Dear students, parents and extended community,

We have so much wonderful news about our amazing little school that we have decided to print on A3 (double size front page) just for this week.

Where to start?

😊 **Eisteddfod:** We took our fantastic choir to the Albury performing arts centre where they competed in the section for schools with 150 students or less. We came second to Trinity Wodonga with only one point between first and second. Well done to all our singers and Miriam.

😊 **Bluearth for 2016/2017:** We are so appreciative of the kindness from MILSPEC Manufacturing who have part funded our Bluearth program over the past two years. Whilst the program comes to an end this year—Wendy and David Cooper of MILSPEC have generously signed up again for the next two years. Our children love this program and benefit immensely from both the skills and language developed from the sessions. The whole concept of “self umpiring,” is a Bluearth term we now use throughout each day! We created a book of student reflections/gratitude for Wendy and David and dropped this off on Thursday on our return from Albury. We hope to host Wendy and David for a visit on a Bluearth day at school.

😊 **Miss Guymer** attended the Arts Festival meeting on Thursday and returned with the news that Charlotte Mitchell’s cover design for the festival program has made it through to the final six. The designs now go to the printer for the final decision based on the one being the most effective copy to print. Great work Charlotte!

😊 **Bob and Duncan from the Bethanga Men’s Shed** have visited school to look at our shelving issue in the art room and will modify it for us later this term. We are very grateful for this help.

😊 **Winter Sports on Friday** took place in beautiful sunshine. Miss Guymer and Mr H were impressed with the persistence of our netballers and footballers. By all accounts—the footy was a mudbath! Ross and Kristen both commented on the amazing support from families who were able to pop in to support the teams. More photos later in this edition.

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.
Cathryn is back fortnightly as part of our Sporting Schools funding. This term will focus on throwing and catching skills as well as self umpiring and exercising self control.

Today the choir went over to sing for Mrs Pearce at her house (across the road from school.) This was a lovely experience for everyone involved and has made me think that it is time for us to invite community and families into school again very soon!

Bethanga Bear is complete with all his symbols to remind us of what it means to be part of the Bethanga Primary school community. Ask your child about these and what they mean for all of us with respect to our words and actions.

We have a plethora of happy children who endeavour to use the golden rule each day. On Friday as I wandered around in the sunshine I came across Alex, Izzy and Marnie. They were making pies and cupcakes from dirt and water (transported in a drink bottle) and were having a lovely time using their imagination. It’s the simple things in life that often give the most pleasure...

and on that note...... have an amazing week!!!

Don’t forget that we would love to see you at our tree planting on Friday and stay glued to the television tomorrow night to see Mr H on Million Dollar Minute (5.30pm on channel 7.)
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

Week 2:
In week two our musician of the week was Shania Gale. Shania was attentive and enthusiastic throughout the whole class. She put up her hand many times to answer questions and to offer suggestions for improvements to our Arts Festival performance. Well Done Shania!

Week 3:
In week three music classes did not run as usual because our choir performed at the Eisteddfod. I was very proud of the Choir's performance at the eisteddfod and Beau Gale was chosen as musician of the week. His behaviour was exemplary throughout the excursion. Beau demonstrated manners and patience. I was most impressed by the way he respectfully listened to all the other choirs during their performance. Well Done Beau!

Bank Days for Term 3: Wednesday 5th August; Wednesday 19th August; Wednesday 2nd September; Wednesday 16th September

Head Lice: Please continue to check your child's hair regularly. Another check will be held in a few weeks.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN: You will receive one sticker for every $10 you spend (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards.) Place the stickers on a sticker sheet and place the completed sheet in the collection box at school. At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some new equipment. If you would like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn. Please note that if you shop elsewhere for your groceries then please continue to do so but if you usually shop at Safeway/Woolworths then please pick up the stickers on the way out. We have a collection box for stickers at Safeway Albury, Tharoga and also the Bethanga Store.

PHOTOS: Don't forget Friday 14th August: our school photos will be taken on this day.

HELP WANTED:
Bert is at it again! You have seen the beautiful tyres in the garden at the front of the 4/5/6 class and you will have heard about the poppies which have been fashioned from clay awaiting a special place in our garden. What is she planning now???
If anyone has any old wheel hub caps (or see some homeless on the side of the road) can you please send them along to school? Bert has a plan for them!!!!

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!
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| 4 | Wednesday 5th August  
Friday 7th August | School Banking  
Tree planting along Martins Road with the Towong Shire | Note home later this week! |
| 5 | Friday 14th August | School Photos | Please return envelope on the day of photos. |
| **Term 4** | |
| Wk. 1 | Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th October | Canberra Excursion for years 5/6 | Please feel free to make regular payments at the office or via direct debit to save all the cost at the last minute. Payments will need to be finalised by the last week of term three. |
| Wk. 3 | Tuesday October 20th to Friday 23rd October | Year 3/4 camp to 15 Mile Creek  
Cost is $150 for three nights!  
This camp is amazing value! | Information has been sent home. As for the 5/6 camp—regular payments can be made at the office or via direct debit. |
| Wk. 9 | Thursday 3rd December  
**Friday 4th December** | Year 6 Graduation at Café Borella’s  
**Curriculum Day—2016 PLANNING PUPIL FREE** | Date now set!  
**NO SCHOOL—PUPIL FREE** |
| Wk.11 | Friday 18th December | Last day of school for 2015 | Dismiss at 2.30pm |
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