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Principal– Rachel Saunders

Happy Birthday!
August

2nd - Angus
8th - Tye
17th - Eden
31st - Wil S

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.

Principal News:
On the weekend I was fortunate to see an extremely exciting game of netball – one of my daughter’s teams was playing, both teams had to win to progress to the finals. It was an extremely intense game with the excitement and nervousness of a Grand Final! The scores were so tight the whole way through… in the last quarter each team went goal for goal, drawing 5 times! The game was won by a goal with 5 seconds to go… by the opposing team.

However, I watched these young girls display such sportsmanship and empathy for each other. I watched as my daughter and her team-mates consoled each other – there was no blame placed, no one had given anything short of 100% and all of them, although disappointed, were proud of how far they had come.

Sport is so great for our kids on so many levels, some of the many benefits include:

- reduced risk of obesity
- increased cardiovascular fitness
- healthy growth of bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons
- improved coordination and balance
- improved sleep
- mental health benefits
- improved social skills
- improved personal skills, including cooperation and leadership.

When I watched these girls, I saw even more then the above – I saw resilience. Knowing that they were out for the season was the exact time they needed to draw on their resilience – I could hear the conversations about coming back stronger next year… what an amazing mindset!

This made me proud, not only as a Mum but also as an educator who is committed to strengthening our students resilience – the real test is the ability to ‘bounce back’ from failure. My daughter’s team had not failed in how they played, or the support they offered each other but their quest to play in the Grand Final had failed… it required great strength to show such resilience.

I encourage you to discuss this with your own children, whether it be in regard to their own sporting achievements or perhaps discussion about the highs and lows experienced by Olympians – there are a multitude of examples everyday of people showing resilience.
School Stream – Streaming the way we share information!

After a week live, we already have 22 users of our school app! Thank you so much for this support! Below are the directions for downloading the app but if you have any issues, bring your device in and I will be happy to help!

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.

If you haven’t already, please send in the digital release form so that we can start adding photos asap! If you have lost this form, please contact the school and we will send another one home with your child.

Movie Night – Fundraiser THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!!

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

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

Thank you so much to Sara Bayliss who has made this event possible! A great social night out while raising funds for our fabulous school! At this stage it appears that we have sold approximately 85 tickets... if you still have plans to purchase tickets (either during the week or on the night) please let Sara or myself know so we can add you to the registered tickets list. We are well on our way to raising $1,000!

As a thank you to everyone who is supporting this fundraiser, we will have lucky door prizes on the night! It’s not too late to buy tickets!!

Casserole Night

Thank you to Vicki Swinnerton and Tracey Woodhouse for organising the casserole night on Saturday – it was great to mingle and chat with everyone in a relaxed setting while enjoying absolutely scrumptious casseroles (I need to track down the recipe for the broccoli and brussel sprout casserole... who knew it would be so delicious!)

School Banking Dates: Wednesday 17 August; Wednesday 31 August
Family Maths Challenge

The winner of last weeks Family Maths Challenge will be announced at assembly on Wednesday - lots of different answers coming in!!

Book Week 22nd-26th August

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. We have planned a host of activities to celebrate books and to highlight the importance of reading.

MONDAY 22nd AUGUST

Cross-age literacy Activities

This literacy session will allow older students to share the magic of books with the younger students in the school... as well as allowing our older students to enjoy having storybooks read to them (and who doesn’t enjoy that!!)

TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST

Book, Blokes and Brekkie!

Combining book week and the upcoming Father’s Day we will be hosting a breakfast at the school from 7:30am. Students are encouraged to come along with Dads, step-dads, older brothers, uncles, grandfathers etc to enjoy breakfast and read some books together. This is an informal event allowing visitors to stay for whatever time they have available. To assist with catering, we ask that you fill out the attached form to outline who will be coming along... the more the merrier!

WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST

Virtual Author Visit

Ollie and the Wind by Ronojoy Ghosh

On Wednesday morning after a short assembly, we will join other schools around Australia via Polycom listening to the author of Ollie and the Wind - Ronojoy Ghosh.

FRIDAY 26th AUGUST

Book Parade

What better way to end Book week but with a Book Parade! Students and teachers will be encouraged to dress as characters from a book! Prizes will be awarded not only considering best costume, but also effort and creativity!!

Arts Festival

Monday 29th August

Arts Festival week is fast approaching! Bethanga Primary School students will be performing in the 1:15pm show on Monday (opening concert!) Entry is $4 which covers the running of the week long festival as well as the printing of the programs (which you receive with your $4 entry) if there are items from other schools you would like to see, hold on to your program as this acts as a ticket allowing you to enter any of the concerts for the week. If you are coming along to watch our superstars - please allow time... parking is limited and often results in a short walk to the venue and there is also a fabulous visual arts display in the foyer which I encourage you to peruse!
School Production

We have dusted off a previously purchased script and made some changes to it! I am very excited to announce that we will all be working together on a whole school production titled 'Let it Snow!' The performance date is to be confirmed but is likely to be in early December.

Miss Miram Briggs - our very talented music teacher is on board as Musical Director, I will take on the role of Production Director and am so pleased that we also have some fabulously eager parents offering to assist as well! Students have received an overview of the parts in the play. There are 10 major parts and then other minor parts, which should allow everyone who would like a speaking part, the vessel to do so! Those not wanting to speak will still have their moment to shine with the whole cast learning the 8 songs involved as well as assisting with prop production and placement.

Early next term, we will ask for assistance with costume requirements – hopefully we will find most in dress up piles at home!!

Father’s Day Stall

Father’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday 4th September. We will hold a Father’s Day stall the week prior to this on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of September. It will run the same way as we ran the Mother’s Day stall with all gifts costing $5, with all profits going to the school. If you are able to assist with the running of this stall (ideally in the last 30 minutes each day) please see me asap

Eggs For Sale

We have 4 dozen free range eggs for sale at $5.00 a dozen.

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Book Week - Books, Blokes and Brekkie

Tuesday 23rd August 7:30am - 9am

Student Name ____________________________________________

I will have ____________ people attending the breakfast.

Please outline if there are any dietary requirements that will need to be supported

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## Coming up at Bethanga Primary...

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### Musician of the Week

None this week
BETHANGA GENERAL STORE AND COFFEE SHOP

- Takeaway food
- Coffee, tea, milkshakes
- Cold Drinks
- Groceries
- Papers and magazines
- Gas and Fuel
- EFTPOS available
- Friendly Service

Please ring through all orders on 02 6026 4215
Open: 6.30am-7pm Monday-Saturday
8.00am-7pm Sunday

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Competitive rates.

ADVERTISING SPACES FOR SALE

If you would like to advertise on this page of our newsletter for a cost of $70.00 per year, please email your advertisement to bethanga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au as soon as possible and we will send you an invoice. If you do not have email facilities, please drop your advertisement into the office.

PIANO TEACHER available in BELLBRIDGE.

All stages welcome.
Phone Nicola on 0417 575 777

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