Big week for our Kindergarten children
Now that our excited Kindergarten students have started school so well, we are into the swing of things for 2014. I am excited to report that we received our 286th enrolment the day before we input our census data for the year. This has changed our entitlement from 11 to 12 classes for 2014. This is sensational news and has allowed us to form a K/1 composite and thus reduce the number of children in each of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 composite classes. This class, K/1L, will be taught by Mrs Lloyd. Mrs Borra has eagerly stepped in to teach Kindergarten and KB have already had some very exciting and fun days with her.

Excellent start to school year for seniors
Our Year 6 students have consolidated their excellent start to their senior schooling by recently signing a pledge on assembly where they made a commitment to make our school a safe, happy and fun place to be for everyone at Bilambil PS. Their contribution as buddies to the new Kindergarten students has certainly exemplified this commitment. They’ve helped them at recess, lunch and moving around the school to ensure that our Kindergarten students have all started school positively. Their further roles as recyclers, sports shed helpers, flag raisers, assembly hosts amongst other things prove the important role our senior students play within our school.

Great response to school events and activities
After the highly successful trial of our new swimming carnival format, we have also had a wonderful evening at our Information Sessions. These were well attended and it was delightful to see parents, students and teachers socialising together at the BBQ at the end of the information sessions. The strength of your child having the greatest success at school can be aided by the positive communication between home and school. These informal conversations can go a long way to ensuring that this communication takes place.
UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TERM 1 WEEK 4
Wednesday 19th February  PSSA District Swimming Carnival

TERM 1 WEEK 5
Tuesday 25th February  School Banking
Thursday 27th February  KB & K/1L Info Sessions
Friday 28th February  Canteen Sushi Friday

TERM 1 WEEK 6
Monday 3rd March  CBA Banking Talk at Assembly
Tuesday 4th March  School Banking
Wednesday 5th March  TRHS Science Lesson Yr 6
Friday 7th March  Scripture Puppet Show

TERM 1 WEEK 7
Tuesday 11th March  School Banking
Wednesday 12th March  P&C AGM 7.00pm

TERM 1 WEEK 8
Tuesday 18th March  School Banking
Wednesday 19th March  P&C Fete Meeting

TERM 1 WEEK 9
Tuesday 25th March  School Banking
Friday 28th March  Canteen Sushi Day

TERM 1 WEEK 10
Monday 31st March  Life Ed
Tuesday 1st April  School Banking
Wednesday 2nd April  Life Ed
Saturday 5th April  P&C School Fete

TERM 1 WEEK 11
Monday 7th April  Life Ed
Tuesday 8th April  School Banking
Wednesday 9th April  P&C Meeting
Thursday 10th April  Pirate & Princess Day
Friday 11th April  Last Day of Term 1

UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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Health Alert

Parents / Carers please be advised we have had two confirmed cases of Chicken Pox. If your child is unwell please check for spots, they usually begin on the torso.

The Department of Health Fact Sheet is available at the front office, if you require a copy.

Dance at BPS

This year we are forming a dance group to perform at the Far North Coast Dance Festival in Week 6 of Term 2.

The group will be made up of students from Years 4-6 and will be practising at lunchtimes. Students will need to be aware of this commitment to giving up one and probably two lunchtimes next term.

Details about audition times will be given out at Assembly.

Mrs Sharon Butler

Friendly reminders from previous Newsletter

ICAS Competitions - Due Monday 3rd March
Year 6 Canberra Excursion payments
BPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

Last Friday Bilambil held their school swimming carnival at the Banora Pools complex.

It was really encouraging to see almost the whole of our primary students (150 Students!) in attendance on the day.

The emphasis was on participation with all of the children in attendance participating in either formal events or a series of novelty activities that were superbly organised and run by Mrs Brazel and Mrs Carruthers.

Wollumbin House were successful in taking out the honour of House Trophy on the day but a big round of congratulations needs to go to all students, staff and wonderful parent volunteers that helped make the day an overwhelming success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

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PSSA District Swimming Carnival

Good luck to those Bilambil swimmers who are competing at the Tweed District Swimming Carnival tomorrow at Banora Point Pool. Thanks for representing our school so well!
This year we are running a special reading/literacy program for students who find those disciplines difficult. The program is very structured and training is simple but enlightening and will assist any parent with their own child. We need volunteers who can give us 1-2 hours from 9.00am to around 11.00am (one hour is fine). The sessions only last 20 minutes and are one on one with individual students. The success of this program is reliant on reliable and committed volunteers. We are also using the 15 hour a week volunteer program through NORTEC, where we hope to get some outside volunteers.

If you are interested in being a volunteer please leave your name at the office (Attention: Ms Sally Butler)

Many Thanks
Sally Butler
L@ST - Learning & Support Teacher

Helping the lunchbox keep its cool in Summer!
• Avoid packing warm food.
• Keep the packed lunch bag open in the fridge until your child needs to pack it in their bag, (but only if it won’t be left behind).
• Wrap a small frozen water bottle in a hankie (to minimise condensation)
• Freeze a small yoghurt or
• Wrap a whole frozen orange cut into eighths and reformed into a ball
• Remind your child to put their bag in the shade
• And eat the fresh things first while they’re still cool!

Borrowing has begun for the year, and Kindergarten will borrow for the first time this week. Below is a list of the days when your child’s class will borrow:
Monday 5/6C, KS, 1/2P
Tuesday 1/2B, 1/2H
Wednesday 3/4B, 5/6B, 3/4M
Thursday 3/4S, 5/6M, KB, K/1L
The library is open each lunchtime and before school most days for borrowing if your child misses their class library day.
Christine Hassall
Teacher/Librarian
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JUNE 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are looking for host families across Australia to welcome these students into their home.

Hosting is an experience that is often referred to as a way to ‘reignite your passion for your country’, whilst at the same time creating bonds and sharing lifelong memories. Attached is a notice for your newsletter in a PDF format. We would appreciate if you could please download this for your newsletter, noticeboard or website.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Junior Indoor Softball
FREE ‘Come n Try’ Session
WHEN: Wednesday 12th February, 2014
TIME: 5pm (NSW time) - 6pm
WHERE: Chinderah Indoor Sports Complex
AGES: approx. 10yrs - Girls 16 / Boys 14
EQUIPMENT: Will be available for those that don’t have their own.

For further information contact Linda on either 07 5523 2571 / 0409 279 934 / tweedsoftball@iinet.net.au

Tumbulgum Rangers Sports Club
SOCCER AND TENNIS
SIGN-ON for boys and girls, juniors and seniors
9am to 11am on SATURDAY 22 February 2014 (8.30am-9am free sausage sizzle)
1.30pm to 3.30pm on SUNDAY 23 February 2014
9am to 9.30am on SUNDAY 9 March 2014 followed at 9.30am by AGM.

Bring a friend and join up, new players welcome (and need to bring proof of age)

For further information contact Brian 02 66766343

Murwillumbah Football Club Sign on for 2014 Season
All interested players are now able to register on line at Myfootballclub.
myfootballclub.com.au
Registration day Tuesday 18 February, 4.30 to 6pm. Contact Theo Van Bael Club Registrar
Details on club web site.
http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?client=1-9389-136591-0-0

Road to find the latest health information on the North Coast?
Do you want tips on healthy eating, where to find your local gym, or how to access a health professional or community health service? You can even promote your own health events, programs, activities and services. Healthy North Coast is the online hub for all things health on the North Coast. Simply visit www.healthynorthcoast.org.au or check us out on Facebook, Twitter or Google+.
Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH
[next to Bilambil Public School]
Bilambil After School Care - Term 1 Activities

Term 1 is going to be lots of fun. We have two Active After School Programs running.

Tuesdays – Zumba. Zumba is a fitness program that combines Latin music and easy-to-follow dance moves. Zumba routines incorporate interval training, alternating fast and slow rhythms and resistance training. Zumba’s fans say it’s so popular because Zumba is a fun way to work out.

Wednesdays – Volley Ball (4 weeks) & Surf Life Saving (4 weeks).

The Australian Governments Active After School Communities program is a national initiative that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other physical activity programs at After School Care. Bilambil OOSH sources this funding from AASC so that we can include the cost of these activities in our daily fees at no extra charge.

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