Principal's Report from Julian

It was exciting to host the North Coast Regional Director and our School Education Director to Bilambil last Thursday. Our two captains spoke confidently and enthusiastically with each of them and our Junior Choir thoroughly impressed them with their renditions of “The Climb” and “Blame it on the Boogie”. The first song brought goosebumps and the second song even coerced them into having a dance themselves. Both directors spoke highly of our site, our student and our staff and reinforced what many of us already think about our school.

Both Stage 1 and 2 students have been investigating digital learning through undertaking some wonderful video conferences recently. Stage 1 have been searching for the Easter Bilby as a literacy focus which included creative arts and Stage 2 worked with Bourke PS to compare our community with theirs as part of our HSIE units. This highly engaging tool helps us achieve our goals of preparing our students for the 21st century world that they live in.

Parents may not be aware that the education department has decreed an additional School Development Day for the beginning of Term 2. The extra day is to help provide much needed training and planning for our schools with the new Australian Curriculum. Staff will return to school for Term 2 on Monday, April 29 but students will not start back at school until Wednesday, May 1. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Congratulations to the 2012 school P&C. It is clear that there are many committed parent volunteers in our school who help make it a good place to be. One of these unheralded champions is Brooke Boyd. Brooke and the parents in the canteen got the canteen functioning from two days a week up to five days a week. The effort to do this, as well as offering a breakfast program, is nothing short of exceptional. Thank you also to Melissa who has stepped down after two excellent years as P&C president. I look forward to working with the new committee once it is finalised.

As part of our continued maintenance to the site, we have recently re-painted the main Covered Outdoor learning Area (COLA) and will be replacing the perspex roofing in there very soon. New carpet has been laid in KJ, 4S and the shared learning space between KJ and KP. These works improve our school aesthetically and functionally.

Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Brazel recently attended the “Live Life Well” professional learning opportunity. This program will be the badge for our school to review and strengthen the Physical Education, Student Welfare, Personal Development, Health and Nutrition components of our school. One of the additional programs we will embarking on with this the Premiers Sporting Challenge. This program will measure over a ten week period, how much physical activity students are doing and more information on the program will come out in Term 2.

Last Friday, the school participated in the National Day Against Bullying and Violence. Each class conducted lessons in their own class environment before writing the word NO in different colours on a sheet which will stay in their classroom. It stated that their class says no to bullying and violence. These statements support my own observations and that of other teachers who have noted the tolerance of many of our students to each other in their classrooms and playgrounds.

Alli Bellue has done it again. She has ploughed through the water at the North Coast Swimming Carnival and will now compete at the State Swimming Titles in April. Congratulations Alii, we’re all proud of you! Cheers Julian

North Coast Regional Director Mr Mark Youngblutt, School Captains Chloe B & Ashley B and School Education Director Mrs Darlene Arkinstall
STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR DAY AT THE PSSA WINTER TRIALS

Last Friday, 15 March a number of students had the opportunity to represent Bilambil Public School in the PSSA Winter Trials to gain selection in the Tweed and Murwillumbah Zone for both Netball and Rugby League. Once again the students of BPS have represented our school in the highest regard by the excellent display of sportsmanship and attitude both on and off the fields. Well done!

Netballers: Chloe B, Alycia F, Brydie H, Kayla H, Olivia P and Tiana T.
Rugby League Snr: Ashley B, Liam D, Amos H, Oskar M, Sam P and Jack T
Rugby League 11Yrs: Marshal G, Ezra H, Liam M, Nicolas S and Indi V.

A huge congratulations to Brydie, Kayla, Olivia and Tiana who have all made it through to PSSA FNC Zone Netball Trials.

K-2 Parents - Easter Activities

On Thursday 28 March K-2 will be having an Easter Activities afternoon beginning at 12.00 and ending at 1.00. Parents are invited to join their child in a variety of fun games and activities. If you have any concerns about your child attending the Easter activities afternoon then please see your class teacher. The day should be lots of fun and we hope to see you there!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS — BRONZE

Congratulations to the following student who has received their Award. The first for 2013!

WEEK 7  3M—Ella P

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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BILAMBIL Truth & Honour
Early Stage 1
Kindergarten borrows on Monday’s and they enjoy their chance to look at books.

Stage 2
3M, 3/4B and 4S have been comparing communities in Bourke and on Lord Howe Island. They said:

- It was great fun seeing and talking to the kids in Bourke. Brodie W
- It was interesting talking to another school in a different place. Bailey J
- The children at Bourke Public School wear different uniforms, and they had a joey in the room. Mikaela B

HSIE and the LIBRARY

Stage 1
1B, 1/2H and 2L have been learning about shelter, for plants and animals.

Stage 3
China is our focus this term. We have looked at culture, trade and great inventions.

Did you know?

For your birthday instead of a cake you will receive birthday noodles. They were first used about 7000 years ago.

Paige K

One day on a trip through a distant region in China the army stopped to rest. The Emperor, liked to drink boiling water and as the servant prepared his water, a dead leaf from a wild camellia bush, fell in to his water and turned it brown. That is how tea became tea!

Charlie B

The Chinese invented fireworks in the 7th Century. They were originally developed to impress the Emperor and to drive away evil spirits. But now they just impress us!

Chloe B
Great news! Earlier in the year we mentioned to you that band and lessons were only available up until Week 7 as Jess had practicum commitments. She has managed to arrange completing her teaching requirements at our school so now we can continue until the end of the term! Therefore lessons will be as usual except there will be no charge for the rest of term! (Term hire fees still need to be paid though).

Keep practicing……….. Mrs McGlinn

Do you like to have fun?
Do you like being with friends?
Do you like to learn new things?
Do you like performing?

Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument? Maybe you should join the WONDERFUL and FANTASTIC Bilambil School Band!

Our band is looking for new members to join! Any students in Stage 2 or 3 can join! There are no auditions, just let me (Mrs McGlinn) know by bringing in the note below if you would like to become a band member and which instrument you would like to learn. Lessons are held for a half hour every week during class time. Your lesson time will change each week to make sure you don’t miss the same subject in class. There are fees involved, ($10 a week payable to the teacher for the lesson, $40 a term payable to the school for instrument hire and a $10 fee for all Band Members also payable to the school for music and equipment purchases). The school tries to keep these to a minimum but this is certainly cheaper than getting private lessons! To ensure lessons can start with Jesse straight away next term, please send back the following form so we can organise instruments and grouping. Students will have a chance to try instruments for suitability before the end of this term. Instruments available for hire and tuition are:

- Clarinet / saxophone / flute / trumpet / trombone / euphonium /
- drums

When choosing an instrument, please think of the size and volume of the instrument as they will need to also go home for students to practice! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you

Donna McGlinn

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST—BILAMBIL SCHOOL BAND**

My child ___________________________________ class ___________ would like to learn an instrument and join the school band.

He / she is interested in learning the ___________________________________________________________.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

Parent / Carer

BILAMBIL Truth & Honour
Stage 1 enjoy Bilby VC Excursion

1B Fossicking in the playground for twigs and leaves for their Bilby Nests

Katie H, Zoe B, Kellani G and Darren H all smiles with their finished Bilby nests.

Last Tuesday, 12 March 1B were fortunate to have a video conference with the National Parks. The V.C was all about the Bilby. Our class participated with three other schools. Storytelling, singing, fossicking for leaves for their Bilby nests was just some of the fun things they did.

1/2H self portraits

UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Wipeout Sale

The Bilambil PS Uniform Shop are having a Winter Wipeout Sale. All secondhand jumpers and track pants are now on SALE for $1.00 per garment.

Size 4 Uniform stock

Update on the Size 4 uniforms stock ordered. We do apologise for any inconvenience however the supplier has indicated that we should have the stock within 10 days. As soon as the uniforms arrive we will send a note home with all Kindergarten children.

Secondhand summer clothing

The Uniform Shop is in desperate need of secondhand school shirts, shorts and skorts. Any items in reasonable condition would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Fun Day, Thursday 28 March 2013. Please remember to write your child’s name and class on the back of all tickets sold.

The response to this raffle has been wonderful. There are still some books of tickets at the office to sell and please return your sold tickets, to ensure you don’t miss your chance to win one of the fabulous Easter baskets.

MOTHER’S DAY

It’s nearly that time of year. Please start sending in any donations to go towards our Mother’s Day Stall. All non perusable items will be greatly appreciated.

FUNDRAISING HELPERS

Fundraising is major activity for the P&C to enable us to assist the school financially to benefit our children’s education, it can also be lots and fun and a great way to meet new friends.

My name is Madonna Goulding and at the recent P&C AGM I was nominated and accepted to take on the role of Fundraising Coordinator. As we do a number of fundraising events each year I am seeking any assistant big or small, if you are interested in giving some time please give me a call on 0409 632 346.
Come fly a kite

--You're invited to the Kites and Bikes Festival in Brunswick Heads on Sunday 24th March from 9am to 4pm, the weekend before Easter. This is a magical, relaxing day of eco-friendly kite flying, bike riding and community participation for the whole family, featuring a packed program of kids activities, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun by the seaside. There's loads of parking, BBQ's for lunch, community stalls and giveaways. There's a bike decorating workshop and parade, kite-making workshops, giant kites and the amazing spectacle of the community fly-in on the foreshore at 2pm. Plus there's performances from Circus Arts, the Samba Blisstas, Buckley Family Band, Ukulele sing along, a jumping castle, face painting and much, much more. [www.kitesandbikes.com.au](http://www.kitesandbikes.com.au).

Lanie Loughlin
Events Coordinator
Brunswick Heads Kites and Bikes Festival 2013
0401 470 188 or 02 6685 1003

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013 AND IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June-July students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia
Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit
Australia's First Coloured Commemorative Coin!

LIMITED EDITION

For a $10 donation the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

Australia's first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.

The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans’ and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

Available from the RSL National Office at Level 3, 65 Constitution Avenue CAMPBELL ACT

Phone orders can also be made through the National Office at 02 6248 7199.

Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of $5 per coin.

www.rsl.org.au
March, 2013

Dear Children, Parents & Carers,

As your representatives we want to know your thoughts on areas of priority for us to spend our fundraising dollars. We work tirelessly to raise as much money as we can for our lovely school, and realise those of you not on the P&C committee also contribute to our bank balances by selling and buying raffle tickets, donating goods, baking for cake stalls, helping in the canteen and coming along to events... but there is a limit to what we are able to achieve.

This year we want to set ourselves specific fundraising goals. These will be our priorities. Any requests for funding after that will either require specific fundraising in conjunction with those benefitting from the expenditure or will have to be placed in the queue.

We want your feedback on where you want your money spent. Your P&C will consider and vote on your requests in collaboration with Mr Mostert and school staff.

Last year our major purchases were the Reading Eggs and Study Ladder online learning resources so all children in the appropriate grades could have free access at home. We also supplied a classroom with a new air-conditioner. We supported our representative netballers and choir with transport expenses and bought netball uniforms for our future representative teams. We also bought thank you gifts for retiring staff members.

Do you want our 2013 and 2014 funds to go towards similar things or do you want it reallocated elsewhere?

On the next page we have offered some suggestions, please indicate the ones that you like, in order of preference. We would also dearly love to hear of any new suggestions for our committee to consider.

Please return the form to the front office by 28 March for consideration at our next P&C meeting on April 10 in the staff room at 7.30pm.
RESOURCES:

Computer learning programs such as Studyladder or Reading Eggs
Library books / shelving
iPads as a learning support tool
Computers
Whiteboards/Classroom equipment
Funding assistance towards more excursions, shows and experiences
Other (please state)

SPORT:

Purchase of new equipment
Funding assistance towards transport costs for representative individuals and/or teams
Funding of team uniforms for sports teams representing our school
Other (please state)

MUSIC:

Purchase of instruments and equipment
Funding assistance of transport costs for groups or individuals representing our school at away performances
Other (please state)

STRUCTURES & ENHANCEMENTS:

Air-conditioning of classrooms
Air-conditioning of administration block including sick bay
Play equipment or courts
More or improved parking facilities
Canteen revamp
Lights/sound/seating/stage for hall
More shelter or walkways (if so, where)
Signs or fencing (if so, where or what is needed)
Clean up of rainforest area
Creation of gardens
Other: (please state)

ALL SUGGESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND ALL FACES, NEW & OLD, ARE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR MEETINGS TO HELP DECIDE HOW TO RAISE THE FUNDS, AND HOW TO SPEND THEM!

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO SCHOOL BY MARCH 28
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