Hi everyone,

On Friday, Baxter, Ella, Alex J, Casey, Mitchell, Alex S, Joe and Tahlia attended the swimming carnival at Waves, Whitebox Rise. Congratulations to Joe, Alex S and Casey whose Relay team made it to the District Championships in Shepparton on Wednesday. Our Pancake Morning raised $105.00 for Uniting Care for their work with individuals and families in crisis.

We are pleased to announce that we have four new school councillors— Pete Arkins, Mel Carmody, Nicole Lucinsky and Franca Schmidt who will join Bruce Mitchell, Pete Wood and Steve Jones. A huge thanks to our retiring school councillor Craig Schmidt for his work over the past two years. We have one space on council which was not filled and would love for another parent to join us. If you are interested please phone school. We will accept the first parent to request so don’t miss out.

Tracey Woodhouse is helping us to get our Bluearth sponsorship drive under way (so that we can have Bluearth for 2016 and 2017.) Whilst this seems so far away, we need to start being pro-active now. We are asking parents if you would consider sending us some of your comments about how you view the program, benefits to your children, what your children are saying etc. We will type these and then add comments from our children along with photos and create a flyer which will be included along with a letter to businesses. We will also have our school added to a link on the Bluearth website where businesses and individuals will be able to donate. If you feel strongly about the benefits of the program please send comments along to school.

NIGHTLY READING: Please make sure that your child is reading his/her reader each night and that you are signing the diary. It is vital that our children are reading every day and talking about what they are reading. Each child who reads 175 nights over the year receives a free book at the end of the year as an incentive to make daily reading part of your child’s routine. A sheet of facts about reading is included in the newsletter today.

Have a lovely week!

Cheers,

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 personalised attention in order for our children 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. Health survey forms were attached to last week's newsletter (together with an envelope). All surveys need to be 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.

We are all greatly enjoying learning a new language at school and we hope that your children are sharing what they are learning in Indonesian with you. If you haven't checked out www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline, please make sure that you have a look. This is a fantastic website to check out some of the basic greetings which Ibu Tuti has been teaching our students. Ibu Tuti also sent home a sheet with basic greetings on it.

GYMKHANA tickets 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.

EASTER RAFFLE: We are now seeking donations for our Easter Raffle to make it bigger and better than ever! Donations can be sent along to school any time. If anyone is interested in selling tickets at the Bethanga Store on a Saturday morning please let Jen know.

BULBS, BULBS, BULBS!!! Are you a gardener?? Last week each family received 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!!!

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

VALUES:

AS PART OF THE WRITING OF OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2015-2018 WE HAVE REFLECTED ON OUR VALUES TO ENSURE THAT THEY ENCOMPASS EVERYTHING WE STAND FOR AT BETHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL. THERE IS A SEPARATE SHEET WITH OUR UPDATED/REMODELLED VALUES. PLEASE HAVE A READ AND SEND BACK ANY COMMENTS. THANKS SO MUCH!!!!!!
## Coming up at Bethanga…….

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