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Principal– Rachel Saunders

Happy Birthday! April
1st - Cameron
19th - Harper
28th - Joe

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.

Principal’s Column
The last week has been such a busy one for us at Bethanga! The sun was shining and everyone smiling at the Athletics Carnival on Friday. So heartwarming to see all students participating and putting effort in to what they were doing... no matter the result! The juniors enjoyed an array of activities which were organized by our own Miss Kristen Guymer. Thank you Miss Guymer for all of your effort, it made the day run very smoothly. Another observation that needs acknowledging is the wonderful sportsmanship our students demonstrated - they congratulated other participants, helped others when they fell, cheered on students from other schools and thanked helpers and officials... feedback which was given to me by staff from other schools who were impressed both with our students sportsmanship and preparedness for the events... something as a Principal that I was extremely proud of.

Anzac Day has always been a special day for myself and my family. We have many traditions including the Dawn Service, family breakfast together and then the March. Yesterday saw me commence a new Anzac Day tradition - attending the Bethanga Service with our staff and students. The service was touching, a beautiful blend of song and spoken word, of history and the relevance of the day today and into the future. It was made even more special looking at the 20 Bethanga Primary students standing proudly and thoughtfully placing the wreaths that each had had a hand in making. Thank you to those families that made it possible for their children to attend. Your efforts are appreciated.

Tomorrow we will have another special ceremony taking place. We will officially plant our Gallipoli Oak as well as unveil the beautiful 'Lest We Forget' sculpture made by our students with the support of Mrs Wood. I would like to extend an invitation to all families, friends and the wider community to attend this service which will commence at approximately 9:10am.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy week! Rachel

EQ Speak of the Week
"Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another." - Alfred Adler

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 11th May; Wednesday 25th May; Wednesday 8th June; Wednesday 22nd June
EQ Focus this week.
Each week we will have a whole school focus. This will be explored through a whole school EQ session as well as further activities in the classrooms. This week we are focusing on Empathy.

What is Empathy?
Empathy is trying to understand what another person is feeling. It is seeing the world through another’s eyes. It helps people to get along better and to feel better.

Having empathy is a key ingredient to becoming the best person you can be. You can practice empathy by:

- listening to someone rather than trying to talk to them
- asking someone how they are feeling if you think there is something wrong
- learning about people from different backgrounds and cultures
- showing concern and care for others
- paying attention to the needs of others
- getting to know someone better instead of judging them

Working Bee and Meet & Greet BBQ
It’s hard to believe this weekend will see the calendar flip to May!! Sunday 1st May will see myself and many others getting together at a working bee and wrapping up with a BBQ (christening the new BBQ!) If you are available, even if it is only for an hour – please come along. There are many jobs big and small to be completed and of course many hands make light work! Thank you to all of the families who returned the slip in last weeks newsletter – if you didn’t but you do intend on coming along, please let me know so I can ensure we cater for all of those in attendance.

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 slip sent home last week 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 practice 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.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!
Thank you!
ATHLETIC SPORTS
### Term 2 2016

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