Principal’s Report from Julian

We are now into the middle week of Term 1 and I have been delighted by the efforts of students in their classrooms thus far. The effect of all this rain and pent up energy hasn’t been too visible and only reinforced that we do have fantastic students here at Bilambil PS. A lovely letter staff received from a new Kindergarten parent consolidated this. She wished to congratulate staff and students on making the school such a welcoming environment for their children to start school. This was based on our Year 6 Buddies program, but reflected a greater culture that Bilambil is a good place to be!

Our school implements the L3 program for Literacy in Kindergarten. This is the second year that the school has run this program and the data has come back from our first year. The L3 program has raised the average reading levels of our Kindergarten students from previous years. The aim is to have over 50% of Kindy students reading above a Level 8. The North Coast region was well above this at 66% and our school results were even higher. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Preston for your implementation and enthusiasm for this program.

Thank you to those parents who have been contacting the school office to make appointments to see myself or any of the staff. We encourage you to talk to your child’s teacher to discuss any issues your child may be having, and staff are keen to work with parents to support your child’s learning. Thank you also to those parents who have paid their school fees or the voluntary contribution already. We have had 28% of our individual school fees paid and 24% of families have paid their contribution. Payments can be made in the office and they go a long way to supporting your child’s learning.

This Monday morning saw the launch of a new student recognition award. This “Student of The Week” certificate is separate to our whole school positive behaviour system but is a chance for each teacher to have a student of the week in their class publically recognised. Our captain’s called each class’s Student of The Week up to the front yesterday to receive resounding applause. Well done to all of our inaugural recipients!

Congratulations Alli Bellue and Indi Vanderhoeven for your fantastic efforts in moving through the Zone Swimming Carnival to the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival. Alli has gone even one step further and tomorrow she will compete at the North Coast Regional Swimming Championship in Coffs Harbour. Well done to both of you for representing yourselves and our whole school so well!

Your child cannot complete their learning if they are not at school! There have been some concerning rates of absences recorded in the first half of this term. Whilst the rain and the various viruses out there don’t help and we understand this, please ensure your child is here at school on time each day whenever possible. The connection between extended periods of absence from school and academic attainment is very clear.

Thank you Mrs Lloyd for coordinating the Clean Up Schools Day at Bilambil this year. The weather made the logistics for the clean-up difficult but one pleasing observation out of the event was the clean standard that the school was in even before the clean-up. I look forward to it staying that way.

Cheers

Julian

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KJ  Aston H
KP  Sam W
1B  Chaya M
1/2H  Siyah B
2L  Hunter T
3M  Lilly S
3/4B  Beau J
4S  Mackenzie J
5/6B  Tiana T
5/6C  Harlen E
5/6S  Ashley B
LIBRARY  Luke J
RFF  Kara P

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School information and pages of links to help with subject areas,
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Public Schools NSW
A QUICK VIEW AT THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

**WEEK 6**

Wednesday 6 March  Netball Gala Day Postponed
Thursday 7 March  1/2H Hall Assembly 1:40pm
Friday 8 March

**WEEK 7**

Monday 11 March  9am School Assembly
Tuesday 12 March  Student Banking
Wednesday 13 March  School P & C AGM
Thursday 14 March
Friday 15 March  Anti Bullying Day

**WEEK 8**

Monday 18 March  9am School Assembly
Tuesday 19 March  Student Banking Week 8 Newsletter

2013 SRC Committee

A Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students elected by their peers. The role of the SRC members is to promote the views of students and to encourage students to become more actively involved in their school. Congratulations to the students below on the election to BPS SRC Committee.

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DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR ICAS

2013 ICAS
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Permission note and details were attached to the Week 6 Newsletter, more available from office. Ensure to get your nomination and payment in early.

Final reminder for BPS

AGM

The next P & C Meeting is the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13 March, 2013. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the future of the best school ever, then come along to this meeting.

Positions available are as follows:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising, Canteen, Uniform. Hope to see you all there on March 13.

PARENTS / CARERS PLEASE BE AWARE, IF YOU PARK IN THE BUS ZONE OR THE DIABLED PARKING THERE IS HUGE FINES ATTACHED, NOT TO MENTION THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IS AT RISK.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Safety around school buses
- If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.
- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.
- This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear ‘wig-wag’ lights on the bus flash.
- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the ‘wig-wag’ lights are showing.

Never miss an opportunity to encourage and nurture a child — help them to become the best person they can be.

BILAMBIL Truth & Honour
**Kindergarten 2013.....**

**..... First Days at Big School**

On our first day at Big School our mums and dads came to school with us. We went into the hall to meet our teachers. We couldn’t wait to go and learn some new things.

Our first day at Bilambil Public School was exciting! We really had fun and decided it wasn’t too scary at all.

**It’s Fun**

Kindergarten are enjoying group activities in the mornings and sharing with their classmates.

**Big Buddy**

Year 6 children have been buddies for Kindergarten children during the first two weeks of school. They have helped the children settle in the mornings, find their way in the playground, at the canteen, find some new friends and help with lunchboxes and school bags. Thank you Year 6 children and teachers for helping us enjoy our start at Bilambil Public School.

**Wow! the stories**

In group time we are learning to write stories, read to our teacher and share with our friends. We work really hard all morning.

**Sharing Time with KJ**
P & C EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the children who have been busily selling Raffle tickets for the P & C Easter Raffle. Keep up the fabulous work and for anyone interested there are more tickets available from the Admin Office.

BILAMBIL PUBLIC SCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE
Tickets are 50 cents each or 5 for $2
Raffle will be drawn on the 27 March 2013
(at the Easter Fun Day)
 Winners will be notified by phone
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes
are Easter baskets of varying sizes
All money raised is used to benefit our children and their school.
Thank you for your valued support
Bilambil P & C

YEAR 6 SHIRTS
For Year 6 students wishing to purchase Year 6 shirts, payments need to be in ASAP or by Monday 18 March.

NETBALL GALA DAY POSTPONED
The planned Netball Gala Day at Murwillumbah for tomorrow has been postponed until for notice as the grounds have not being accessible for Council to maintain due to all the wet weather. Sorry for the short notice and any inconvenience caused.

Science - Stage 2
3M, 3/4B & 4S produce great beans

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Friday 15 March 2013
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Student Involvement In Extra Curricular Activities
Despite the wet weather, many of our students are beginning to undertake extra-curricular activities such as academic learning tasks and sporting representation. We absolutely love our students participating in such activities, but please be aware of the policy at Bilambil Public School in relation to attendance at these types of events;

Before a child leaves the school on any extra-curricular activity, be it school excursion, sporting or academic representation or any other type of school sanctioned event, a list of proposed students will be submitted to the Review Committee for approval to attend. Each child’s current behaviour record will be reviewed in conjunction with advice from the student’s classroom teacher and a recommendation passed on as to whether or not they are able to proceed on the excursion. “[Bilambil Public School Student Welfare Policy]”. If you would like a full copy of the Student Welfare Policy, please ask for one at the front office.

Mr Menin Julian Mostert
Assistant Principal Principal
Student Welfare / RFF

AFL TRIALS
Last Thursday a number of boys represented Bilambil Public School in the Murwillumbah and Tweed PSSA AFL Trials. The boys enjoyed the day, displaying great attitude and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all boys on your performance and well done to Connor D who will now go onto represent Bilambil at the Zone Trials. Good Luck Connor!
PLAY SOCCER IN 2013!
Bilambil Junior Soccer Club is still taking registrations and would love to welcome your child to our club.
Under 6, 7, & 8 ages - $180
Under 9, 10, & 11 ages - $190
Training sessions on Thursday afternoons from 14th March 2013. Games are played on Saturday mornings in season through to September 2013.

We welcome primary age children from all schools & local areas. New to soccer? Never played before? That’s ok! Players just need to bring soccer boots & shin pads & we’ll teach you to play. Payment of fees can be made by cash, cheque or direct deposit.

To join in the fun... or to register
Email bilambiljuniorsoccer@hotmail.com
ring/sms on 0469668877 or 0438100077
Like us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/BilambilSoccerClub

Tweed Coast Outrigger Canoes
We are looking for new junior members for our club based at the Boyd’s Bay bridge next to the rowing club. We are offering free taster sessions to those aged 9 (or turning 9) up to 18 years. The sessions are on Saturdays from 830am NSW at the club. Outrigger canoeing is a great sport for all ages and abilities. We would really love to see you there.

For more information please contact:
Ash 0416154490 or Hinerua 0404728012.
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