Bethanga Primary School
Newsletter
PRINCIPAL: Rachel Saunders

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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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE!

Monday 12th September 2016
Week 10 Term 3

Principal News:
The last week of term! How quickly it has flown by! Thank you to parents who have booked appointments to see their child’s classroom teacher, interviews will take place this Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss progress, achievements and future goals.

On Saturday I was fortunate to be in the audience at the State School Spectacular. This amazing annual event was held at Hisense Arena, it incorporated 3,000 students from Government Primary and Secondary Schools who put on an amazing show of dance, song, acrobatics and even magic! It was a wonderful celebration of not only the amazing talent of students in Government Schools, but also the passionate teachers and staff that made it happen. I spoke with students from my previous school that were a part of the mass dance group (truly a treat for the senses watching 1,200 children dancing in sync!) their enthusiasm was electric and they gushed about it being a ‘once in a lifetime’ experience… stay posted, I will be applying for some students from Bethanga Primary school to be a part of it in 2017!

Thank you to Bruce Mitchell and Brian McFarland who came in on the weekend to prepare the surface of the oval for a long-awaited over-haul! This is a process that will take a few weeks (assuming weather permits). The oval will be out of bounds for the rest of this term.

There will be other school improvements occurring over the school holidays. The remaining asbestos will be removed from several panels in the eaves/verandas of the school making us completely asbestos free.

Planning ahead
Indicative budgets for 2017 will be released by the Department of Education this week. I will be working in consultation with staff and school council to plan for the New Year to ensure the high level of education we provide continues. Class structures, the delivery of specialist classes and extra-curricular activities will all be reviewed to ensure optimum services for our children. Once structures for 2107 are confirmed, they will be communicated to parents and students.

Hats
Just a reminder, that at the start of next term, school hats will need to be worn each day at breaks and during sport. School hats can be purchased from the front office for $12.
Academic Advancement Program (Formerly SEAL)
2016 Year 6 Students
Final testing opportunity for a place in 2017 AAP
Wednesday 12th October at 9.00 am
Huon Campus, WMYC

If your child is attending WMYC in 2017 and you would like them to be considered for the AAP Program, please ring WMYC on 6057 9000 to register intention to complete assessment requirements.

During the month of October, Vic Health encourages students to get active and walk to school. We have registered to participate in this event. To support the majority of our students who catch the bus, for the month of October (commencing day 1 of term 4) a member of staff will meet bus travellers at the Bethanga Reserve each morning to walk to school together. Any students who usually travel by car are also welcome to get dropped at the reserve at 8:45am.

Term 4 Social Fundraiser

PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL TODAY OR TOMORROW TO CONFIRM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT - DUE TO LOW SALES TO DATE IT MAY BE CANCELLED.

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER Tickets are on sale for $25 each. For each ticket sold – our school will receive $15!! This means if we sell 50 tickets… $750 goes to our school (All funds raised from this fundraiser will go directly to our new library)

This event will take place the last Friday of school holidays. Therefore payment is required by the end of term 3. Please invite family and friends to join us for this great event and register tickets required with Rachel Saunders before the end of term - the more the merrier!!

Caring for our Chickens

Thank you to Tye and Ange who have kindly volunteered to look after the chickens over the holidays. If anyone else is available to assist, please let us know and we will split the holidays so that each family looks after the chooks for a week each.

F-2 Toys Excursion - Wednesday 14th September
Apologies for the delay in getting these notes home (they were printed over a week ago but got buried on my desk!) This Wednesday the F-2 students will be travelling to Tallangatta for a fun day of games with the other Cluster schools to celebrate our theme 'Toys' as there is a large amount of rain forecast for this day - the Bell Hall at Tallangatta Primary has been booked as a back-up. Could parents please return forms tomorrow.
Upper Hume Division Athletics Championships - Friday 7th October (week 1 of term 4) at Alexandra Park Albury. Parents are required to transport their child/ren to and from the venue.

There will be catering available at the canteen. However students, may wish to bring their own lunches to be eaten between events. There is no official lunch break. It is suggested that students carry with them a bag for lunches, drinks, sun screen, hats, track suits and a plastic bag for wet weather etc.

In the case of inclement/marginal weather, an announcement will be made over 106.5 ABC FM, after the 7am news on the day of the sports. This announcement will be based on the decision of several Principals of large Urban schools. Back up date is Monday, 10th October 2016.

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Term 3 2016

| Week 10 | Wednesday 14th 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 |

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

6 Sept - Will M
7 Sept - Mark
10 Sept - Olivia
17 Sept - Lachlan M

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

In week 9, our musician of the week was Harper. Harper completed his reflection about the Arts Festival very quickly. He then helped some of his peers and packed away some instruments.

Well done Harper!
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