Dear families and extended community members,

We had a huge response to our pancake breakfast last Tuesday. I believe that we made well over one hundred pancakes. We raised $135.70 for Uniting Care and thank everyone who came along.

Please see more photos later in the newsletter!

Just a reminder that nomination forms for school council are due back by 4pm on Monday 22nd February 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out more about how a school functions behind the scenes and gives you a chance to represent the whole of our parent community and have a say in various areas. We have included a handout about the roles and functions of a school council for parents who may be interested in this extra information.

Talgarno Primary school spent the day with us last Thursday. Talgarno students had their MARC van session with our students as well as Indonesian and other learning tasks (Movies were made in the 2/3 class about friendship!). Both schools enjoyed the chance to spend time together and it was lovely to walk around the yard and see students interacting in such a positive and happy manner. We hope to see Talgarno at our school each fortnight on our MARC day.

We received an email from Bunnings on Friday to say that we have been allocated May 22nd to run the barbecue at the Wodonga Bunnings store—this will be a fantastic fundraiser for our school so please put this date in your diary and come along to cook (or purchase) a sausage.

Next week, families are offered the opportunity to have an informal chat about how your child has settled into school for 2016. An interview booking sheet will be sent home tomorrow once staff have confirmed availability on the system. Informal chats go for ten minutes and will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of next week. Staff however, will not be available on all three days due to other commitments e.g I am in Wangaratta on Thursday.

Next Monday 22nd February, a number of our students will compete in the NERSSA (North East Rural Schools Sporting Association) swim trials at the Albury Pool. Thanks to those parents who have offered to car pool our students into town (taking a large bus is not cost effective for smaller numbers.) Mr Hogan will send out more information during the week.

Good luck to our swimmers!!!

Have an amazing week.

Cheers

[Signature]

Deb

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- 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.
A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS......

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** In next week's newsletter

**Shop Rules:**
1. Items must remain in their original shop and not be removed
2. Be your own boss. Don’t boss others
3. Remember, it is more about "we” and less about "me”

**A message from Jen:**

please remember to pay your excursion fees by the end of February.

**Newsletter Attachments:**
The following newsletter attachments were due back last Monday and are now late. Please return by tomorrow at the latest as chasing up forms takes us away from other vital work.
1. Bus Travellers Agreement (yellow)
2. Head Lice Inspection permission form (pink)
3. Photo/Video/Website permission form (mauve)
4. Bethanga Walking Excursions permission form (light blue)
5. School Council Nomination forms (green)
6. Camps Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) application form (orange) - If you hold a valid concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. The benefit is $125.00 per child and is payable to the school to go towards excursion and camp costs.

**School Banking Dates:** Wednesday 24th February; Wednesday 9th March; Wednesday 23rd March

**School Banking Reminder**

Don’t forget that **Wednesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their savings for collection.

When you have 8 Hume coin stickers on your savings chart collect your prize at any Hume Bank branch at the end of each term.

To learn more about money go to: humebank.com.au/juniorsaversclub

Items and conditions apply. Eligible students must have a Clancy Koala account during the period of the Competition and be aged 11 years or under at 30 June 2016. To be able to participate in the competition participants must register on Hume’s website www.humebank.com.au. Minimum deposit amount is $1 and you are only entitled to a maximum of one sticker per week. Once 8 or more Hume coin stickers have been collected in one term on Clancy’s Saving Chart they are eligible to claim a prize at any Hume branch (refer to www.humebank.com.au for scheduled prize dates). Terms and conditions are available at www.humebank.com.au and from all Hume branches LP/51/16/06191 Hume Bank Limited ABN 85 035 1696 026 ARSFL No. 244245

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!**

Thank you!
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<td>Monday 15th February - Wednesday 17th February</td>
<td>POSTPONED TO 22nd February Responsible Pet Owners Program No school for Foundation students</td>
<td>School council Visitor to school</td>
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<td>Week 5</td>
<td>Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th February</td>
<td>School Council—new date Swim Trials at Albury Pool LET'S MEET - INFORMAL CHAT ABOUT HOW YOUR CHILD HAS SETTLED INTO YEAR No school for Foundation students Deb at area Network meeting for Principals</td>
<td>5.45pm start Info has been sent home F/1's will have Bert for one session followed by Indonesian and MARC van.</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Monday 29th February - Friday 4th March</td>
<td>First full week for foundations!!! Red Balloon Day - last official day of summer. Fly a red balloon to say thanks to our fire fighters Deb at Corryon/Tallangatta Cluster principals' meeting at Tallangatta Secondary College.</td>
<td>For students who make it through from NERSSA sports</td>
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<td>Sovereign Hill Camp for 5/6 students. Deposit paid last year to secure place</td>
<td>More information coming as we receive it from organising school Tallangatta Primary</td>
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<td>ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT BETHANGA HALL Our students will sing and lay wreaths</td>
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