Dear students, parents and extended community,

We had a lovely graduation ceremony last Thursday night at Café Borella’s. Our MC - Mr H. shared personal anecdotes about our six graduates - Alex, Ben, Charlotte, Mitch, Shania and Tahlia to which the students responded with a speech. We were impressed by the depth of reflection and maturity in the speeches and the evening was both celebratory and emotional. We thank our year 6’s for their contributions and wish them much success and happiness in their future. Charlotte and Mitch are off to Tallangatta Secondary, Alex, Shania and Tahlia to Wodonga Middle Years and Ben will return with his family to Queensland.

Thanks to everyone who was able to come along to Carols last night - the students sounded fantastic and appreciations to Miriam for giving up her time to come out to Bellbridge to make sure the songs went smoothly.

Tomorrow our 2016 foundation students (Daniel, Jack and Callum) will spend the whole day with us. All other year levels will move up to their next class.

We have our concert and mini awards night on Wednesday evening beginning at 7.15. We do plan to be outside at school but will wait to see what the BOM predicts and will move into our senior classroom if necessary. There will be a sausage sizzle beginning at 6.30pm - please make sure your orders are in by 9.am tomorrow at the latest. Please bring chairs if you have them.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION WAS SENT HOME LAST WEEK - PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS RETURNED TOMORROW

- Wednesday December 9th—Mini concert and awards night for whole school at 7.15pm. Sausage sizzle at 6.30pm
- Tuesday 15th December: Volunteers’ morning tea beginning at 11.am: An invitation is being sent home tomorrow to helpers and volunteers and we hope you can make it to our thank you morning tea.

Have a wonderful week!

Deb
A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS......

Can you help with watering over the holidays?

I am hoping that a few families might be able to help with watering so I don’t have to drive out to school every few days. A watering roster request was attached to last week’s newsletter and if you can help out with one week (perhaps two waters during your week) that would be fantastic. Hoses will be set up and it won’t be an onerous task.

Many thanks, Deb

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

In week 10 our Musician of the week was Isabelle Blackburne. Isabelle has made a great effort to learn all the lyrics to the Christmas songs. Isabelle remembered the actions when performing at the carols on Sunday night. Well done Izzy!

Head Lice: Please continue to check your child’s hair regularly. We have had a report of head-lice so please be vigilant!

Christmas Raffle: The Commercial Club Albury has generously donated a $300 voucher to be used at the club of which we are incredibly appreciative. Harvey Norman have donated the queen sized quilt/candle and Safeway Thurgoona have provided two baskets of goodies. Thanks to these generous businesses! The raffle will be drawn at our concert and tickets will be on sale prior to draw. Please make sure you have your tickets back to school by tomorrow.

Painting with Mrs Wood: On Wednesday, the 4/5/6 class will be painting hubcaps. In order to participate each child will need to bring old clothes to protect his/her uniform. Clothes can be brought to school prior to Wednesday so you don’t miss out!

Please also remember that our school is nut free!

Thank you!
Congratulations to Regan Mitchell who came 2nd in the F-2 Art competition.

Here is a photo of Regan being presented with her prize from Lyn Lang (Community Services Manager - Tallangatta Health Service). Well done Regan.
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Fees for 2016 are as follows:

**Book packs** (these provide essential education items eg stationary, reading diary, USB (4/5/6)): $50.00 per child - the book pack money needs to be paid at the start of the year to enable your child to receive their pack.

**Excursion Levy:**
- F-2 $80.00
- 3-6 $160.00

Please note: We have maintained the 2015 cost.

A detailed list of excursions included in the levy will be sent home as soon as possible.

**Student Insurance (optional):** At Bethanga Primary School we offer a Total School Cover Double Benefits Insurance option for all children at a cost of $15.00 per child. Total School Care is a Personal injury & Accident Protection Plan specifically designed for Australian Schools. It offers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week protection for all students, anywhere in the world, and covers all common incidents from broken teeth to broken bones and much more. A Schedule of Benefits is attached for your information. If you require any further information, please contact Jen on Monday or Tuesday.

*If you wish to accept this offer, payment will need to be made when you collect your book packs at the beginning of the year.*

**Ground Maintenance Levy (optional):** $50.00 per family - this levy helps with the mowing of school grounds.

Our Parent Payment Policy is attached to the newsletter.
## Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

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