Principal’s Message

Hello to all!

I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to assist with our 1:1 reading program; which will commence this week. Reading is so important, the opportunity for each student to read to an adult each day both at school and home not only improves strategies and fluency but also improves student confidence. I appreciate parents taking time out from their busy days to listen to students read - I know the students of Bethanga will be grateful too!

Last week we had a visit from a local member of Landcare to discuss planting out the front garden. Julie looked not only at this garden but others around the school and made many recommendations on plants which would not only enhance our school but also have a positive impact on our local environment too!

In term 3, we will have a local horticulturalist from Bunnings come along and work with students to plant out this garden, details of this event will be outlined in future newsletters and I invite families to join us on this day (date to be confirmed)

Year 3/4 Camp

A reminder to all parents of students in grades 3 and 4 that permission notes, medical forms and $50 deposits are now due. Thank you to families who have already returned all forms and the full payment of $200. This full amount needs to be paid by the end of term 2 for students to attend camp in week one of term 3. If your child will not be attending camp, please let me know this week as this will impact on organisation both at camp and at school during the 15 Mile Creek Camp.

The theme of this camp is ‘Challenge and Grow’ Students will participate in many action packed activities including ’challenge by height’, ’challenge by foot’ and ’challenge by night’ On the first day back of term 3, Matt Lacey (teacher and program co-ordinator at the 15 Mile Creek Camp) will visit our students at school to discuss the camp and answer any questions they may have.
Learning through Cooking!

Last week, students from foundation – grade 3 learned about procedural text. This hands on lesson involved cooking cupcakes (using eggs from our Cluckingham Palace residents!) Not only fun, we learned how important clear step by step instructions are in outlining a process for someone else to follow!

Winter Warmers!

At this time of year it is lovely to snuggle up in our warm clothes and toasty blankets! Many people in our community and beyond are not as fortunate as us and are lacking these ‘luxuries’ a community project undertaken by the Tallangatta Cluster Schools involves knitting 10cm x 10cm squares. These squares will be sewn to form blankets to be donated to those less fortunate than us. I invite families to join us in our quest to sew as many squares as possible before our Tallangatta Cluster Indonesian Day on the 27th July. At this stage we have approximately 108 squares.... It would be fabulous if we could get over 300!! The challenge is on with the other small schools to see which school knits the most squares!!!

If your knitting skills are slightly lacking (like my own!) I encourage you to check out ‘Knitting with Gemmy’ on youtube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlCuVROXqgw this is an easy tutorial including casting on and casting off created by my Mum (Gem to my children)! I have personally sat knitting while this clip plays and have successfully knitted 5 squares. I am certainly not moving at a cracking pace but I figure any contribution will be appreciated!
Our whole school EQ session last week was a fabulous hour of unity, team work and growth! We played a game called ‘Alphabet’ challenging students to work together to create letters of the alphabet. The added pressure was competing against another team. This game presents so many challenges and opportunities to learn and grow. It is easy, when feeling unsuccessful, to blame others. It was rewarding to see in these times students uniting to work together. Our key themes in the game and for the next week were/are -

**Honesty**

It is difficult to be honest in the face of losing a point and yet students stood up and acknowledged that they didn’t deserve a point because they hadn’t met all criteria of the game. How inspiring that our students are learning that a loss through honesty shows far more character than a win by deceit!

**Clear Communication**

Relating this not only to the game, but also to situations observed in class and play ground interaction. Students were able to see that unless they say exactly how they feel or what they are wanting in a request - they are not going to get the outcome they desire.

**Perspective**

Perspective is so important in life for anyone - adult or child. It is easy to over-react to a situation but when we do this, often our feelings and thoughts are completely disguised by our out of proportion reactions. Staying focused on the issue and dealing with it so that the reaction matches the problem means a better outcome for all. Remember the pea and watermelon!!!
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# Term 4: 2016

| Week 1 | Monday 3rd October | First day Term 4 | |

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**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:**
There is no musician of the week this week.

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

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**Jumpers**

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