Bilambil Community Fair

The excitement levels are building for the Bilambil Fair on this Saturday. Whilst the school is delighted to be hosting such an auspicious event, we would like to clearly ask everyone who visits our school to respect it. Please monitor your children whilst you are at the fair and please be proactive in ensuring our school is enjoyed by all who come into it.

Congratulations and thank you to the whole P&C organising team who have been so well led by Anita. The countless hours of work that she has put into the fair is unbelievable. I’m looking forward to seeing you all here and remember parking will be at a premium so please be careful when you are coming and going from the fair.

LMBR Office

The NSW Department of Education is in the process of updating the 1980’s based administration system that it currently uses into a new statewide system called LMBR. It is also creating a new formula for funding schools each year called the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). This is an incredibly complex process and as such, the office may be contacting you in the near future to confirm some details for our databases.

If you have changed address, phone numbers or employment status since you have enrolled your child at our school but have not yet informed us could you please contact the office to notify us of the changes. Thank you!

Annual School Report

The Bilambil PS Annual School Report (ASR) for 2013 has now been finalised and is available for any interested parents. Parents may view the ASR on the school website or collect a printed copy from the school’s office.

Surfside Bus Visit

At 9.30 on Tuesday 18th March, KB, KS and K/1L lined up and excitedly boarded a waiting Surfside bus. Unfortunately, we weren’t actually going anywhere, but we did have an important reason to be on the bus- Bus Safety. As part of our P.D./Health program, each class spends time in the first few weeks of school, learning and discussing our 5 Bus Safety rules.

Kindergarten had the special opportunity to listen to the bus driver telling us how to stay safe on the bus and why it is so important. We had the chance to board the bus safely, look at where the driver sits, ask and answer questions and then safely get off the bus. This was a very important lesson for Kindergarten, as some students are catching the bus to and from school already. We look forward to all catching the bus again and actually going somewhere so that we can practise our safety rules.

Bus Behaviour

Our school is very unique with over 99% of our students using motorised transport to get to and from school. Their safety is very important and we have been alarmed at the number of reports of inappropriate behaviour that we have received from students about bus behaviour so far this term.

Please discuss with your child the importance of their behavioural choices while travelling on the buses and what ways that they can ensure that they are safe on the bus. Where you feel that there have been serious bus incidents take place, please contact Surfside Buses on 07 5571 6555 report the incidents. If further follow up is required which will impact on your child’s school life, please contact the school.
UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TERM 1 WEEK 10
- 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 1

TERM 2 WEEK 1
- Monday 28th April: School Development Day
- Tuesday 29th April: Students resume for Term 2
- Friday 2nd May: Yr 6 Canberra Excursion final payments due

SRC Stewart House Fundraiser
The SRC Committee are selling Handballs for $3.50 at Recess and Lunchtime to support Stewart House.

My Stewart House Trip
On Monday the 3rd March, I caught a plane to Sydney to stay at Stewart House at South Curl Curl.

Here are some highlights of my exciting trip:
- We went to the zoo and at the zoo I went to a seal show.
- At school I made some pottery
- We went to the Powerhouse Museum and we had to pedal to make an engine, radio and siren come on
- We walked across the Harbour Bridge
- Stewart house had it’s own cinema
- We had a Girl’s night out and I won bingo
- We went to the park where Home and Away is filmed and we got to see the people form Home and Away
- We went to the biggest park in Sydney and had so much fun.
- I made a new friend and her name was Alyssa.

Takisha B - 5/6B

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Our Pirates and Princesses unit has been lots of fun and we have read some fantastic texts, created some amazing art work and found out some interesting things about pirates. Check out our WANTED posters on our window!
We have been working with the ipads and learning how to use the app “Explain Everything” to share what we know about pirates. We will let you know when we are finished, so we can share them with you. K/1L have been really quick to learn how to use this app and have been working really well with their partners. This week we started finding out about princesses. Everyone is looking forward to the Pirates and Princesses day at the end of term.

So many things, so much fun!
We had 6 weeks of FUTSAL lessons and loads of fun.
We practised and then ran in the Cross Country.
We have already won the cleanest classroom award twice and this week we won the recycling award!

Ahoy there me hearties! “Welcome aboard me Princess Lassie”

We started the year in 5 different classes, but we didn’t miss a beat in becoming a whole new class. Kindergarten have been absolutely amazing in how quickly they have settled and Year 1 are doing a great job showing how responsible and helpful they can be.

Wow! Dancing, Science & Library
Ms Prior, a student teacher from Southern Cross university, will be working with us for 3 weeks at the start of next term. We are hoping she will be taking us for some dance lessons and we know we will be having lots of fun with her.
In Science with Mrs Stokes, we planted sunflower seeds and it was very exciting when they sprouted and started to grow!
Mrs Hassall has been not only introducing us to a library full of great books, but is also teaching us about pets.
KB has been busy as bees in Term 1

Pirates & Princesses
Our theme this term has been pirates and princesses. We are very proud of our displays.

Learning Letters
Over the last few weeks we have been learning to identify and write letters. We have been even writing our own stories. We are finding the “Booty” meaning (treasure).

Pirate Listeners
We love story time and are fantastic listeners. One of our favourite books has been Pirate Piggy Wiggy. It is “A merry yarn” meaning (a good story).

Cross Country
Running in the Cross country has been one of our highlights this term. Despite the rain and mud, we all had lots of fun.
Five great games to play with the entire family (just to get you started):

1. Rugby or Soccer – classic games already, everyone knows the basics, but football can be a ton of fun as a family. If there are those playing that shy away from contact, make it a game of two hand tag. Dust off the old ball and forget watching it on the TV, so much more fun live!

2. Badminton – If football is a bit too much for your family, badminton provides a similar experience in a less strenuous arena. Kids, adults and even grandparents can enjoy a fun game of badminton.

3. Horseshoes – This is yet another classic game that can be enjoyed by nearly everyone. The best part about horseshoes is that it provides for conversation and fun all at the same time. When you are waiting your turn you can be spending time with the kids or catching up with your family about their day.

4. Hide and Seek – Although this game is originally a kid’s game, adults can have a fun playing it as well. Set up a specific area to stay within and go back to your childhood. You will be shocked at how much fun this can be.

5. Elastics: – Surely this old game causes memories to surface? You need about 6 – 8 metres of elastic tied at the end to form a circle. Two people stand at each end with the elastic at their ankles, and the others take turns going “In, on, in, out, crisscross, in, over (catching one side of the elastic and taking it across the other), out”. You then progress to the knees, hips, waist, underarms…. Two chairs will do if there are too few people or you want to get some sneaky practice in!

Outdoor games are wonderful because they bring the family together in teamwork, fun and excitement. The exercise you get from running around with the kids is a huge bonus. Although we are in the habit of sitting around after dinner, these games could foster a brand new habit in the years to come. Start a healthy tradition and get outside this year.

PIRATE and PRINCESS DAY
THURSDAY 10 APRIL , 2014

Our Pirate and Princess day is nearly here!!

This is a whole school activity day and it will be a day of fun to celebrate our first term. It will also involve our Community Preschool as well as some of the children from Bilis’ Pre School

We encourage all children to come dressed as either a Pirate or a Princess. Sensible footwear is a must.

The program for the day is as follows: (Let’s hope the rain stays away)

9.00 -10.00am (approx.) - ALL children 1-6 will go to watch “The Pirate Cantata” by Year 5/6C in the hall.

10.00 -11.00am (approx.) - A repeat Performance of” The Pirate Cantata” for the Kindergarten children and the preschools as well as any parents who would like to come and watch.

11.00 - 11.30am - Recess

11.30am - 12.00pm - A whole School Parade, class by class under the shelter area. There will also be a performance by our school choir.

12.00 - 1.00 pm - There will be a variety of pirate and princess games and activities that have been selected by the teachers and run by our school leaders with the help of some capable year 5’s, in the playground where each class will move from activity to activity throughout the hour.

Parents are invited to attend all or some of the day, and then stay to have a picnic lunch in the playground. Children will return to class in the afternoon.

We hope to see you there.
Christine Hassall
Teacher/Librarian

Julian Mostert
Principal
Change to Crunch and Sip Program

Our school has been a registered Crunch and Sip school for five years. Crunch and Sip is a program initiated by the NSW Government, the NSW Health Department and the Healthy Kids Association, to encourage children to eat more vegetables and fruit and to drink water.

Crunch and Sip has been a very successful program and we wish to thank parents/carers who have supported this worthwhile program in the past.

Next term we would like to make a small change to our Crunch and Sip Program.

Each Wednesday we would like to make Crunch and Sip a ‘vegetables only’ day, (with water to sip) to help meet the Australian Guidelines for Healthy Eating. (See table below)

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We hope you can help support this change by providing a variety of raw vegetables on each Wednesday E.g.: carrot and celery sticks, strips of capsicum, cucumber, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, broccoli, snow peas etc. These vegetables may be served with hommus or mashed avocado with a squeeze of lemon.

We look forward to your support, as we would like to introduce ‘Vegie Wednesday’ on the first Wednesday in Term 2 Week 1.

For further information, please access these websites:
www.crunchandsip.com.au
www.healthy-kids.com.au

Benefits of Music

A recent Sydney Morning Herald report detailed that ‘Music education has benefits beyond teaching children to play instruments and sing - it also helps their academic achievement, sharpening their attentiveness and creativity and enhances their memory and fine motor skills’.

With that in mind I would like to congratulate our classroom music teachers; our Infants, Junior and Senior Choir students and their teachers Mrs McGlinn and Mrs Carruthers; and also congratulate our instrument and Band students and their teacher, Mr Edwards, for the beautiful music which floats through our school from your efforts most days of the week. Band and instrument students will notice that they will be invoiced for Term 2 in the coming weeks. We will also be seeking any overdue fees during this term. These are critical to the program as they are the only way that we can employ Mr Edwards to drive these great programs at our school.

Keyboard Request

Does anyone have a Keyboard they would like to loan or donate for the use to the Rock Band, School Band and Choir.

If so it would be very much appreciated. Please see or contact Mrs Donna McGlinn at the school.

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PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers Reading Challenge is off to a flying start and it is wonderful to see so many children taking on the challenge, which is to read between 25 and 30 books between March and September this year.

Children in Stages K and 1 …… 30 books.

Children in Stages 2 and 3 ……. 20 books from the list, and 5 of their own choice.

(ALL students in K-2 will take part in the challenge with their teacher and class mates in a reading experience). They are also welcome to do the Challenge independently.

Just a reminder that the PRC reading logs are available from the Library, or can be downloaded from the website.

If you have any questions please come and see me.

Happy reading
Christine Hassall
Teacher/Librarian

WOW! What a Great First Performance!

A big thank you to the 24 Junior Choir students who joined me to perform at Seagulls club Friday night 21st March! The kids were very excited to perform and did our school proud. They sang 4 songs and stayed for pizza afterwards… Thank you also to the many other people who came along to show support. See you at the next performance!

Donna McGlinn

School's Earth Hour

Last Saturday night, the whole world celebrated Earth Hour. Our school had it's own version of Earth Hour by turning off all of our lights on Monday afternoon from 1:30-2:40pm. This little gesture and accompanying conversation helped highlight our place in the world to all of the students.

Surf School - Children's Holiday Surfing Programs

Walkin' On Water Surf School, based at Greenmount Beach in Coolangatta, is running our hugely successful and popular Vegemite SurfGroms programs over the Easter School holidays and also again throughout Term 2. These programs combine 5 progressive levels of surf instruction from beginner to high end surfing with progressive surf safety and surf awareness skills and competencies.

The Vegemite SurfGroms Program was specifically designed for 5-12 years olds and is not only heaps of fun for them but teaches them important surf and ocean safety skills while introducing them into the fantastic sport of surfing! Also as a huge bonus, each Grom that is registered and booked into one of our Programs also receives a Quiksilver SurfGroms pack packed full of Quiksilver, Wahu and SurfGrom goodies valued at over $250

For more information please visit our website – www.walkinonwater.com, email us at surf@walkinonwater.com or call us on 0418 780 311

We have had several cars illegally park in our school Disabled Car Park space. We wish to remind you that in accordance with Government legislation, only people with current Disabled Parking Permits, which are clearly displayed, are eligible to use this park.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Cross Country

It seems that every year, all we have to do is mention the words Cross Country and the rain clouds start to gather. 2014 was no exception and despite the slightly damp ground and a shower or two, our races went ahead smoothly and with a minimum of muddy uniforms. All our students are to be commended for their outstanding efforts and it was so pleasing to see students setting a goal for this year and achieving it.

The fruit and vegie platters post race were a fitting reward for a fine effort. It was really nice to see so many parents on the sidelines encouraging the students along. Thank you to the staff for the early morning fruit preparation session and their great work running the carnival. Special mention must go to Mrs Brazel for being our fruit and veg organiser and delivery person. It was amazing to see just how much her car could hold!

The students who will be going on to the next carnival, will receive a note and information shortly.

Alison Lloyd & Julie Smith

CRL Gala Day

Last Tuesday, 25th March Bilambil PS attended the CRL Gala Day that was held at South Tweed Juniors. On the day the boys played well and represented their school with pride, displaying excellent sportsmanship against a number of schools across the Tweed District. Although the boys did not proceed through to the finals, both teams experienced success in their pool games. Particularly, a big thank you goes out to Troy Jones and Greg Shipway for helping out with the U’10s on the day. Without parent help, these days are much harder to organise and run.
MEDIA RELEASE

SOAK UP THE FUN AT FAIR

It’s not every day you get the chance to throw things at your school principal.

But you just may get to do that this weekend at our community fair. The wet sponge throwing stand is expected to be one of the more popular events in sideshow alley with Mr Mostert, teachers, senior students and parents all expected to cop a sponge or two during the day in the name of fun.

Students and parents have spent months decorating, planning, collecting and delivering all the items needed for what is the school’s first fair.

Games stalls on sideshow alley, such as quack-a-duck, lucky bottles and chocolate toss will give people of all ages the chance to win some great prizes while there are bargains to be found at the white elephant, book, plant and market stalls.

Other family friendly attractions include an animal farm, pony rides, jumping castle, giant slide, teacup ride, face painting, emergency services displays and a wildlife show.

Food and drinks will be available from the Year 6 café and other food stands, with live entertainment running throughout the day as well as prize wheels, a talent contest and art, cooking and photography competition displays.

The P&C’s Fair co-ordinator Anita Johnson said although it had taken a lot of hard work to put on the fair, it was the P&C’s major fundraiser for the year and the profits from the fair would help upgrade the playground in the our spacious and naturally beautiful grounds.

“It is our first school fair so there has been a lot of work to be done but hearing the buzz of excitement amongst the kids as the day gets closer has made it all worthwhile,” said Anita.

“People are always looking for family-friendly events and after all the recent rain we are sure people will be keen to get out of the house so we are expecting a large turnout on the day.

“We have something for people of all ages and lots of prizes to give away thanks to the generosity of local businesses.”

The Fair will be held in the school grounds on Bilambil Road from 10am until 3pm on Saturday, April 5. There will be an ATM on site and entry is free.
Donations required for Mothers’ Day Stall

The P&C Fundraising Committee are seeking urgent donations for the Mother’s Day Stall which will be held in Term 2 on Friday, 9th May 2014. There will be a bin placed in the office where you will be able to leave your donations.

Thankyou

Madonna & Paulette

“How exciting”, fun, fun, and more fun.
Only 3 days to go .........................
See you there.

Pre-ordered Show Bags & Ride Vouchers

The Fair Committee would like to advise that all pre-ordered and paid Show Bags and Rides Wrist Bands will be available from the Voucher Stall. The Voucher stall will open on the day of the Fair from 9.30am to enable collection of prepaid orders prior to fair commencing.

For further information please contact Anita Johnson on 0422 369 276

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