Welcome back to Bilambil 2014

Welcome everyone to another great year at Bilambil Public School. We are really excited about this year for many reasons. We have had minimal staff changes over the summer which means our planning focus has not been on orienting new staff to life at Bilambil, but concentrating on developing our teaching strategies and focus for the year.

As you may have noticed from our school organisation sheet which went home last Friday, we welcome Chantelle Wendt to the school for two days a week this year to fill Jill Fuzzard’s retirement but otherwise will have a consistent staff to that of 2013. Despite our biggest cohort of students being in Year 6 last year, we have seen our numbers rise this year to approximately 286 students and have welcomed many new families to the school from many different parts of the state and beyond. We hope you find our community school a happy and fulfilling educational pathway for your child. The enthusiasm from all of our students to returning to school has been enjoyable to see!

Welcome & Information BBQ

We encourage you to attend our Welcome and Information Sessions and BBQ on Thursday, 13 February, 2014 please come along to become better acquainted with the staff and other families and learn more about what life will be like for your child this year. Regular and meaningful communication with your child’s teacher this year can mean the small, often misunderstood moments of your child’s school life, can be addressed easily, leading to happier students. Communication should always start with your child’s teacher, but we also have our Assistant Principals on each stage who will clarify anything which may need clarifying and I am happy to support people who would like to meet for additional scenarios.

Parent Information Sessions and Welcome BBQ times:

Kindergarten and Years 3&4 from 4:30-5.00pm

Years 1&2 and Years 5 & 6 from 5.00-5:30pm

45 Kindergarten children start big school

It’s been a brilliant but tiring start to their school life for our 45 students starting Kindergarten.

We are happy to report that there were more tears from our parents than our students who have enthusiastically settled into school.
UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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Uniform shop news

The uniform shop is having a sale on pre-loved uniforms, $1.00 per garment. There is limited stock in skorts, shorts and shirts with plenty of sizes in jumpers for the cooler months again. Come in and grab a bargain.

Uniform shop is open: Monday and Friday 8.30 to 9.00am.

New uniform price list:
- School Logo Hats & Surf Hats: $12.00
- Blue School Shirts: $28.00
- Yellow Sports Shirts: $28.00
- Shorts & Skorts: $25.00
- Jackets: $25.00

Canteen Notices

The school canteen is now open for 2014 operating Monday to Friday. We will continue with the monthly Sushi Days (the last Friday of each month).

A number of our regular canteen volunteers circumstances have changed this year, therefore we are in desperate need of Mums, Dads, Carers, Nannies and Poppies to lend a helping hand. Please contact Brook Boyd Canteen Convenor on 0405 124 875 for more information or to put your name on the roster.

Year 6 Canberra excursion payments

A friendly reminder to parents and carers the Canberra excursion is fast approaching, only two months to go! Please pay the balance of your invoices ASAP. Payments can be made at the school admin office or online, please call the school for banking details.

Keyboard Lessons with Barbara Downes

Keyboard lessons will be available on Monday between 1.30 - 3.00pm commencing on the 17 February, 2014. Cost is $10 per lesson (please put the money in a sealed envelope to school admin office with the date, amount, child’s name and music - recycled envelopes are great. Students need to bring a display book to hold the music I give them each week. It is not necessary to own a keyboard to start lessons.

If interested please complete the details below and return to the Office before 17 February, 2014.

Musically

Barbara Downes

Child’s name ___________________________ Age ______ Class ______
Parents name ___________________________ Phone no: ___________________________
Experience, if any ______________________________________________________________
Signature __________________________________ Date ____________________________

Don’t forget to check Bilambil P&C Facebook page for updates.
EXPRESSON OF INTEREST FOR 2014
BAND, GUITAR AND KEYBOARDS

Are you interested in playing a band instrument?
Would you like to play the guitar? And will you be in years 3-6 this year?
If you answered YES to any of the above then you need to complete this form and return it the front office ASAP!
We are asking for Expression of Interest for band, guitar and keyboards for next year to ensure we plan appropriately for 2014! Band includes instruments such as the clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, drums, saxophone and euphonium. All band instruments are available for hire but guitar students will need to own their own instrument. No experience necessary and no need to audition - all welcome!

My child ................................................................................................................. Class ....................... is interested in learning a band instrument in 2014

My child ................................................................................................................. Class ....................... is interested in learning the guitar in 2014.

My child ................................................................................................................. Class ....................... is interested in learning the keyboards in 2014.

Signed: ...................................................................................................................... Date: ....................................

Parent/Carer

LOCAL COMMUNITY SPORTING SIGN ONS

NETBALL
Twin Towns Netball Club Inc Sign On
This Saturday 8th February, 2014 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.
For more information contact:
Karen Jefferies - President
Mobile: 0418 197 968
Email: makjeffs@bigpond.com or
Jenny Mitchell - Treasurer
Mobile: 0412 699 249
Email: jennymitchell@myowntel.net.au

SOCcer
Bilambil Junior Soccer Club Sign On this Saturday 8th February and the following Saturday 15th February, 2014 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm NSWT
All enquiries contact Neil on 0490 200 611

HOCKEY
Kingscliff Hockey Club Sign On
Saturday 8 February 11.00am to 2.00pm and Friday 14 February 3.00 to 5.00pm.
Inquiries, please contact:
Tim Prichard 0418 490 586, Terri Felton 02 6674 0920 or Ross Salmon 07 5524 6204
Players for all Grades 5 to 16 years

Reminder to apply for 2014 Bus Pass
Reminder to parents/carers of students going from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2014 are required to complete a new bus application and return it to the school office ASAP. Also if you change your address a new application is required.
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