Please note that the school assembly will be held tomorrow as Years 3-6 will be attending the Cross Country on Wednesday.

NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 students

These pen and paper tests will be administered to all students in Years 3 and 5 from May 10th to May 12th. NAPLAN assesses skills in reading, writing, spelling, numeracy and grammar and punctuation. Parents receive a NAPLAN report in September outlining how their children performed on these tests.

There are a few points of caution when assessing these reports. Firstly, student results are not known for quite a while, which means that significant progress is made between the test date and the time when reports are given out. Secondly, this is a snap-shot view of your child's skills on a particular day. Thirdly, there is no context of student progress with NAPLAN results. The best indication of student progress is for parents to always speak with their child's teacher.

Our teachers use a variety of assessment tools to form an overall viewpoint of student progress. By using a variety of assessment tools, we gain a broader understanding of student strengths and areas for future improvement.

If you believe that your child would suffer unnecessary stress by participating in NAPLAN, they can be withdrawn in one or all assessments. If you are considering withdrawing your child, please contact me ASAP as there is a formal withdrawal form that is required to be filled out prior to NAPLAN week.

Thursday 5th May - Bunnings Wodonga 5:30pm - 7:30pm - Free Mother's day Family night! Jumping castle, face painting, popcorn machine, Kids DIYs-Bracelets for mum and mother’s day cards, Mum’s DIY-Bracelet holders, Prizes, games. Light refreshments - Hot dogs or fruit and drinks Bookings essential, cut off time for booking is Thursday 5/5/16 at 11am.

Year 6 students

Last week, year six students received a 6/7 transition pack. Part of this pack is an ‘Application for Year 7 Placement’ can parents please fill out these forms and return them to me no later than Friday to assist transition planning.
Bethanga Bunnings BBQ  Sunday 22nd May

Below is the roster so far for the Bunnings BBQ. Ideally I would like to have 4 people on each time slot. If you are able to fill one or more of the blank time slots can you please let me know asap.

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This Sunday we will celebrate Mothers Day. A wonderful time to recognise Mothers and Others who love, care and support us. This Thursday, 5th May we will hold a Mother’s Day stall at school from 2:30pm. All gifts have been purchased from Op Shops and are in excellent, as new condition (hand picked by me!). By doing this, our students not only have something thoughtfully picked for Mum on Mother’s Day, but their gift is also having a wider impact helping others through Vinnie’s and Unicef. All gifts will cost $5 each, students can purchase a maximum of two gifts; Therefore we ask that students bring no more than $10 to school for the stall. Funds raised from the Mother’s Day Stall will go towards the purchase of a leaf blower... an essential item at this time of the year not only to tidy the yard but to ensure we avoid slips and falls on leaves.

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:
No musician of the week as Miriam is absent today

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!
Thank you!
Last Wednesday we held the official unveiling of our Lest We Forget Sculpture as well as planting our long awaited Gallipoli Oak. It was a wonderful ceremony attended by parents both past and present as well as other community members. Over time we hope to further develop this area to become an ‘ANZAC garden’ with its own garden bed. Thank you so much to Elizabeth Wood, Michael Wood and Susanne Watkins who volunteered so much time to prepare and install the sculpture. Thank you also to Alisi who has since put a protective guard around the seedling to protect it and ensure it thrives. Thank you again to Max Mitchell and Jeanine Pearce who made the ceremony even more significant as past students with current ties to the school.
Working Bee

What an amazingly productive day we had yesterday! In fact we were all so busy working, I forgot to take photos of everyone hard at it! The transformation of the front garden is epic! The covered area now gets the sun and we uncovered a plaque commemorating 150 years of Education at Bethanga placed in the garden on a rock in 2002!

Along with the two huge garden beds at the front of the school, we now also have a fully planted winter veggie patch and spruced up chook pen with 5 chooks!! Over the next week we will work with students to name our chickens and rotate the care of them. Thank you so much to Pete Arkins & Katrina Becker, Tracey Woodhouse, Manny Walch, Kelby Eddington, Chloe Southern, Dave Elder, Robin Neilson, Kristen Guymer, Elizabeth Woods, Alisi & Teyha Livi-Livi all (hopefully I haven't left anyone off the list!) who gave up time and contributed hugely to the improvement of our school grounds... Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Hopefully before the end of the term, we will hold a 'Paint and Plant' day. It was recognised at the working bee that the pine slats near the junior building need to be painted to protect the wood, ideally before Winter when they will be exposed to regular moisture. The 'plant' element will entail planting out the newly stripped gardens! It would be lovely to fill with native plants and shrubs but ideally some with some colour... kangaroo paw for example. If you or someone you know has any plants that you could kindly donate, please either speak to me or bring to school in pots that we can tend to in the greenhouse until planting day.
This Wednesday, students from year 3-6 will travel by bus to Willow Park to compete in the Cross Country. The bus will leave right on 9am so that we are able to pick up students from Talgarno on the way.

**THE CROSS COUNTRY IS A COMPULSORY COMPONENT OF THE SPORT PROGRAM THEREFORE ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE UNLESS THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF ILLNESS OR INJURY**

Students are required to bring their own lunch or a lunch pack can be purchased. The lunch pack includes:

HOT DOG IN A ROLL, PRIMA, FRUIT - An apple, banana or mandarin Each pack will cost $5 (Extra Hot Dogs - $3.00 each) Could families please fill out the catering form so that I can inform Middle Indigo who will be providing the catering.

**Bethanga Primary School Community Directory.**

I am wanting to compile a Bethanga Primary 'yellow pages' of sorts! It would be a community directory outlining the skills, interests and equipment that parents of Bethanga have that could be utilised to support our students both academically and by improving the grounds in which they play and learn. Your skills may be a particular skill/trade through work eg. electrician, plumber, arborist, line marker, web designer etc. It may also be a hobby that you could share eg. knitting, scrap booking, woodwork, gardening.

The idea is that firstly, if professional work is needed, we would like to employ/support businesses connected to us. Secondly, sharing skills and knowledge with students provides valuable learning for students and strengthens their link to the community.

So, if you could kindly fill out the attached directory pro forma and return to school with your child ASAP it would be greatly appreciated.
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Friday 29th July | Indonesian Day at Tallangatta  
Winter Sports for years 3-6 | Wodonga |

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