



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 2024

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Friday 25th October 2024

Upcoming Dates

Week 4

Tuesday 29th

**Crocs and Crazy Socks
Day- Gold Coin Donation**

Wednesday 30th

NO POWER

Friday 1st November

Cluster Hockey Day

Week 5

Monday 4th November

**Cluster Curriculum Day
STUDENT FREE DAY**

Tuesday 5th

**MELBOURNE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL**

Week 6

Tuesday 12th

F-2 Hive Alive Excursion

Friday 15th

F-2 Melbourne Trip

Week 7

Tuesday 19th

**F2025 Transition Session 1
10-11am**

Week 8

Monday 25th- Thursday 29th

Whole School Swimming

Tuesday 26th

**F2025 Transition Session 2
9-11:30am**

Week 9

Tuesday 3rd December

**F2025 Transition Session 3
12:30-3:30**

From the Principal's pen...



HATS OFF TO TEACHERS!

This special occasion is not just a reminder of the vital role teachers play in our society, but also an opportunity for us to acknowledge their hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation.

Teachers are more than just instructors; they are mentors, role models, and champions of creativity and critical thinking. They create safe and engaging learning environments where curiosity flourishes and students are encouraged to explore their passions. Through their patience and guidance, our teachers empower students to overcome challenges and reach their full potential.

A few key reasons why our teachers deserve our deepest appreciation:

Passion for Learning: Our teachers ignite a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. They go above and beyond to create dynamic lessons that engage and inspire students.

Personal Connections: Each teacher builds meaningful relationships with their students, fostering a sense of belonging and community in the classroom.

Adaptability: In an ever-changing world, our teachers demonstrate incredible flexibility, continuously adapting their methods to meet the diverse needs of their students.

Lifelong Impact: The influence of a great teacher extends far beyond the classroom. They shape future leaders, innovators, and change-makers who will go on to make a difference in the world.

So, to all our teachers: Mrs Smith, Mrs Barber, Mrs Baude and Mrs Hamam; Thank you for your unwavering commitment, your boundless energy, and your heartfelt dedication to your students. Your impact is immeasurable, and we are profoundly grateful for all that you do. As we celebrate this special day, we encourage everyone to reach out and share your appreciation for the teachers in your lives. A simple thank-you can make all the difference!



Acknowledgements
& Special Treats

I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend

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.

Ivy: Congratulations on completing all Homework tasks in Term 3.

Olive: for stepping out of your comfort zone and having a good go at dancing in a crowd at Boys to the Bush! Thanks for also helping me step out of my comfort zone.

Parker: for your impressive ability to explain concepts in an interesting way during the introduction of volume and capacity, showing great enthusiasm that inspired your classmates.

Ava: Congratulations on completing all Homework tasks in Term 3.

Quinn: Congratulations on completing all Homework tasks in Term 3.

Lucy: Congratulations on completing all Homework tasks in Term 3.

Everly: for using her initiative and thinking skills to go beyond an idea given to her for her \$20 Boss business and coming up with a whole new idea. Great thinking skills Everly!

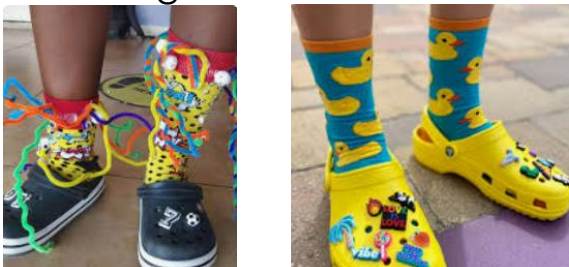
Remi: for your remarkable use of expression while reading various texts, bringing stories to life and captivating your audience.



CROCS AND CRAZY SOCKS DAY

Tuesday 29th October our Student Voice Leadership Groups are holding a CROCS and CRAZY SOCKS DAY.

Dress your feet up in your craziest socks and wear your Crocs to school, for a gold coin donation.



Term 4 eSafety Webinars

eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

An overview of The eSafety Commissioner, and supporting programs and resources for parents and carers, children, and young people.

It's suitable for parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.

Term 4 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

- Thursday, 24 October, 12.30pm
- Wednesday, 4 December, 12.30pm

Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into high school

This webinar explores the social pressures, peer influences, and technological challenges young people face as they transition into high school. It also offers practical strategies for navigating online friendships and connections to help minimise negative experiences.

It's suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.

Term 4 dates (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

- Tuesday, 29 October, 12.30 pm
- Thursday, 28 November, 12.30 pm

For more information and to register now:
[eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



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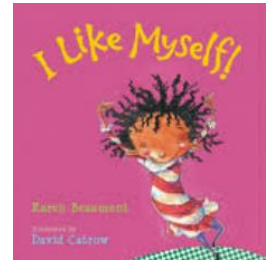
Mrs Smith

I get along with most people and sometimes I'm funny

What makes me a good friend?



My Favourite Movie



I Like Myself
My Favourite Book

You are the bestest teacher in the whole world. Zach

You are the best because you are so funny. Maggie P

You are the best teacher in the world. You are so funny! Owen

You are the best teacher ever. Henry

You are a great teacher. Maggie F

You are great. Charlie

You are the best Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday teacher. Brianna

You are really kind and helpful. Remi

You are the best teacher in the world. Your smile lights up the whole entire universe. Liv B

You are hilarious and I loved when we made crystals. I think you nailed that floss of yours. Jude P

You are the best teacher I could ever have. Ivy V

You are a good teacher. Nick

You are the best teacher; I love you reading with blue group. Liv T

You are the best teacher ever. The school would fall apart without you and your amazing jokes. Lucy

You are a very funny teacher, and I like your jokes. Ollie

You are one of the funniest, kindest and hilarious people I know. I love working with you! You honestly fill those around you with joy. It is such a gift to be your friend. Mrs Hamam

You have a very bubbly personality. You also teach Mudgee really great. Parker

You are a good teacher and you are very kind to Mudgee and Millewa. You are so hilarious and energetic. Your smile lights up the room and you are very organised. You always have a smile on your face. Sylvie

You are a wonderful teacher. All the year 3's are going to miss you. Everly

You are extremely funny and kind. Your personality is very extravagant. Melody

You have a very extravagant personality. Jude B

You are funny and kind and very good at AUSLAN. Reuben

You are very funny, and you always have a smile on your face. Aleysa

You are very energetic and super kind! I have known you for a very long time. You are cool. Ava

You are one of the funniest people I know! You always manage to make someone laugh. Ivy L

You're really nice and funny. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Jacob

You are a funny and nice teacher. Billy Blackburne

You are very kind and funny. You always make me laugh and you are my favourite Mudgee teacher. Amelia

What does the storm cloud wear under his rain jacket? Thunderwear! Olive

I like how I see you every Saturday at Auskick. You are a kind and good teacher. Chase

You were my favourite Mudgee teacher. Hudson

You were the best teacher when you taught us shape. You are super funny! Quinn



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Mudgee

We are excited to share a recent writing experience that was both educational and delightful for our students! In our efforts to enhance their writing skills, we organised a hands-on project that allowed the children to learn the art of letter writing and the importance of communication.

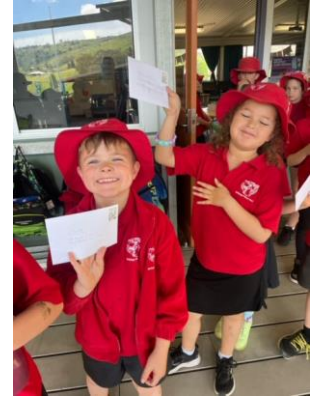
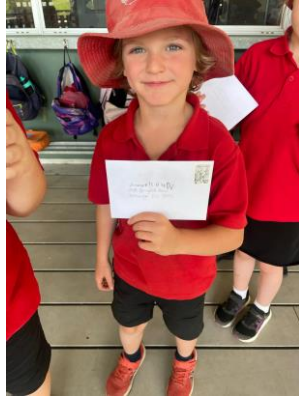
Throughout the week, students explored the structure of a letter, practiced their penmanship, and expressed their thoughts and feelings through writing. They each crafted heartfelt letters to a loved one, making the process personal and meaningful.

To add a special touch to this experience, the children learned how to properly address envelopes. They took great care in writing the addresses clearly.

The highlight of the project was a walk to the local post office. Excitement filled the air as the students delivered their letters, learning firsthand how mail gets sent out into the world. It was a valuable life lesson in responsibility, community, and the joy of connecting with others.

We captured wonderful photos of this experience, showcasing the smiles and enthusiasm of our young writers.

This project not only taught our students essential writing skills but also helped them understand the joy of sharing their thoughts and the significance of communication in our lives. With experiences like this we hope to inspire a lifelong love of writing in each child.



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Wellbeing at Bethanga Primary School

As part of our commitment to addressing the whole child, at Bethanga Primary School we prioritise the wellbeing needs of our students. This is done through explicit lessons, targeted small group support and regular check-ins. To strengthen the links between home and school, we will regularly include wellbeing information in the newsletter so that you have a deeper understanding of what is happening in regard to your child's wellbeing in addition to opening communication if you have any questions or queries. We will share resources and home activity suggestions with you along with relevant external parent supports and courses we think that you might find interesting.

Being Safe On-Line

Navigating the on-line world requires us as educators and carers to be aware of what dangers are lurking in plain sight. This realm can be so overwhelming, especially if we do not understand ourselves the harm that could occur whilst our children are connected. Below are some links and advice on places to start. All of this information is sourced from and can be found at the eSafety Commissioner webpage.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



Parental Controls

What are parental controls? Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online.

They can be set up to do things like:

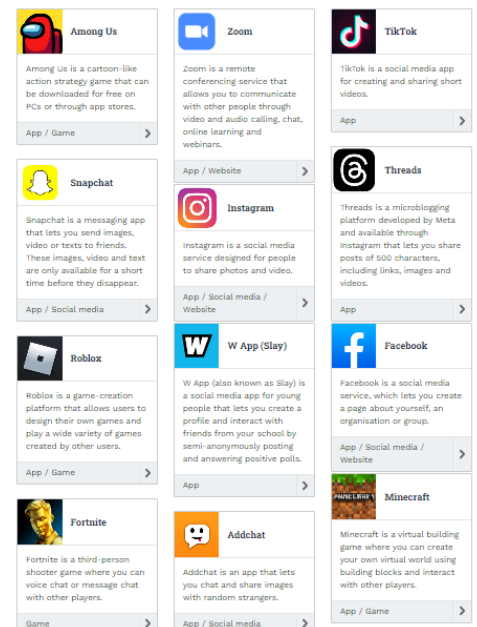
- Block your child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera, or the ability to buy things).
- Filter different kinds of content — such as 'adult' or sexual content, social media pages and pages with content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism.
- Limit who can communicate with your child, and manage the apps they can use to communicate with others.
- Allow you to monitor your child's use of connected devices, with reports on the sites they visit and the apps they use, how often and for how long.
- Set time limits, blocking access after a set time.
- If a device or program is shared by multiple members of your family, you should be able change the tool settings to reflect each user's age and skills.

Web browsers and search engines

Web browsers provide the door to the online world, and search engines are the way we explore that world. We all use search engines to find information online, and so do our kids, but with that open access comes the risk of seeing non-child friendly material.

Safe browsing tips

- Encourage younger children to always ask an adult before clicking on an 'Accept' or 'OK' button on a website, as sites may display messages or disclaimers that require a response.
- Help minimise the risk of your child accidentally coming across websites not intended for children by setting up bookmarks in their browser for sites you would like them to use.
- Keep devices that are used to consume adult content like pornography or violent content away from children. Where they must be shared with children, set up separate profiles with additional security measures, and consider using private browsing (sometimes called 'InPrivate' or 'Incognito' windows). Ensure all devices used by children are setup in this way, including devices that are used outside the family home, such as with grandparents.



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