Hi everyone,

It was fantastic to see sixteen children from Bethanga attend the swimming carnival last Wednesday at the Albury Swim Centre. We also appreciated the assistance from Jo, Kelly and Shellee to transport children to and from the pool.

Baxter, Ella, Alex J, Casey, Mitchell, Alex S, Joe, Angus and Tahlia will now attend the next level to be held this coming Friday at Waves, Whitebox Rise, Wodonga. We wish you a fantastic day.

Last Tuesday we had our Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Uniting Care. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come along. Unfortunately I was so busy cooking pancakes that I forgot to take some photos!! Peter Schmidt (Grandad of Angus) arrived early and spent all morning slaving over a hot frying pan to help us - thanks Peter!

On Friday, our year 6 students were presented with their year 6 t-shirts from their foundation buddies.

School council nominations close at 4 pm today. Please make sure that your form is in—we are looking forward to increasing the size of our school council this year.

Included with this week’s newsletter is some information about the “Play is the Way,” program which we are using as the base for our whole school Monday emotional intelligence focus. Please read and come and see us if you would like to know more.

Alex Waldron shared some lovely sayings with us last week and I particularly liked this one:

"Throw kindness around you like confetti."

Have a lovely week!

BPS mission: To provide the students of Bethanga, Bellbridge and beyond with the best possible educational setting and programs which engage students with their individual needs and talents in order to reach their full academic and social potential.

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!
The Peninsular Cluster-Health and Well Being Group met on Wednesday 18th February at Talgarno Primary School. Sue Reid explained a few things to the new members. We are now looking for parental input in the form of a quick survey. We will use this information to plan and create our next move with this program. Please find attached this survey and an envelope. Please fill in the survey, place in the envelope and send back to school. We would like all surveys back by Tuesday 3rd March. It would be fantastic to have all families complete these so we can get an accurate picture of the school and so help us plan our next move. Many thanks to Shellee, Mel and Kerryn for joining this group. We really appreciate your help and ideas.

www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline is a fantastic website to check out some of the basic greetings which Ibu Tutti has been teaching our students. Ibu Tutti also sent home a sheet last week with basic greetings on it. Our students are loving learning another language and are putting our teachers to shame with their ability to quickly recall what we have been learning.

In music students have been learning about beat and rhythm. They have learnt to recognise Ta, Ti-ti and Za. This will help students read music. It was great to see the students writing these rhythms when they composed their own music this week.

MARC VAN returns this week. Students borrowed books from the MARC van (a fortnight ago) and they are stamped with Tawonga Primary School. Each class has a tub for MARC books so they can be returned to the box when you have finished reading them at home. Our 2/3 and 4/5/6 students are able to borrow from the mobile library. There is a white basket for returns to the mobile service (located in the office area.)

GYMKHANA tickets were sent home last week and are due back by March 20th. We did not have enough tickets for one per family unfortunately. For every ticket sold, we receive $2.00. Please return unsold tickets as well.

On the topic of Gymkhana, last year we had a stall which sold lucky dips and as well as a lucky dip for adults which were in jars or bottles (beverages, jams etc.) If you have any new or novel ideas for this year's stall then please let Jen know by next Monday as we will begin to get organised very soon.

BULBS, BULBS, BULBS!!! Are you a gardener??? Today each family will receive a bulb catalogue which will raise funds for school. Money and orders need to be returned by Wednesday 18th March and orders will be ready in the first week of term two — perfect planting time!!!

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

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

**THIS WEEK IS THE LAST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY SO PARTY PIES AND CHIPS (3 party pies) will be on the order for $4.**

Tissues - thanks to those families who have donated tissues. These will be greatly appreciated when colds weather begins.
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| 5    | 23rd Feb | School Council Nominations close  
      |       | Music with Miss Briggs  
      |       | Bank day  
      |       | Blueearth with Cathryn  
      |       | Indonesian with Ibu Tutti  
      |       | MARC DAY  
      |       | Bring books along  
      |       | RETURN MARC BOOKS PLEASE |
| 6    | 2nd March | Deb at Northern Network Principal meeting in Wangaratta (whole day).  
      |       | Madonna will take the F/1 class until 1.pm—then F/1 off to music  
      |       | Details closer to the date. |
| 7    | 12th March | SEED Day at Yackandandah football oval for years 3-6.  
      |       | |
| 8    | 18th March | Bulb Order forms and money to be returned  
      |       | Gymkhana Raffle Tickets and money due in  
      |       | |
| 9    | 27th March | End of Term 1  
      |       | Break up 2.30pm  
      |       | Bus leaves at 2.30pm  
      |       | |
| Term 2 wk.1 Prior to wk.3 | 13th April | First day Term 2  
      | 25th April | ANZAC Service at Bethanga Hall  
      |       | |
| Wk. 5 | Tuesday—Thurs. 14th | NAPLAN FOR YRS 3 AND 5  
      |       | |
| Term 3 | 14th August | School Photos  
      |       | |
| Term 4 | October 20th to Friday 23rd | Year 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek  
      |       | Please note that we are trying to organise our 5/6 camp to Canberra for the exact same week. Will be confirmed shortly. |
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