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Principal – Rachel Saunders

Happy Birthday to Sammy on 13th July

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.

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Week 3 Term 3
Monday 25th July 2016

Principal News:

Recently I met with members of the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume, who informed me of the unfortunate recent passing of a long serving member of their Club. Roger Lyford was a member of Rotary for over 40 years. He was dedicated to assisting others and was an advocate for ongoing education. In his memory, the Rotary Club have established the 'Roger Lyford Award for Service to Others' this award is specifically for a grade six student who consistently demonstrates helping and caring for others. The recipient will receive a cheque for $500 to purchase uniforms, books and other materials to assist with their transition to secondary school.

Thank you to the Rotary Club for making this possible and also to Roger's wife Judy who will present the award at the graduation ceremony in December.

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will commence this week. At larger schools, only a small percentage of parents are randomly selected to complete the survey. Given the size of our school and the high value we place on parent involvement, we are inviting all parents to participate in this survey. The survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Surveys will go home today with the newsletter. Please ensure that you return your completed survey to the school by 5 August. All surveys are anonymous.

Casserole Night

Unfortunately due to the excessive rain last Friday, the casserole night had to be cancelled at the last minute. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this event soon... keep an eye in coming weeks for a new date.

Knitting

A phenomenal effort from those in the Bethanga Primary community! We really did have an overwhelming response to the request for knitted squares with not only over 320 squares knitted but also two beautiful blankets created for donation as well. Thank you to everyone who contributed - your willingness to give of yourself is outstanding.

Thank You!
Child Safe Initiative

In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, resulting in the Betrayal of Trust Report. The report found that more could be done to strengthen existing approaches to child safety. In response, the Victorian Government is phasing in child safe standards for organisations that work with children, including schools.

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- sexual or grooming offences
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect.

There are seven child safe standards.

1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.
2. A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
3. A child safety code of conduct.
4. School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.
5. Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
7. Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation.

The Minister for Education has set out what specific actions schools need to take to meet the child safe standards.

Of course, our priority at Bethanga Primary (as is the case at any school) is not only to educate but also to protect children. These standards are a way of formalising the processes and procedures we already have in place. Currently, a code of conduct is being developed. As a caring community, it is an expectation that all adults associated with our school (including parents and teachers) will agree to and sign this code of conduct. The draft code of conduct will be shared with parents at the Parent Information Session next Tuesday 2nd August from 6pm. Parents are welcome to provide suggestions for inclusions in the code of conduct, input is gratefully accepted.

Tomorrow the whole school will participate in a tree planting session from 2.00-3:30pm. Students will be provided with a National Tree Day Pack - hat, long sleeve t-shirt and gloves (junior will also receive a colouring book and pencils in a calico bag) all kindly donated by Jacob’s Toyota in Wodonga. A huge thank you must go to the organisations that have made this day possible.

Jacob Toyota

[Image]

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 27th July
**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.

**Family Maths Challenge!**

![Maths Puzzle]

**Congratulations to Ayden Caspar who won last weeks Family Maths Challenge!**

The question was: The numbers on five houses next to each other in a court (consecutive numbers) add up to 90. What are those 5 numbers?

The correct answer: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Ayden has won a game to play with the family (which will go home with Ayden tomorrow)

The next challenge will appear in next weeks newsletter

**Maths**

Last week, students in foundation - grade 3 explored ‘position’ in maths. Here are some photos of the students in 2/3 who worked together to make a 3D representation of the school using MAB blocks. It was a process that took a lot of communication and negotiation! I was so impressed at the way students stayed calm even when what they were saying was getting misinterpreted!
Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

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**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!
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