



# 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 9 2024

Newsletter published  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Upcoming Dates

#### Week 10

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

**TSC Transition Day 1**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

**TSC Transition Day 2**

#### F2025 Transition Session 4

Full Day 9-3:30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Yr 3-6 Sailing**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Whole School Fun Day**

#### Week 11

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Growth Showcase**

From 4:30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Last Day of 2024**

2:30pm finish

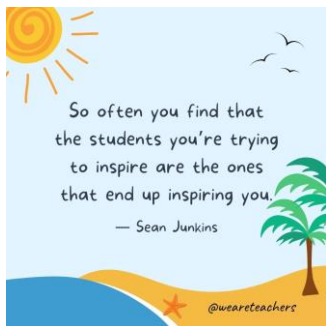
## Term 1 2025

#### Week 1

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**Students (F-6) Return to**

**School**



## From the Principal's pen...

Graduating from Primary School marks an important transition in every child's life. Three of our graduates, Billy, Ava, and Reuben, began their journey with us back in 2018. For Ivy, Olive, Aleysha, and Jacob, they joined us later, after moving to the Bellbridge/Bethanga area in 2021 and 2022. Although they came to us at different times, they've all become such an integral part of our school community that it feels like they've been with us from the start. Over the years, they have been taught by many wonderful educators, including Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Hamam, and Mrs. Baude. I've had the pleasure of teaching this group part-time every year since 2020, and I can genuinely say that it's been a joy. I've often joked that I'd fail them all just so they never leave!

What makes this group so special is their ability to be role models for others. They consistently show empathy and kindness, not only to their peers but also to younger students and staff. They form genuine, meaningful relationships, offer help when needed, and always know how to share a laugh. We wish our graduates, Billy, Ava, Reuben, Ivy, Jacob, Olive and Aleysha, you will always hold a special place in the heart of Bethanga Primary School, and you leave behind a legacy that inspires others to be their best, to take risks, to be kind, and to challenge themselves, even when it seems daunting.

As you embark on this next exciting chapter of your life, we wish you all the very best. Remember, no matter where life takes you, you will always have a place here at Bethanga Primary School.

Our graduates gave lovely speeches last night. Next week we will include their speeches along with Mrs Baude's in the newsletter.



Regards, Rach Saunders

## Staff changes for 2025

As you will be aware, our classrooms have swapped over in preparation for the new school year.

At the end of this year, we will sadly say good-bye to Mrs Barber and Mrs Grove 😞 We will acknowledge the contributions of these wonderful educators at our Growth Showcase in Week 11.

In 2025, we will welcome two new teachers to Bethanga. Miss Mills who will be our specialist teacher taught both classes yesterday to get to know students and Mrs Charleton will visit next week to meet student in Mudgee (including current year 2 students) ready for the new year.



Mrs Teresa Charleton  
Mudgee Thur & Fri

Miss Holly Mills  
Sport, Auslan & Creative



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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.

**Sylvie:** for the amazing work you have been doing in Maths. You are constantly asking questions to figure out what you don't understand. You have made so much progress and I am so proud of you. Keep up the great work.

**Ollie:** for trying so hard to focus and participate during learning time. You are answering so many questions during Maths... I am so proud of you! Keep it up.

**Olive:** for her patience and willingness to include everyone is shining through. She was inclusive of everyone in swimming last week, jumping in the pool with Hugo, and then helping him back to the edge, all while doing it safely and hanging onto the edge herself. Great job Olive!

**Amelia:** for being aware and trying her best to improve her handwriting in every session. You can see the improvement! Well done Amelia!



## **SPORTING SCHOOLS – Sailing**

We are so excited to be able to offer Sailing for our students in years 3-6 again this year. This program is always a favourite with students and is a wonderful way to not only learn new skills but also practice water safety in our local environment.

The dates and times for these sessions are:  
 WEEK 10 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-3pm  
 WEEK 11 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-3pm

Confirmation of Transport Arrangements will go home via uEducateUs next week.  
 Please ensure permission forms are all returned.

## Growth Showcase



As term 4 comes 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 16<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 – students have prepared some performance items they are super excited to share with you! After this, we will acknowledge achievements and contributions to our school community through awards and thank you's.

Mrs Hamam has been working with students preparing creative art pieces to share with us on the night – a note will go home shortly regarding props/accessories students need to organise to support this.

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



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Step Up - All Year 6 students who have chosen Tallangatta Secondary College as their secondary school visit the college for two days make Step Up into Year 7. Students also meet their Peer Support leaders on this day. The two dates are Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December.



WODONGA  
MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

9 DECEMBER - 13 DECEMBER 2024

Headstart Week for 2024 Year 7 Students.



## Albury High School

Ad Astra Per Aspera - To the Stars Through Troubled Ways

Orientation Day for Year 6 students attending Albury High School in 2025 will be held on Tuesday 3rd December from 9.30am-2.20pm. Parents will need to drop off and pick up students at the front entrance (Kiewa St) Students will have the opportunity to experience lessons in a variety of subject areas. It is hoped that these activities will provide students with a positive taste of high school life. Students are required to wear their Primary School uniform and because some lessons are conducted in practical classrooms, all students must wear enclosed shoes. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. Students will need to bring morning tea or money for the canteen, a drink bottle, a hat and a pen.

### Bethanga F2025 Transition



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

### **Bethanga Primary School 9-3:30pm**

You're a big kid now... Join us for a full day! Experience a session in the art room, literacy, numeracy and sport!

#### Notes for parents:

- Bring a water bottle, a piece of fresh fruit, a snack, lunch and hat.
- Students will be provided with a transition pack (contained in a personalised School Reader Folder) full of activities to get them excited about starting school in 2024. You'll also find some useful parent tip sheets inside.



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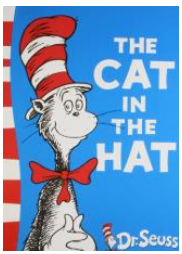
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# Mudgee

# POETRY

## Exploring Poetry

In Mudgee we are diving into our final writing genre for the year which is poetry. We are learning about poetry so that we can create simple poems focusing on rhyme, rhythm and imagery. We began our unit of learning by singing lots of familiar Nursery Rhymes and thinking about the rhyming words within them! This week we have started composing rhyming sentences using a different word ending each day. We were inspired by the Dr Seuss books in our classroom library this week and thought we might share some of our 'at' rhyming sentences with you. Here they are...

A cat and a bat went to have a chat with a funny old rat. The cat went splat and bat went flat and the rat ran away with the hat. The cat who went splat hid under a mat then a fat rat sat on the cat and the cat went splat! - Maggie F

The cat is on a mat with a rat. The cat is fat with a rat. The cat is wearing a hat. - Nick

A rat with a flat bat hit the off the cat's hat, splat! - Owen

A cat is chatting with a flat rat. The cat is sitting on a mat chatting to a fat rat. - Remi

A bat sat on a mat. A cat has a hat and a bat on his mat. A flat cat laid on a mat with a fat bat. At Bounce a flat cat bounced on a rat. - Ivy

A fat cat sat on a mat with a fat rat. Splat! The bat fell onto the mat with a hat to have a chat with the fat cat and rat. Then the bat with a hat flew over Jupiter and fell over flat! - Olivia B

That fat brat is looking at his cat. The cat is fat from eating a big rat. A bat was fat and sat on a mat. A bat went flat because he got hit by a bat. A fat cat went splat while wearing a hat next to a brat with a hat. - Jude

The girl went splat onto the mat and the cat laid down flat with a hat. The fat cat went splat on the mat and then laid down flat. A cat was flat because he got hit by a bat wearing a hat. The little cat sat on the mat with a hat and was playing with a bat. - Brianna

A brown cat what chatting with a rat. -Charlie

The cat sat on the mat. A fat cat wore a hat. Henry

Look at the cat. It has a hat. -Zach



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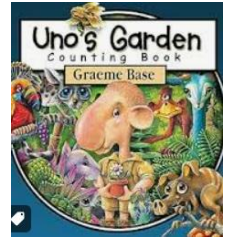
**Charlie**

*I take care  
of my  
friends*

**What makes me a  
good friend?**



**My Favourite Movie**



**My Favourite Book**

I don't know much about you, but 1 of the things I do know is that you have a great personality. Lucy

You are an amazing friend and a very funny person. Billy Bayliss

You're a super funny Mudgee, I'll miss you when I go to high school. Jacob

You're a funny person. Billy Blackburne

You are a kind and funny friend. Angus

You are a great foundie and friend to Maggie, Zach and Henry. Jude B

I love how you always give me hugs. Melody

You are a jumpy kid. Ollie

You have a big and kind heart. Hugo

You are very kind and funny. You always make me laugh. Amelia

You are very funny, and it is very amusing when you do the ning, ning thing. Sylvie

You are such a funny foundation. I love you kindness. Ava

Happy Bucket Filler Day. I think you are an amazing foundation. Aleysha

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Bucket Filler Day. I hope you have a great day. Everly

You are a great buddy, I'll miss you next year. Ivy L

You're very kind and your smile lights up the room. Hudson

You have a very bubbly personality. Parker

Your stories are very funny. Reuben

You are nice, caring and funny. Chase

Thank you for my bucket filler. Liv T

You are a good friend. And funny. Nick

You are the most cheekiest, funniest, curious little rascal. Olivia B

You are the kindest Foundation. Zach

You are a great Foundation. Happy Bucket Filler Day. Owen

You are my best Foundation. Maggie P

You are funny and a great friend. Remi

You are always smiling and happy. Happy bucket filler day. Brianna

You are a great Foundation. Jude

You are really kind to me every day. Ivy V

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Maggie F



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**Mrs Grove**



**What makes me a good friend?**



**My Favourite Movie**



**My Favourite Book**

Your teaching rocks. Hugo

You are a kind person. Billy Blackburne

You are a really great AUSLAN and sport teacher. Thank you! Ava

You're a great teacher, thank you for teaching me. Ivy L

You are a good teacher. Angus

You are the best AUSLAN and sport teacher. Melody

You have been a very good teacher. Amelia

You are an amazing teacher, I will miss you when I go to high school. Jacob

You are the best AUSLAN teacher I have ever met. Lucy

Happy Bucket Filler Day. I hope you have a great Christmas. Everly

You're a good teacher. Olive

You are the best teacher for P.E. Hudson

You're funny and you always have a smile on your face. Chase

You are a great sport and AUSLAN teacher. Reuben

I will miss you next year. Liv T

You were a great teacher and I will miss you next year. Ollie

You have been a wonderful teacher and very kind to Mudgee and Millewa. We will miss you next year. Sylvie

I love the way you teach Mudgee AUSLAN. Parker

You're a great sport, AUSLAN and health teacher. Billy Bayliss

I will miss you a lot next year because I love learning and sport with you. Brianna

I will miss you. You are a good sport teacher. Maggie F

I will miss you next year. You were the best teacher ever. Remi

I will miss you next year. Jude P

I will miss you next year. Nick

I will miss you next year because you are the best teacher ever. No offence other teachers. Olivia B

Happy Bucket Filler Day. Next year I'm going to miss you. Thank you so much for teaching me at Bethanga Primary School. Owen

You are the best teacher. Zach

You are a great Auslan teacher. Maggie P

You are the best teacher I ever met. Charlie

I love playing sport with you. I will miss you next year. Ivy V



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