Hi everyone,

We hope you had a lovely long weekend! The weather is certainly very pleasant!

Vicki Swinnerton has kindly volunteered to fill the remaining spot on School Council which is fantastic. We now have eight parents (8 families) represented on council for 2015 which is a full quota and will provide us with lots of energy and ideas about how to make Bethanga Primary as effective as possible. Just a reminder to school council members that our meeting has been changed to Monday 23rd of March. The agenda will be sent home in the middle of next week.

We are preparing a flyer to send out to local businesses to seek sponsorship to enable our school to participate in Bluearth for 2016/2017. Last week we sought parent feedback about the benefits of this program. Please send your ideas along to school this week so we can collate them along with feedback from our staff and students.

On Thursday, a brand new luxury coach arrived at school much to the excitement of our students and staff. Cuss Buslines have purchased a new bus for our bus run and it is just beautiful! — air conditioned, seatbelts and a very comfortable interior. Mick took the whole school for a short ride and our students were most impressed.

A huge thank you to Ian and Tracey Cuss!

There is a page of photos included with this newsletter!

Have a lovely week!

Cheers,

Deb

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**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 appre-
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM: It is still not too late to return your health and wellbeing survey form. The Peninsular Cluster—Health and Well Being Group will meet again on Wednesday 18th of March at 5.30 at the Berringa Kinder in Bellbridge.

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. Next term we will have year eleven students from Wodonga Senior Secondary School come to school to work with our students in some Indonesian immersion activities. These students are studying Indonesian at VCE level and they will provide our students with additional experience with the Indonesian language and culture.

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

Guitar and piano lessons began last Friday much to the excitement of sixteen students who have chosen to have lessons with James. Friday went very well and we look forward to our students making beautiful music in the future!

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. LAST WEEK WE SENT HOME A SEPARATE SHEET WITH OUR UPDATED/REMODELLED VALUES. PLEASE HAVE A READ AND SEND BACK ANY COMMENTS. THANKS SO MUCH!!!!!!
BETHANGA PRIMARY WELCOMES THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRAND NEW CUSS BUS!
## Coming up at Bethanga……..

| WEEK | 2015 | | | |
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| 7 | Wednesday 11th March<br>Thursday 12th March | BANK DAY<br>SEED Day at Yackandandah football oval for years 3-6. | A NOTE WAS SENT HOME ON FRIDAY—PLEASE RETURN TOMORROW AT THE LATEST<br>Years F-2 will remain at school with Deb. The MARC van will attend school so please return books. | Can everyone please return books for the MARC van. |
| 8 | Wednesday 18th March<br>Friday 20th March | Bulb Order forms and money to be returned<br>Gymkhana Raffle Tickets and money due in | | |
| 9 | Monday 23rd March<br>Friday 27th March | School Council Annual General Meeting followed by ordinary School Council meeting | 5.45pm start<br>End of Term 1 | Break up 2.30pm<br>Bus leaves at 2.30pm |
| | EASTER SATURDAY BETHANGA GYMKHANA | OUR SCHOOL WILL HAVE A STALL—WE WOULD LOVE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US RUN THE STALL. | | |
| Term 2 wk.1 | Monday 13th April<br>Saturday 25th April | First day Term 2<br>ANZAC Service at Bethanga Hall | | |
| Wk. 5 | Tuesday 12th—Thurs. 14th | NAPLAN FOR YRS 3 AND 5 | | |
| Term 3 | Friday 14th August | School Photos | | |
| Term 4 | Tuesday 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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Phone: 6040 4450
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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.

ADVERTISING SPACES FOR SALE
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