Busy Time for students

Once again Bilambil is a busy little place offering lots of different opportunities for students. Our Green Thumbs are enthusiastically gardening with Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Hassall organising the plant boxes on our bottom playground. Many opportunities for sporting pursuits continue with swimming and football days.

Thanks to all parents with students in new classes, who attended the Parent Information Sessions last week. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to meet each other and discuss class specific information. Finally, Mr Mostert is enjoying his long service leave and will return on Wednesday, 12th March 2014.

Peter Halloran AP

Bilambil swimmers glide through the water to make selection

Bilambil will be well represented at the next level of swimming with three students (Stella R, Kai M and Indi V) making it through to PSSA Far North Coast Carnival competing today at Ballina.

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Rain and sunshine for PSSA AFL Trials

Last Friday 28 February 11 girls and 12 boys from Bilambil attended the PSSA AFL Trials at Arkinstall Park.

From all accounts the girls had a great day making their presence felt around the field, but it was our boys who stole the limelight with three of our students earning selection into the Far North Coast side. Congratulations to Connor D, Ezra H and Nicolas S who will represent BPS at the district trials at Byron Bay on Thursday 13 March, 2014.

From reports of the day all our students displayed great sportsmanship and spirit, well done.

Scripture Puppet Show

This term all our school students have the opportunity to see a special sponsored performance by Quiz Worx. Quiz Worx teams have performed over 2,000 shows and have been seen by over 200,000 people, using puppets, music, chalk talks, animations, storytelling and drama to present the good news, especially to children.

There will be a 30 minute presentation with references to Christ and Easter on Friday afternoon 7 March, 2014 in the school hall, K-2 (1:30 - 2pm) and 3-6 (2:05 - 2:35pm). There will be no cost to our students. If you do not want your child/children to attend, please contact the school in writing.

Peter Halloran AP

P&C AGM

The next P & C Meeting is the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 March, 2014 starting at 7.00pm

If you would like to be involved in the planning of the future of the best school ever, then come along to this meeting. Hope to see you all there on March 12.
UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TERM 1 WEEK 6
- 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
- Thursday 13th March: 1/2H Assembly 1.30pm Hall

TERM 1 WEEK 8
- Tuesday 18th March: School Banking
- Wednesday 19th March: P&C Fete Meeting
- Friday 21st March: Year 7 2015 E.O.I due
  - PSSA Winter Trials
  - National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

TERM 1 WEEK 9
- Tuesday 25th March: School Banking
- Wednesday 26th March: CRL Gala Day 5th Tweed
- Friday 28th March: Canteen Sushi Day
  - Cross Country Carnival

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
  - Griffith Uni
- Friday 11th April: Last Day of Term I

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Everyone learns at Bilambil

Over the next two weeks, teachers from Bilambil Public School and Tweed Heads Public School, will attend workshops around the topic of reading comprehension.

Sessions are a great opportunity for teachers to extend their understandings and learn from each other. Teachers will discuss how to ensure students build pictures in their minds whilst they are reading and plan lessons around this theme.

Peter Hallaron AP

Year 7 E.O.I

If you have a child moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015, please return your Expression of Interest by Friday 21 March 2014.

PSSA Winter Sports Trials

The PSSA Winter Sports Trials will be held on Friday 21 March, 2014 for the following sports.

Open Rugby League, 11 Year Old Rugby League, Netball, Soccer and Hockey

More information to come out this week.
In and around the classroom of KS

KS are learning about the food we eat and enjoy fruit at Crunch and Sip time.

The children are learning to identify and write letters as they work quietly at their tables.

KS children love to listen to stories.

KS are working with the text ‘I wish I had a Pirate Suit’. We wrote a sentence together and drew a picture.

We are beginning to use our new listening post that the school earned through the Woolworths “Earn & Learn” promotion.

At Lunchtime we love to chat as we eat.
Futsal has hit Bilambil

Futsal is a variant game of soccer that is played on a hard surface. Students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in learning the skills during sport time over the next 6-7 weeks. Dawn is our qualified coach who comes and runs lessons lasting from 30-40 minutes.

Students are really enjoying the opportunity to learn a new sport and get to play fun games along the way.

Children enjoying Story Dogs

This week Dawn from Story Dogs starts working with students from Year 1 and 2. Story Dogs is a fun reading program that aims to improve student’s reading and communication skills through children reading to a trained companion dog and it’s handler.

Dawn comes to school every week and brings her lovely dog Dakini. Sessions last around 20 minutes. A big thank you goes to Story Dogs, Dawn and Dakini for your help.

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Introducing BPS Leaders for 2014

School Captains & Leaders

School Captains
- Paige K
- Nicolas S

Vice School Captains
- Cate H
- Sunny C

School Leaders

House Captains

House Captains
- Tyla E
- Ryely C
- Shenaye J
- Cody T
- Shelby T
- Dylan J

Vice Captains
- Eliza B
- Connor D
- Maille W
- Grayson P
- Amber S
- Jamie S

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.

School Captains
- Paige K
- Nicolas S

Vice School Captains
- Cate H
- Sunny C

3/4B
- Lily C
- Angus P

3/4M
- Xalia S
- Brady B

3/4S
- Zahli M
- Jett C

5/6B
- Lily R
- Kai M

5/6C
- Mackenzie J
- Sage M

5/6M
- Shenaye J
- Riley H

Choosing the right lunch box is important
- Make sure children can open all containers and lunch boxes easily. Practise this at home first
- Check that containers can fit inside the insulated lunch box bag
- Ensure children can easily take off any food wrappings
- Make markings on the food wrapping to show children where to start
- Check that all bottles of water can be opened
- Small, easy to open containers are excellent for cut up or canned fruit, cut up vegie sticks or salad, homemade muffins
ONLY 4 1/2 WEEKS TO GO

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our School Newsletter is printed fortnightly on Tuesdays of the even school weeks and is also available on our school website at www.bilambil-p.school.nsw.edu.au

In the future the school is endeavouring to email the Newsletter directly to parents/carers who would prefer.

As this is a task that will require preparation time we would appreciate it if you would update with your current email address in order for the planning process to start.

If you prefer to have your newsletter emailed by an electronic format please fill in the section below and have your child bring it to the front office.

Student Name/s: ________________________________________________________________

Email/s Address School Newsletter to be forwarded to:

Parent/Carer Email: ________________________________

If parents reside separately, please complete email addresses for both parents/carers

Mother’s Email: ________________________________

Father’s Email: ________________________________
The power of a sincere compliment

It's amazing the impact a sincere compliment can have on the confidence and self-esteem of a child or young person.

I overheard a friend tell her eight-year-old daughter last week:

“You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such lovely big sister!”

My friend’s face lit up with a smile as she said it. She gently put her hand on her daughter’s shoulder at the same time.

The little girl beamed, then she went off to play.

It was a simple parenting moment among many that my friend would have initiated that day.

I couldn’t help thinking that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self esteem and create good feelings at home.

A sincerely given compliment has an enormous impact on the person who receives it. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we are given a compliment.

We also feel closer to the person who complimented us.

Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated.

There is one problem. While compliments are easy to give, they are also easy not to give.

We forget.

We underestimate their impact.

We haven’t developed the habit of giving compliments.

Amplify the impact

There were two things my friend did that amplified the impact of her compliment.

1. She smiled as she gave the compliment.

2. She touched her daughter as well.

Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal.

Her mother’s smile told her daughter what her mum really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. The words reinforced the smile and touch.

The compliment was given and received through three senses – visually, kinaesthetically and auditorily.

That’s how kids receive all our messages – they see, they feel, they hear – though we often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinaesthetic.

Next time your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a compliment.

Smile (tell your face you are happy) and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel. Watch your child’s reaction. It’ll have a significant impact.

It doesn’t take much.
Parents of gifted children are in a unique situation. Often, the advanced development of the abilities of a gifted child outpaces the child's physical or emotional development, resulting in frustration for both parent and child. It is common for parents of gifted children to feel confused about the educational needs of their gifted child, and GERRIC’s parent programming aims to address these concerns and challenges. Our parent workshops provide an opportunity for parents to develop a greater understanding of their gifted child's needs, to interact with other parents of gifted children and to learn from current research and experts in the field of gifted education.

GERRIC can make a difference for you and for your family.
NEW IN 2014:

**Parent Public Lecture Series:**
Each term in 2014, GERRIC will offer a free public lecture on a topic of interest for parents of gifted children. Join us for the chance to learn from experts in the field of gifted education and meet other parents of gifted children in an informal and supportive setting. Visit our website to learn more about future public lectures or to join our mailing list.

**Advanced Parent Courses:**
Parents who have attended our courses often ask where they can turn for further information. Now, they don’t have to turn anywhere else, GERRIC is rolling out a new series of advanced parent courses for those who have previously attended a GERRIC parent course. The content will assume prior knowledge of subjects such as the identification and socio-emotional development of gifted children, and delve more deeply into specific topics of interest.

The GERRIC Parent Course covers such topics as:
- Identification of gifted children in schools
- Challenges faced by gifted children: perfectionism and underachievement
- Parenting strategies to manage your child at home
- Being a positive advocate for your child at school and much more!

**Contact Us**
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Advanced Course: Planning Your Child’s Educational and Talent Development Experiences Both Within and Outside of School**
Saturday, 18 January 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Presenter: Professor Karen B. Rogers
Professor Rogers is Professor of Gifted Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the author of Re-Forming Gifted Education: How Parents and Teachers Can Match the Program to the Child.
Cost: $180/single or $310/couple

**Parent Public Lecture Series: Gifted Students and Selective High Schools**
Wednesday, 12 February 2014
6:00 – 7:00pm
Presenter: Dr Margaret Varady, AO
Director of the UNSW Office of Educational Leadership and former principal of Sydney Girls High School

**The GERRIC Parent Course**
8-9 March 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $365/single or $625/couple

**The Advanced GERRIC Parent Course**
17-18 May 2014
9:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: $365/single or $625/couple

Visit our website to learn more and enrol: https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-parents/
The Juniors of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads Golf Club would like to invite all junior girls and boys to join them on Sunday 16th March at 11am DST for a free sausage sizzle and to see if you would like to learn how to play the game of golf. You may bring your parents and grand-parents with you who would be most welcome. Cadets can learn from age 5 to 8 and juniors start from 9 to 17.

Golf clubs will be available to use and our friendly team of junior coordinators, professional Matt Hancock assisted by Tony, Peter and Andrew will be in attendance to help and explain all about the Saturday morning free golf clinics for cadets and juniors.

Our professional team of Matt, Craig, Julie and Ross provide a one hour free clinic every Saturday morning and will be there on this day to show you how to play this ‘cool game’.

Becky and Tyla started with the cadets, they are now 15 years old and both are members of the QLD State Team with career plans to be professional golfers. You will be able to chat with them and other junior girls and boys who play on Saturday mornings.

If you would like to join us on this ‘family fun day’ please register with Matt Hancock 07-55244544 e-mail proshop@cooltweedgolf.com.au or Reception 07-55244544 e-mail enquiries@cooltweedgolf.com.au

We look forward to hearing from you.