Principal News:

Welcome back to term 3! It is so lovely to be writing this newsletter as the official Principal of Bethanga Primary School!

Welcome to Maddison White and her family who join us this term after moving to Bethanga last term. Maddi has had a fabulous first day in our junior class!

I hope that everyone had a chance to relax and recharge over the holiday break. I know for myself, it was precious time with my children; a fabulous blend of busy days out and about, balanced with movie days in pyjamas on the couch!

Term 3 is shaping up to be another busy term! I have tried to include all known dates for the term so that you are prepared for what is ahead. Dates are published weekly in the newsletter however so be sure to check for any changes!

Although it now seems so long ago, we celebrated the end of term 2 with a dress up day (Mood Meter theme) and the Junior School Council did a terrific job of organizing fun games for students to participate in to raise further funds for the school. Thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm, the day raised $155!

This money was used over the holidays to purchase resources (goggles!) for EQ games as well as Mood Meter Displays for each classroom.

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 27th July
Parent Information Session

We will be hosting a parent information night in week 4 and invite all families to attend. The aim of this informal night is to celebrate the learning going on at Bethanga Primary, what we have on in term 3 and to answer any questions parents may have about how classes are run, programs students are involved in and ideas for the future. To ensure this session is accessible to as many parents as possible, we will run it at 6pm on Tuesday 2nd August. Children are welcome to come along (supervision will be provided in the junior building)

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 25 July to 5 August 2016. The survey is an important part of every school’s parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents from our community are asked to fill in this annual survey, which is confidential and anonymous.

If you are contacted to complete the survey, please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by 5 August. For any queries, please contact the school.

100 Days of School (Foundation Students)

At Bethanga Primary, we acknowledge that the first hundred days of learning is an important milestone in the education of your child. In this time, students have been working hard on successfully transitioning into the school and classroom routines, engaging in new experiences, and becoming active learners.

On Monday 18th July, we will be celebrating our 100th day of school. In the junior classes (F-3) we will be completing all sorts of fun maths activities on the day! To assist with this, we ask that you help your child fill a labeled snap lock bag with 100 items and bring them to share with our class next Monday. Examples could be 100 paper clips, 100 stickers, 100 lego bricks, 100 coins etc.

Curriculum Focus for this term

This term, students in F-2 will be exploring toys! Not only their favourite toys, but they will also explore toys from around the world as well as toys from yesteryear. Students will investigate what makes a good toy? How do they work and will design a toy of their own! Lots of hands on activities and language experience will guide this exciting unit of work!

To start off this unit we are looking at our favourite toys and ask that students bring ONE toy to share with students and use to complete some activities this week. If students could bring their favourite toy tomorrow or Wednesday that would be great.

Students in 3-6 will be exploring the components of economy in a way that they can relate to in the unit ‘Going to Market’. They will explore such concepts as consumer, budgeting, banking, economy, resources and advertising.
Working Bee

What an amazing transformation in the front garden!! Thank you so much to families who attend our working bee on the first weekend of the holidays and an extra thank you to Chloe, Dean and Bruce who were back again yesterday to finish the job!! This garden will fill out beautifully yet still continue to let the sunshine into the covered area.

Casserole Night

Saturday 23rd July at the Bethanga Golf Club (Springdale Road Bethanga) from 6pm.

A night to meet and eat! Adults only night to give parents, family, friends and community members a chance to meet and catch up. Bring along a casserole to share and some warm clothes for a night of food and fun! Cost is $5 per head with all proceeds going to the school. BYO drinks, tea and coffee supplied. For further information or enquiries, please contact Victoria Swinnerton 0418 190 663

Knitting

Knitting will continue this term for another 3 weeks! Thank you to everyone who has contributed and has now got our tally over 170! For those busy knitters over the holiday period, please send in squares so that we can add them to their tally. Also, thank you to those that have volunteered to start sewing these squares together to make blankets - a big job! Assistance with this is very much appreciated as it means on Indonesian Day, we can take along completed blankets!

Chickens - Thank you

A big thank you to Robin, Alisi and Teyah who so kindly kept an eye on our feathered friends over the holidays.
3/4 Camp – STARTS TOMORROW!!

Exciting times!! The students from grades 3 and 4 are heading off to camp tomorrow!!! The bus will leave at 9am sharp so please make sure students are at school in plenty of time to have their bags loaded onto the bus. Students are not required to bring any food as a snack will be provided when we have a movement break on the way (lunch will be provided by camp)

**Attendance Stars!**

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Congratulations to our attendance stars for semester one who recorded two or less absence for term 1 & 2! Amazing that over 40% of the school recorded less than 1 absence per term!!

**Movie Night - Fundraiser**

Friday 19th August at 6:30pm at Regent Cinemas Albury.

Tickets are $20 each with $8 from each ticket going directly to the school!!

Gather all of your friends and family and enjoy the hilarious ‘Bad Mom’ starring Milla Kunis & Christina Applegate.

If each family were able to sell 5 tickets... we would raise over $1,000 for the school! Let's challenge ourselves and see if we can sell 100 tickets!!

All money is due back on the 5th August so that we can notify Regent Cinemas of approximate attendance (extra tickets can still be sold after this date though) Please send money into school in an envelope with your child/family name on the front (send in anytime between now and the 5th) Tickets will be distributed once money has been received. A big thank you to Sarah Bayliss who has organised this event for us.
## Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

| Term 3 | 2016 | | | |
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| **Week 1** | Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th July  
Friday 15th July | Outdoor School (15 Mile Creek) camp  
Foundation students 100th day at school | Year 3/4 students |
| **Week 2** | Monday 18th July  
Saturday 23rd July | ‘100th Day of School’  
Fundraising casserole night | Bethanga Golf Club |
| **Week 3** | Monday 25th July  
Wednesday 27th July  
Thursday 28th July  
Friday 29th July | School Council Meeting  
Indonesian Day at Tallangatta  
Eisteddfod  
Winter Sports for years 4-6 | 5.45pm at school  
Choir Students only  
Wodonga |
| **Week 4** | Tuesday 2nd August  
Friday 6th August | Parent Information Night  
The Flying Bookworm F/1 excursion to Berringa Pre-school | 6-7.30pm |
| **Week 5** | Monday 8th August | School Photos | |
| **Week 8** | Monday 29th August  
Friday 2nd September | Arts Festival week commences  
School Council Meeting  
Curriculum Day (staff participating in Professional development focused on Dyslexia) | 5.45pm at school  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| **Week 10** | Tuesday 13th September  
Thursday 15th September  
Friday 16th September | F-2 Toys Integrated Studies excursion to Tallangatta  
Learning Showcase  
Last day Term 3 | 2.30pm dismissal |
| **Term 4** | 2016 | | | |
| **Week 1** | Monday 3rd October | First day Term 4 | |

### Musician of the Week:
None this week

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

Thank you!

Jumpers

Please ensure with the colder weather that students not only have jumpers but that they are clearly named!
PIANO TEACHER available in BELLBRIDGE.

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