Principal News:

Last week was a very busy week at Bethanga Primary School! On Wednesday we joined with the small schools cluster for Indonesian Day at Tallangatta. This fabulous day allowed students to ride a Becak (traditional mode of public transport in Indonesia), learn traditional Indonesian dance, dress in traditional costumes, play Gamelan (traditional instruments), hear traditional stories, make masks and puppets as well as enjoy a traditional Indonesian Shadow Puppet Show – such an enriching experience enjoyed by all! Another great element of this day was seeing all of the happy ‘reunions’ of friendships forged at 3/4 camp, conversation and laughter was flowing!

On Thursday our choir performed in the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod – a highly acclaimed event and one that the students were very proud to be a part of. Thank you to Miss Miriam Briggs for her dedication and passion for music – an enthusiasm which is shared by all of our students.

Parent Information Session

A reminder that all parents are invited to attend an information session tomorrow night at school 6-7:30pm. The aim of this session is to strengthen links between home and school, to outline current and future curriculum focus, changes in policies and answer any questions parents have (all teaching staff will be on hand to answer questions or provided extra information if required).

It looks like we will see some sunshine this week! Hoping you all have a fabulous week, please remember my door is always open if there is a problem or you’d just like to share a coffee and a chat!!

School Photos

School Photos will be taken next Monday 8th August. Photo envelopes are attached to the newsletter and must be returned to school on Monday together with payment in full. All students must be in full school uniform.
Staff Professional Development

Last week was also a busy week for staff development – to be the best teachers we can be, we always need to be learning and striving for improvement ourselves! Mr Hogan was involved in professional development regarding dyslexia which has provided him with further insight and strategies for ensuring we meet the individual learning needs of all students.

Mrs Wood, Miss Guymer and myself went to a presentation by Hugh van Cuylenberg – founder of The Resilience Project. This inspiring presentation reinforced the importance of teaching emotional intelligence in schools, workplaces and elite sporting organisations to ensure improved mental health and wellbeing. Particular focus was on teaching and practising gratitude, mindfulness and empathy. I encourage everyone to take a look at Hugh's work at www.theresilienceproject.com.au or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBKqveMEtb4

Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod

CONGRATULATIONS to the Choir for their brilliant performance at the Eisteddfod in Albury on Thursday morning. The Choir sung "Hello" by Adele, and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". The students sung beautifully despite many of them being sick with sore throats. It was also wonderful to hear choirs from other schools, particularly the senior choirs.

Afterwards, while waiting for our bus, the students began to spontaneously perform "Flash-mob" style on Dean Street without any assistance from me. They filled the street with music and had several on-lookers enjoying the performance. A mother brought her young son over. The boy loved the music and couldn’t wipe the grin off his face. Then the students let this boy play the glockenspiel.

It was just so wonderful for me to see music filling people with such joy. This is why I do what I do.

Thank you to everyone involved!

- Miss Briggs

Senior Interschool Sports Carnival

Unfortunately interschool sports were cancelled last week (along with the back up date) due to water-logged grounds. Schools who won divisions last year will send representatives to the next level of competition. We are however hoping that another Carnival Day will be scheduled so that our students can enjoy a fun day of competition with students from other schools – as soon as details are shared, we will pass them on.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who have already returned the surveys - please ensure that all surveys are returned by the end of this week.

The Flying Bookworm – Junior Excursion

Students in foundation and grade 1 will be going to Berringa Pre-school this Friday for a theatre production by the Flying Book Worm Company. Firm favourites for many generations of Australian children, actors will be presenting the stories of ‘Tiddlick’ and ‘Mulga Bill’s Bike’

Blueearth Student-Led Day

Due to the unreliable weather and the condition of the grassed areas at school, the Blueearth Day planning for this Wednesday has been postponed. The students have agreed that it should take place when the weather and school grounds improves. We will let everyone know when the day is re-scheduled.

Year 3/4/5/6 students

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 10 August
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!!
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 125 tickets!!

PLEASE RETURN ALL MONEY AND TICKET REQUESTS BY THIS FRIDAY. Tickets will be distributed once money is received. (You can continue to sell tickets after Friday - this due date allows us to notify Regent Cinemas of approximate numbers)

Unfortunately due to bad weather last week we were unable to plant trees. Hopefully we will be able to one afternoon this week! Ideally, we would like to weed the front garden bed (opposite side of stairs to the one already beautifully planted) before planting. Many attempts were made to do this last week - each time we did... it rained! If any parents have some time this week and could spend a few minutes pulling out weeds - it would be greatly appreciated!

Hot Lunches
Just a reminder that hot lunches are available each Friday. These are ordered from the Bethanga Store.
Lunch options include:

- Nuggets and salad $4
- Ham and Salad wrap $4
- 3 dim sims $3
- 4 dim sims $4

Once a month (the last Friday of each month) students are able to order party pies and chips - this is a restricted option as we encourage students to make healthy choices about what they eat and limit the consumption of unhealthy foods.

Musician of the Week

WEEK 1
Jo Swinnerton was our musician of the week in Week 1. Jo was very organised. He remembered to bring his electric guitar to Music on the first day of term 3. He also brought an acoustic steel string. He is beginning to understand how to tune guitars and Jo learnt the guitar part to "Cool Kids" very quickly. It was wonderful for the other students to see these guitars. Well Done JO!

WEEK 2
In week 2 our Musician of the week we Alex Swinnerton. Alex has improved his ability to maintain active listening throughout Music class and choir. This has helped him improve in all areas. Alex is an enthusiastic performer and his enthusiasm has been contagious. Keep it up ALEX!

WEEK 3
In week 3 our Musician of the week was Olivia Swinnerton. The Swinnerton family have certainly been very musical so far this term!! This week Olivia was very focused during all musical activities. She has been helpful to her peers and has improved her ability to sing her group solo in "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". Olivia also come into the music room during lunch time to practise her parts of the keyboard and Glockenspiel. Great work OLIVIA!
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## Term 4 2016

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

### Knitting

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our community project of knitting squares - tomorrow I will pass on 4 complete blankets and 350 knitted squares! These will be passed on to people in need through Unicef. Thank you to Glenda Boyer at Upper Sandy Creek Primary School for organising.

### Jumpers

Please ensure with the colder weather that students not only have jumpers but that they are clearly named!

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

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