Principal News:

Exciting times at Bethanga Primary School! We now have a school app! This app can be downloaded on to apple or android smart phones or tablets.

How to download your free app -

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android) search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type Bethanga Primary School into the search bar, then select our school.

Through this school app, you will receive reminders of events, notifications of cancellations or modifications to events, newsletters, photos and much more! A note will go home today requesting permission to add photos of students to the app eg. I would have loved to have posted tree planting photos on the day - these would really enrich the ‘how was your day at school?’ conversations! Please send the note back asap so that I can start adding photos when we have events or to highlight learning.

If you do not have access to a smart phone, tablet or desktop computer to download app and will still require hard copies of the newsletter; please notify the school. Hard copies of the newsletter will be phased out in coming weeks - saving us money as well as reducing our impact on the environment with reduced paper usage.

Friday 5th August was recognised as ‘Principal's Day’. I could not have asked for a more glorious day! The sun was shining, energy was high and laughter was loud!! As a whole school we spent the afternoon in the garden - rewarding on so many levels! To hear students engage in supportive discussions about what to do and where to plant, students teaching each other new skills, physical activity to clear the head and of course an amazing garden to show for it in the end! Thank you again to Bethanga Landcare Group, Jacob Toyota and Bunnings Wodonga - without you this afternoon of planting would not have been possible!
Parent Information Night:
Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Parent Information Night last Tuesday. This was a terrific opportunity to highlight the great things we are doing at Bethanga Primary School as well as give vital information regarding new policies and procedures that will be rolling out shortly. All parents left with a greater understanding of what EQ is and why, with the alarming figures regarding youth mental health, it is so vital to teach in primary school. A scope and sequence of what is/will be taught in EQ was also shared – this will be communicated to all parents once finalised in the coming weeks. Thank you again to parents not only for attending, but also for valuing your child’s education enough to question and probe for further understanding.

Child Safe Code of Conduct
Our new code of conduct was shared with parents at the information night. This document strengthens procedures and expectations already in place to protect our children and ensure their safety. Thank you to parents you offered feedback regarding the code and how it can be altered to better suit the needs of a small school, close knit school like ours.

This code of conduct will be finalised this week and sent home next week. I ask that all families take the time to read it carefully, sign and return as a commitment from our whole school community that we will work together to keep our children safe. A copy of the code of conduct will be made available on the app for future reference.

Parent Opinion Survey
IF YOU STILL HAVE A SURVEY AT HOME, PLEASE RETURN ASAP (no later than the end of this week).

Casserole Night
After our first date was washed out, we look forward to this much anticipated event this Saturday 13th August from 6:30pm at the Bethanga Golf Course. This event is a casual, social event for parents and community members (no children please), please bring along a casserole to share as well as a $5 contribution which goes towards the school.

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 10 August; Wednesday 24 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.

**The Flying Bookworm - Junior Excursion**

Students in foundation and grade 1 travelled to Berringa Pre-school on Friday for a theatre production by the Flying Book Worm Company. Gus and Jess kept students thoroughly entertained with their lively and engaging interpretation of firm favourites 'Tiddilick the Frog' and 'Mulga Bill's Bike' and 'The Gingerbread Man'

Maddison, Izzy and Daniel all did a fabulous job taking on roles in the stories while everyone else played along beautifully with actions and audience participation!

**Family Maths Challenge**

How many triangles are there? Here's a hint... there are more than 20 but less than 50!!!

**FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE - ENTRY**

Student Name: ______________________________________

How many triangles are there? ____________

Return to school before Monday 15th August, all correct entries will go into the draw to win a maths game to play at home! (Winners name will be drawn from a 'hat' and announced at assembly next Wednesday.)
## Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

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| **Week 8** | Monday 29th August | 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 |
|  | Friday 2nd September |  |
| **Week 10** | Tuesday 13th September | F-2 Toys Integrated Studies excursion  
To Tallangatta  
Learning Showcase  
Last day Term 3 | 2.30pm dismissal |
|  | Thursday 15th September |  |
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### Musician of the Week

In week 4 our musician of the week was Ayden Caspar. Ayden has greatly improved his ability to maintain active listening and participation even when others around him become distracted. This has helped Ayden improve skills in all areas, particularly his ability to perform given rhythms using body percussion and different drums. Well done Ayden!

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**Wodonga and District Arts Festival 2016**

This year the Arts Festival will be held from Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September at Galvin Hall, located at the Wodonga Senior Secondary College, 69 Woodland Street, Wodonga. When parking in this area, please be mindful of Permit Zones.

There is no entry fee for students or young children either participating in the festival or coming to watch a concert.

All adults are very welcome and will be charged a one-off $4.00 fee at the front door of Galvin Hall on Woodland Street. A free program will be given with payment and this is your ‘ticket’ into any 2016 Arts Festival Concert. If you are visiting the festival to see more than one performance on any other day, just show the program and you will not be charged again.

The Arts Festival is a non profit event and the entry fee is simply to cover our costs. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing many members of our community at this exciting event.
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PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!
Thank you!