Principal’s Report from Julian

Chocoholic Surprise: It was wonderful to have the Easter Bunny hop his way through Bilambil as he joined our K-2 students at the Easter Fun Day. It was lovely to have so many family and community members participate in the festivities before I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. Congratulations to the winners of the P&C’s Easter fundraising raffle. It’s a great relief to finally have all those tempting chocolates removed from my office where I’ve drooled over them for weeks.

Let’s have lunch? It’s amazing that this is the final newsletter for Term 1. To culminate the term, staff and students would like to invite you to join them on Friday, April 12 at the Bilambil Sports Fields for a picnic lunch. Students will be walking down to the grounds at 12:00pm with their classes before laying their towels or rugs on the grass and enjoying their lunch. Students will then utilise school sports equipment to spread out and play on the open spaces before parents may either take their child from the fields to begin their holiday or walk back to school to be dismissed.

Please remember! 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.

Where to Park: I would like to thank all the people who have been driving to and around the school so safely. There are considerable issues associated with parking around our site, especially at times when we cannot access the Jets car park. Thank you for your patience with this!

Medicine at school: A reminder that our trained administration staff are unable to give medication to any student unless there is a clearly instructed and signed letter from a parent or carer, or if we have a student medical plan by a doctor. Medication must have the child’s name clearly written on it for us to give otherwise we cannot legally do so. Thank you for your understanding with this!

How good do we look? School uniforms play an important role in setting a positive and cohesive school environment. Where students come to school in clean, appropriate fitting and proper school uniforms the resounding impact is positive. Uniforms can be purchased from the uniform shop however if there are any families who may need financial assistance to ensure their child is in full uniform, please contact the office.

Scripture’s back: The school is pleased that we are able to offer religious instruction to our whole student cohort in 2013. Scripture classes will run in Terms 2 and 3 and we will be keen to survey students and parents at the end of the year to measure the value that you all believe Scripture plays at our school. I know that this will be the first time in many years that Scripture will be supported K-6 and thank you to all the people who have volunteered their time to make this happen.

I hope you maximise the opportunity to have really productive conversations with your child’s teacher at the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews before enjoying a wonderful, safe and fun holiday.

Cheers Julian

Mr Menin had cause to celebrate his birthday being a lucky recipient of one of Mr Mostert designer birthday cakes.
### WEEK 10

- **Thursday 4 April**: Jnr & Snr Choir Twin Towns 9.30am to 12.30pm
- **Friday 5 April**: Cross Country Mufti Day (Yellow theme) Cancer Council

### WEEK 11

- **Monday 8 April**: 9am School Assembly
  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Tuesday 9 April**: Student Banking
  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Wednesday 10 April**: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday 11 April**: St 3 Art Gallery Excursion
  2L Assembly 1.30pm
  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 12 April**: Anzac Service
  Easter Picnic Day
  Last Day of Term

### Term 2 WEEK 1

- **Monday 29 April**: SDD — Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday 6 May**: 9am School Assembly
- **Wednesday 7 May**: SCHOOL BANKING
  Week 2 Newsletter

### Term 2 WEEK 2

- **Monday 6 May**: 9am School Assembly
- **Tuesday 7 May**: SCHOOL BANKING
  Week 2 Newsletter

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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### Cross Country + Adidas Fun Fun

This Friday 5th April Bilambil Public School will be running our annual Cross Country at school. Children will run in age groups on a designated course around the school. Children will be timed and those who qualify aged 8 and up will proceed to the district X Country to be held early in Term 2. In conjunction with this, students have been given a sponsorship form for the ADIDAS FUN RUN. Children can gain sponsorship, earn prizes plus raise money for our school. Please send sponsorship forms and money into the school as soon as possible after the X Country has been completed. Children may run in their mufti clothes but as the track may be muddy, you may wish to include a change of clothes in their bags.

Good Luck to all students!

### SRC Mufti Day - Yellow Theme

The Bilambil Public School SRC will coordinate a Mufti Day this Friday 5th April to raise money for the NSW Cancer Council. The theme for the day will be **YELLOW** and children coming to school in mufti will be asked to bring a gold coin donation to help those afflicted with Australia’s largest killer. Let’s Go Yellow!

### Stewart House Donation Drive 2013

**STEWART HOUSE DAY**

Friday 10th May 2013

**WIN A $4,000 HOLIDAY**

to a destination of your choice

Your donation supports the 1,800 who attend Stewart House each your from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope attached to the last School Newsletter Term 1 Week 8, complete the entry details on the back and return to school to be eligible for the draw as soon as possible.

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**No one knows what they can do until they try.**

*Bilambil Truth & Honour*
Kindergarten are enjoying the flower garden outside their rooms. The children from KJ and KP would like to thank Mrs Beattie for her creative green fingers.

We have read a story and talked about flowers that can even grow in winter-time! Mrs Smith will plant these special flowers soon and we will wait for them to pop their leaves through the ground. We don’t know yet what kind of flowers they will be so we are looking forward to a colourful surprise.

Flowers are like Kindergarten children ... we grow everyday and everyone admires us!

We are very excited about watching our garden grow over the next few months and would like to share the pleasure with you by keeping you updated with our little garden.

Grow garden grow we are watching!

KJ and KP
All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.
As the garden grows so do the gardeners.
NEW P&C COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new-Bilambil Public School P&C Executive. Congratulations to all new P&C Committee members and good luck with your endeavours for the school community.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm.

Anyone is most welcome to attend.

Executive Committee

President Libby Holcock
Vice President Kris Robinson
Secretary Nikki Clifford
Treasurer Brendan Byrne

Sub Committee

Canteen Coordinator Brook Boyd
Uniform Shop Brook Boyd & Paulette Wise
Fundraising Coordinator Madonna Goulding
Banking Brook Boyd

SCHOOL BANKING

There will be NO School banking Term 2 Week 1 due to a SDD and students not returning until Wednesday 1st May.

RESULTS OF EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the students, parents and carers for your top effort in selling the raffle tickets. Your efforts have given a great result by raising a $624. Congratulations to all winners!

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MOTHER’S DAY DONATIONS

We have now placed a Mother’s Day Stall collection in the school foyer so please keep the donations coming in. All non perusable items will be greatly appreciated.
**Having Fun with Music at BPS**

**WOW!**

*Sweet voices & big fluffy ears mesmerize crowds at Bunnings on Easter Saturday*

I was extremely proud of all students who turned up and sang their hearts out at Bunnings on Easter Saturday. It was a great turn out – one of our best! An extra big thank you to all parents for bringing their children and showing support and a special thank you to Lucy’s dad for making us a special sign! Mrs McGlinn


**ARE YOU IN STAGE 2 AND WANT TO LEARN THE GUITAR?**

Lessons start next term for any student wishing to join us. Jesse will run half hour group lessons either on a Monday or Tuesday. Each lesson is $10, payable to Jesse. Lessons are rotated each week and are held during class time. **Students need to have their own guitar.** If your child is interested, please complete the bottom and return it to the front office so they can be placed in a group ready to start! Please forward any questions to Mrs McGlinn.

Still thinking about playing a musical instrument like the Clarinet / saxophone / flute / trumpet / trombone / euphonium / drums and joining the School Band, return you EOI as soon as possible.

**GUITAR LESSONS**

My child ___________________________ class __________ has their own guitar and would like to join lessons. I am aware they are group lessons with a cost of $10 each lesson.

Signed: ______________________________ Date: _______________

Parent / Carer

**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
Could you benefit from a family support service?

The Family Centre is a community based not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of quality services for families and individuals who reside in the Tweed Shire. Our Family Services aim to increase the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and strengthen family relationships. Family workers can meet with families at our centres in Tweed Heads South and Murwillumbah, in client homes or at other agreed locations.

happy children caring families strong community

For further information check out our website at www.thefamilycentre.org.au, contact us on: 07 5524 8711 or drop in during intake 15-17 Rivendell Tweed Heads South NSW between 9am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

Nicole Julien
Manager Family Services

Vacation Care

Attached to this Newsletter is Week 1 schedules for both junior and senior vacation care programs on the school holidays. Full details available from school admin office for:

Junior and Senior Vacation Care
Tweed Heads South Primary School
Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South
For Bookings: Phone: 07 5523 3708 or Fax 07 5523 3904

Big Fluffy Bunny hops into Bilambil PS for Easter celebrations
Are YOU a

Do YOU look after someone who has...

- long term illness?
- disability?
- mental illness?

Do YOU do things like...
shopping, cooking, cleaning, paying bills, help with showering & dressing, give medication & offer support

We may be able to help YOU!

The Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre will talk to you and your family about how we may be able to support YOU!

Greetings from all the staff at WEP Australia!

Primary School families play a pivotal role in offering overseas students a chance to gain an extended family by feeling safe and secure during their exchange programs. Year after year families in your community generously offer to host our international students and attend your local high schools.

Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child

...assists parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children

Assists parents to:
- understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Dates: Wednesday 17 & 24 April
Time: 10am - 1pm
Venue: Ground Floor
Cost: $40/$20 (concession)

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lismore@interrelate.org.au

Ideas for parenting teens

...focuses on how to effectively communicate and set boundaries with your teenager

Assists parents of teenagers to:
- reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
- help understand what is normal adolescent development
- develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

Dates: Monday 15 & 22 April 2 sessions
Time: 10am - 1pm
Venue: Ground Floor
5 Market Street, Lismore
Cost: $40/$20 (concession)

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