Hi everyone,

Some lovely feedback about the Anzac service from Judi Maynard of the Bethanga Action Group

“A big thank you to the students, staff and parents who attended our service. The beautiful wreaths made by the students and their excellent singing was enjoyed by all.”

Our years 3 to 6 students will attend the cross country at Willow park on Wednesday. Please remember to bring a change of warm clothes as the ground could be damp given the showers we are expecting tomorrow.

On Thursday we are having a casual day to raise money for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Children are encouraged to dress in the colours of the Nepalese flag (blue, red and white) and bring along a monetary donation. We will send the money to the Red Cross.

On Wednesday we have a group of parents who have volunteered to make some small gifts at school which our children will be able to purchase for Mum/Nan or a special friend for a gold coin (to cover costs.) All parents are welcome to help and the group will meet at 1pm at school.

Gifts will be on sale on Friday.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will take place for our years 3 and 5 students on 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Each of these assessments provide a snapshot of your child’s skills on one day and need to be considered in conjunction with the wealth of information we already have at school. A pamphlet is being sent home to families of years 3 and 5. If you have any questions please give us a call at school.

NEEDED URGENTLY: Nail polish and newspapers to assist with the making of mother’s day gifts and also any boxes, containers for use in the art room.

A new service for Fridays during this term will see our junior school council members selling cups of hot milo at recess for $1.

Have a lovely week everyone and good luck to our cross country runners on Wednesday!

Cheers

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson
A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS.....

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

In week 3 this was awarded to Jennoah for his positive attitude towards all musical activities. Jennoah is always keen to demonstrate what he has learnt and loves performing for the class.

Bank Days for Term 2: Wednesday 13th May; Wednesday 27th May; Wednesday 10th June; Wednesday 24th June.

Mobile Library Days for Term 2: Thursday 7th May; Thursday 4th June

At school council we approved our remaining curriculum days which are:

握手 Friday 29th May - Ross, Kristen, Bert and I will travel to Melbourne to take part in a one day professional learning with Wilson McCaskill (whose work we are using to underpin our teaching of emotional intelligence focus.)
握手 Thursday 4th June: Report writing
握手 Friday 4th December for 2016 planning (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE FROM 10TH DEC. AS THIS DAY FELL DURING OUR SWIMMING WEEK.)
握手 Bunnings sent out an email to say all stores are running a make something for Mum night on 7th May from 6pm to 8pm. Check out their website to book.
握手 Positive Parenting telephone service flyer included today
握手 Information about defibrillator training coming up sent home
握手 Helen Allen our department school nurse will complete hearing and sight assessments for our foundation students as per the forms sent home last term.

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!
## Coming up at Bethanga……..

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<td>There will be a change to the proposed pupil free day for 10th due to swimming. More details to come.</td>
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A huge thank you to Streets for kindly donating two boxes of ice creams to the school. The children certainly enjoyed the special treat.

Thank you!

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