Principal’s Column

What an amazing start to term 2 it has been! Thank you to all students and parents who have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome. I really am feeling at home at Bethanga, I love walking around seeing, not only smiley faces and engaged learners but also all of the EQ (Emotional Intelligence) language on display through posters and students work.

EQ is something I am very passionate about; teaching the whole child - encompassing hearts, minds and hands is vital for success in an ever-changing world. I know EQ is something Deb Bowman also highly valued and I look forward to continuing the development of a whole school EQ curriculum at Bethanga. As the term progresses, I hope to share more of our EQ journey with our parent body, and build a community level commitment to the purpose and benefits of explicitly teaching and modeling Emotional Intelligence understandings and strategies as a means to supporting personal growth and opportunities for success.

So what is EQ?

At Bethanga Primary School, the golden rule is to treat others the way we want to be treated - the YALE School of Emotional Intelligence use the acronym RULER to outline what EQ is -

R  Recognise emotions
U  Understand emotions
L  Label emotions
E  Express emotions
R  Regulate emotions

Commencing this week, each newsletter will include a section titled ‘EQ Speak of the Week’ this will include EQ words of wisdom that can be used to generate family discussion around what the saying means - what it means for your family and your children as students of Bethanga Primary School.

Have a fabulous week 2 and I look forward to seeing you at our Athletics Carnival on Friday. Kind Regards, Rachel

EQ Speak of the Week

‘To only participate in things you’re good at, is to miss all the benefits of participating in things that are good for you’ Wilson McCaskill

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 11th May; Wednesday 25th May; Wednesday 8th June; Wednesday 22nd June
Athletics Day

Thank you so much to Miss Kristen Guymer who has worked tirelessly as part of a committee to ensure everything is organised for athletics day this Friday (22nd April) at Alexander Park. Along with the fabulous athletics coaching from Sophy through Sporting School in term 1, students have continued to practise in term 2 ensuring they are ready to give 100% effort on the big day. If you are available, we would love to have families meet us there to support our students. We will travel by bus to Alexander Park with events kicking off at approximately 10am and finishing at 2:15pm.

ANZAC Wreaths

Students will work together on Wednesday 20th April to hand-make a wreath to be laid at the official Bethanga ceremony on ANZAC Day, if there are any parents available to assist with this in the afternoon - your help would be greatly appreciated... many hands make light work!!

ANZAC Day

As has been the case in previous years, the students and families of Bethanga Primary are invited to attend the ANZAC service conducted at the Bethanga Soldiers Memorial Hall gates at 8.15am followed by morning tea in the hall Monday 25th April. It is asked that all students dress in full school uniform.

Centenary of ANZACS ceremony

The Gallipoli Oak Project has seen 650 schools throughout Victoria presented with a seedling propagated from an acorn originally from Gallipoli. Our seedling is due to arrive early this week, the significance of this tree will be recognised at a planting ceremony held Wednesday 27th April at 9am at school. At this ceremony we will also unveil the amazing ‘Lest We Forget’ ceramic/wood/wire poppy sculpture created by students of Bethanga with the support of Mrs Elizabeth Woods. It is a great honour for our school to have both a Gallipoli Oak and Sculpture to recognise and remember the contributions made by ANZACS over the last century. Our official guests of honour will be past students of Bethanga Primary School Mr Max Mitchell (class of 1946) and Mrs Jeanine Pearce (class of 1945) All families as well as the wider community are invited to join us on this special occasion.

Working Bee – SUNDAY 1ST MAY

We have such a beautiful school and grounds, it’s so important that we work together to maintain/improve them. Being a small school, we do not have a grounds person who can do this on a regular basis, so we truly appreciate any contributions parents and families can make through working bees.

As we have so much on in the coming month, we will combine the working bee with the previously mentioned ‘Meet and Greet BBQ’ come along to not only contribute to improving the grounds but also to christen the new BBQ and get to know each other. The list of jobs we get through will be dependent on level of support, can you please notify us on the slip attached your involvement at the working bee (this will also assist with catering).

Bunnings BBQ

What’s a trip to Bunnings without a sausage in bread? Bethanga has secured a date for a BBQ at the Wodonga store on Sunday 22nd May from 8:30am-4pm. This is a terrific opportunity to raise funds for the school however we require support from families to make it happen. Can you please indicate on the attached slip when you are available to help – only an indication is required and then a confirmed roster will go out once finalised.

Reading Helpers

Practising to read every day is vital for students to develop fluency, comprehension and enjoyment in reading. Although it is expected that all students will read as part of their home routine, extra practise is extremely valuable. Now that it is term 2 and students have settled into the routines of school, I am hoping to have some parent’s support 1:1 reading in the classroom. If you are available for 30 min – 1 hour once a week or more, could you please see me ASAP. Once I have the names of volunteers, I will run a short Parent Helper Information Session before we commence a rostered parent helper program in week 4.
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

Congratulations to Casey Mitchell, our musician of the week in Week 1. Casey is an attentive listener and this has helped her improve rhythm and drumming skills. Casey can perform new rhythms tum-ti and tika ti. She demonstrated her co-ordination when she played a rock beat on the drum kit. She also won a game of pass the beat. Well done Casey!

ANZAC Appeal: Items for sale include:

- ANZAC badges (3 styles) $1; $2; and $5
- ANZAC Wristbands $3
- ANZAC Key tags $4
- ANZAC Pens $5

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

Thank you!
Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

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| **Week 2** | **Wednesday 20th April**  
**Friday 22nd April**  
**ANZAC Wreath making**  
**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
**All parents welcome**  
**Alexandra Park F-6** |
| **Week 3** | **Monday 25th April**  
**Wednesday 27th April**  
**Sunday 1st May**  
**ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT BETHANGA HALL**  
**Centenary of ANZACS ceremony**  
**Working bee/meet and greet**  
**Our students will sing and lay wreaths**  
**Planting of Gallipoli Oak 9am** |
| **Week 5** | **Wednesday 11th May**  
**School Banking** |
| **Week 6** | **Sunday 22nd May**  
**Bunnings BBQ**  
**Helpers needed** |
| **Week 9** | **Monday 6th June**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**5.45pm** |

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| **Week 1** | **Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th July**  
**Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek) camp**  
**Year 3/4 students** |
| **Week 3** | **Wednesday 27th July**  
**Friday 29th July**  
**Indonesian Day at Tallangatta**  
**Winter Sports for years 3-6**  
**Wodonga** |

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Parent Information Evening for prospective 2017 Year 7 students
Tallangatta Secondary College
Tuesday 19th April 2016
6pm – 7.30pm
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