy. Lucy

You are the best brother ever and you are kind and caring and your smile lights up the room. You are great at football. Brianna

Thank you for all the footy cards. Olivia T

You are good at footy. Angus

You are getting better at footy and down ball. Quinn

You're good at footy. Billy Bayliss

You are good at footy. Ivy L

You are very good at markers up. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Ava

You're good at football and down ball. Aleysha

You are so good at sport. Hugo

You're good at down ball and footy. Have a good day. Olive

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

You are very funny and kind. Melody

You are a kind person. Billy Blackburne

I love to play footy with you. Jude B

You're so good at footy. Hudson

I love being one of your teachers. I love how you try, and I love seeing how kind you are. Mrs Hamam



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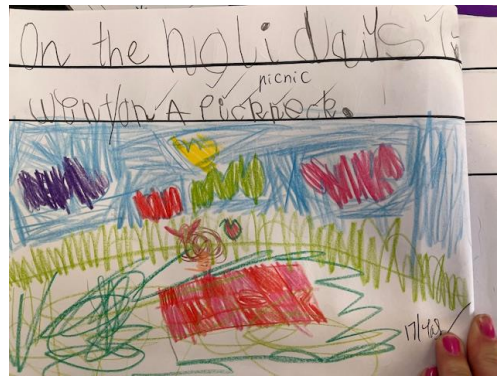
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Mudgee

We are so excited to have everyone back and ready for Term Two! As a part of writing this week we have caught up on all of the amazing things that everyone got up to over the Easter holidays and wrote a recount. Keep an eye out for our 'Polished Pieces' on display in the classroom. Here are a few snippets of what our Mudgee students wrote...

It was Easter day and me and my sister jumped out of bed to see what we got from the Easter bunny. A few days after, on Tuesday, it was my birthday and the presents I got were a light up folding scooter, chalk markers and water colour textas.

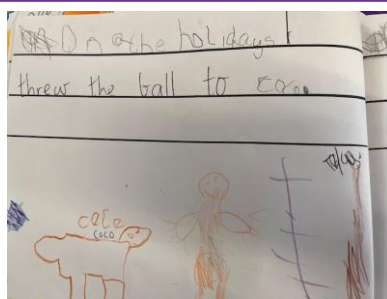
Olivia Barrow



Charlie

On the holidays Oliver had a family party. At the party me, Olly, Millie, Archie and Riley went on the flying fox. I went fast! Olly got lots of really good presents from everyone and me. We had chocolate cake and it was so yummy!

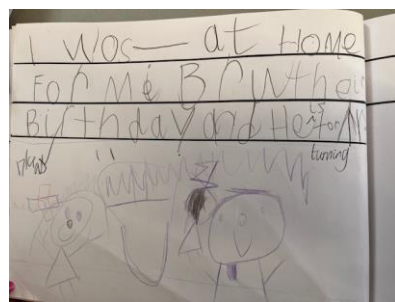
Ivy



Zach

On the weekend I went to a camp spot. I learnt how to ride a two wheel scooter. I went to quick sand, we got dirty! We went in our undies and we went out in the lake. It was cold! We roasted marshmallows and I had toast for our lunch and our dog lost her bed. Her name is Maggie! We went shopping, we got donuts!

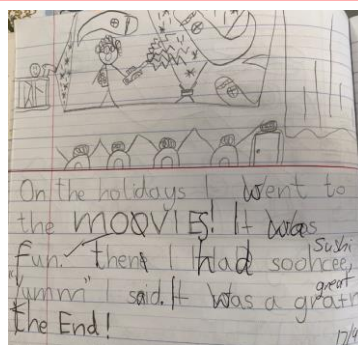
Remi



Maggie P

On the Easter holidays I did one amazing thing, I went to a pub for my Dads friends birthday and there was a park with monkey bars and swings. It was fun and on the monkey bars I said "Yippee!" and my Mum counted how many seconds I took to do the monkey bars. She said "1,2,3,4,5" and then I went to the table and we sang happy birthday, "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Chris, happy birthday to you". Then we ate the cake, it was ice-cream cake, it was super delicious! Then we got party bags with gumballs, gummy bears and way more. Happy Easter!

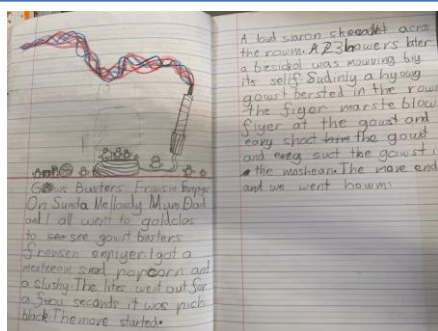
Brianna



Nick

On the Easter holidays I sewed a pillow with my Grandma. I used the big sewing machine! I went to Uncle Adams party. After I went to Nans house and made some pizza with pineapple.

Maggie F



Jude

On the holidays I went to Melbourne. We went on Saturday and I went to China Town. I got a hot pot!

Owen



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