Hi everyone,

Our adorable foundation students had a great start to school and are both happy and enthusiastic to be at school.

Last week we welcomed Eden to year 2 and today we welcome Jennoah to year 3, Brooke to year one and Alex to foundation. This makes our student population 48.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our first assembly last Thursday and we know that our new families will be warmly welcomed and looked after by families who have been with us previously.

Music begins today with Miss Briggs. Each class will have an hour and a half of music each week. Chelsea (previously our music teacher for 18 months) inspired us all and music brought such enjoyment and opportunities for our children. We hope that our budget will continue to allow us to provide music for years to come. I have been in contact with James who will teach piano and he has also indicated that he will teach guitar. He is waiting for his timetable from university before he can say on which day lessons will occur.

There is a slip going home today for anyone who would like piano lessons (but didn’t return the slip last year) and also guitar. Piano is $20 for a half hour lesson (one to one) but at yet I am not sure if James will run groups or individual lessons (this will probably depend on how much interest there is.)

Bluearth begins on 11th February and Cathryn is excited to be coming back.

We are off to Albury tomorrow. A request to our year 3-6 students to please bring an old pair of covered in shoes (e.g runners) which can be worn in the swimming activity. A plastic bag is advisable and please remember to bring a rash vest, t-shirt or long sleeved shirt which can be worn in the river.

If there is a parent in F-2 who would like to meet the F-2 and I at the museum tomorrow please send me a text (0419419928.)

Reading helpers would be greatly appreciated in the F-3 classrooms. Please see your child’s teacher if you are able to help. I will run an information session on how to prompt children to read on Wednesday 11th February from 2.30pm-3.30pm.

Good Manners - we have started the year with a focus on “good manners” and what this looks like through our words and actions. We will spend time as a whole school each Monday (following assembly) to focus on the qualities of a good person/friend and incorporate games from Wilson McCaskill. We all know you can’t win every game and that we need to develop strategies when things don’t go our way. Games are perfect for the development of these skills. I will provide more information on this wellbeing focus in next week’s newsletter. More information from www.playistheway.com.au.

Kind regards,

Deb
If you wish to insure your child payment of $15.00 must be paid by Monday 9th February

All excursion levies and ground levy (optional) is due by the 27th February

A uniform order form will go home and needs to be returned by Monday 9th Feb.

Hot Food Friday (obviously on Fridays) from the Bethanga Store:
Ham and salad wrap $4; 3 steamed dim sims $3; 4 steamed dim sims $4,
fish fingers and salad $4

Hats must be worn from September 1st to April 30th. Sunscreen is available for students to apply each day but it is advisable to apply sunscreen before coming to school. We are also encouraging students to wear sunglasses to school to protect their eyes and request that parents check to make sure the sunglasses are approved by the Skin Cancer Council.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle which can be topped up from our new filtered and chilled water dispenser (located in the art room.)

On very hot days - the art room will be open for students to play quiet board games in the cool.

School Council elections will occur in the first few weeks back and nomination forms are being sent home today. Please consider joining our school council.

Tissues - please donate a box of tissues if you can. Whilst colds are not yet upon us, we like to have a supply ready and waiting

Please don’t forget that our school is nut free!

A reminder to all children to please wash your hands after breakfast to prevent the chance of nut residue coming to school or getting on bus rails/seats. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this!

Bert is desperate for some assistance with our paver project and the tyre planters. Please give her a call on Thursdays or Fridays.

Succulents for the tyre planters. If you have been kindly putting away succulents for our garden then we would love them from Wednesday 11th February.

If there is a parent who is able to do some spraying around sheds and fence lines then we would love to hear from you. We can supply the round up and sprayer but just need the man or woman power. The grass really shot up after the rain and was mown again on the weekend but we really want to keep the grass down everywhere. This would need to be done after school or on a weekend when the children are not on site. Please see Deb if you can help.

Jumpers without owners: On the last day of term, I collected 5 jumpers. They have been washed and are on the desk in the office waiting for collection. If the jumpers are not claimed by Monday 9th February, they will be placed in the second hand clothing box.

Achievement Program: The next meeting for sharing of information and making an action plan for our school to become accredited in this program (which promotes health and wellbeing for our school) will be held at the Berringa Kinder on Wednesday 18th February at 6.p.m. Sue Reid is assisting us with the program and we are working in conjunction with Berringa Kinder and Talgarro Primary Schools. We would love a small group of parents to be involved so please contact Bert if you are interested.
## Coming up at Bethanga……..

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<td>Term 4</td>
<td>Tuesday October 20th to Friday 23rd</td>
<td>Year 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek</td>
<td>Please note that we are trying to organise our 5/6 camp to Canberra for the exact same week. Will be confirmed shortly.</td>
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*Details subject to change.*
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Phone: 6040 4450

Rumble Tumbles entertains the children and allow parents a place to be able to come and sit, read the paper, have a coffee and enjoy a bite to eat while the kids wear themselves out!

Party at Rumble Tumbles........ Rain, Hail or Shine, that peace of mind that your party is organised and hassle free is priceless.

OPENING TIMES:
Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 3.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4.30pm
NSW & VIC School Holidays
Monday to Sunday 9am to 4.30pm
Private parties available outside these hours by arrangement.
For further details Phone 6040 4450.

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