Hi everyone,

This Friday is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and like last year, our school has pledged to be part of this day. Saturday is Harmony Day and on Friday we will receive the special Peace Sculpture (as unveiled at the Peace Ceremony in Albury last year,) to have at our school for all of next week. The Peace Sculpture is spending time in each school which has a Peace Flame.

Bullying is not accepted at our school and any reports of bullying—physical, emotional or cyber bullying is followed up immediately and processes followed to ensure that both the victim and the perpetrator are supported to ensure that it does not occur again. If you would like a copy of our anti bullying policy please contact the office.

On Friday we will have a whole school cross age activity similar to last year with a follow up sausage sizzle lunch at school. For this reason, there will be no hot food from the shop on Friday. Students will still need to bring their fruit, snack and water bottle to school as normal. If you do not wish your child to take part in the sausage sizzle, please send along their usual lunch.

Each Monday, we bring our whole school together to work on our emotional intelligence focus to equip our students pro-actively with skills to support them well past primary school. This weekly session is working extremely well and the beauty of having the whole school together builds relationships and support between our students. Please ask your children about what we have been doing.

We have attached a fridge magnet copy of the first concept that we have worked on which relates to the golden rule and importance of treating people the way you wish to be treated. It is such a simple concept yet so powerful!

The bullystoppers website is a fantastic place for resources for parents, students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns about this information or believe that bullying is occurring at our school and it is not being acted upon then I urge you to contact me immediately. The best way for schools to prevent bullying is by working together with open communication.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR BULB ORDERS BACK BY WEDNESDAY!

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!
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 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.**

**GYMKHANA tickets are due back by March 20th.**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** If anyone is interested in selling tickets at the Bethanga Store on a Saturday morning please let Jen know.

**NO HOT FOOD ON FRIDAY DUE TO OUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT SCHOOL!**

There is no cost for sausages. We will ask our students how many sausages they usually eat and use this information for ordering purposes.

**Fridge:** The fridge in the staff room has finally given up the ghost. If anyone has or knows of anyone who has a fridge tucked away in the shed that they are no longer using and would be happy to donate it to the school, we would be most grateful.

**Head Lice:** A case of head lice has been reported to school. Please remember to check your child’s hair on a regular basis. Please also remember that whichever form of treatment you use, you need to follow the instructions and treat more than once. A parent has also recommended the use of Moov Headlice Defence Spray or simply spraying hair with diluted tea tree oil in water. These are preventative though and can only be used in conjunction with proper treatment of outbreaks.
WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

- Our Easter raffle has three things in it. If you can assist by donating one item then it will make it look much more appealing. Thanks to those families who have already sent in a donation.

- Easter raffle tickets are being sent home today!

- At the Bethanga Gymkhana our school will have a stall selling lucky dips for children and lucky dips for adults. The adult lucky dips are in jars or bottles (sauces, jams, wine.) If you can donate a jar or bottle of something we would greatly appreciate it. Please send them along to school before the end of term.

- Parent feedback is being sought about our Blueearth program which can be added to a flyer to send out to businesses to seek their support in sponsoring our school for the 2016/2017 program. Please send along any comments and we will type them up for our brochure.
## Coming up at Bethanga……..

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