WOW! Parents now able to make Online Payments

We are excited to introduce to our school community a new software program called POP – Parents online Payments. It is now possible for you to make online payments for any amounts owing for your children for things that they are involved in at school, e.g.: excursions, text book fees, band lessons, uniforms, sales to students and voluntary school contributions. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting the $ Make a payment tab and follow the prompts. If you would like a full set of instructions please contact our front office and we can send these home. There is also a link to instructions on our web site. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner.

Please note it is a legal requirement that we receive a signed permission note in order for your child to attend excursions. These notes will now contain a clause and box at the bottom to tick if you have made a payment on line. The receipt number can be recorded here also. It should be noted here that the days banking closes at 6.00 pm each night. So if you make a payment after that it will not appear until the day after tomorrow. For this reason last minute payment for events and excursions are discouraged. If you have or any questions regarding the Online Payment process please contact our School Admin Office. We hope that this new payment method will help our busy and working families to save time and alleviate the need to have cash on hand all the time. This is of course only an additional option for payments to our school. Parents may still send in payment envelopes with cash or cheques, use the credit card option on payment envelopes or come into our school in person to pay cash or use our Eftpos facilities.

Zone Cross Country

Thanks to the Raymond family, Bilambil was victorious in a quarter of all the races held at the recent Tweed District Cross Country Carnival. Every Bilambil student there ran with great determination, representing our school superbly. Jascha and Stella both won their age races and they will be joined by Angus P, Anika S, Kai M and Ashley H at the Far North Coast carnival in Bangalow this Friday. Good luck!
**UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

**TERM 2 WEEK 4**
- Friday 23rd May  
  FNC Cross Country

**TERM 2 WEEK 5**
- Monday 26th May  
  Guitar Lessons
- Tuesday 27th May  
  Band Lessons
  **Deadly Aust Show K-6**
- Friday 30th May  
  Canteen Sushi Day
  **P&C Biggest Cup of Tea 9.15am**

**TERM 2 WEEK 6**
- Monday 2nd June  
  Guitar Lessons
- Tuesday 3rd June  
  Band Lessons
  **School Banking**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**Supporting our Community**

After the generosity of our school community was seen through the many donations for the Community Fair, we can confirm that all of the left over clothes, books and equipment from the fair have now been forwarded onto two charities, Pay it Forward and The Smith Family. Going into winter, both agencies were very appreciative!

**Welcome back Year 6**

Is was a pleasure to see our senior students back at school yesterday after their excursion to Canberra. From reports all children had a great time. Full report in the next Newsletter.

Judy Murray local area Health Nurse at school this week Wednesday 21st and Friday 23rd, May 2014.

If you have any concerns re: your child’s sight/hearing/speech or possible learning difficulties please ask for a consent screening form from our front office.

Please Note: Students can only see the nurse if they have returned a signed consent.

**Ticks**

We have had three incidences of ticks being found on students this term. Whilst there is no clear link to the source of where students are getting their ticks, we would like to ask all parents to be very vigilant with monitoring their children for ticks.

First aid training and thus school practice is that staff will contact the parents, put vaseline over the suspected tick but not attempt to remove it as this should be done by trained medical personnel. Thank you!
Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at:


Green Thumbs News

Our vegetable garden continues to grow at an amazing rate! Our Basil crop called for some kitchen action and so with the help of Crystle Iredale, Mrs Kelly and Ms Prior, we transformed it into a delicious pesto. This was enjoyed with some crackers by all the Thumbs and they weren’t greedy—they insisted on sharing with all the teachers as well. Our efforts received a big thumbs up.

The Green Thumbs are not only good gardeners, but great cooks too!

Free Mulch

With the recent felling of dead and dangerous trees in our school playground we now have some large piles of mulch. If anyone in the community would like to take some please contact our school office with your contact details and our groundsman Dave Moore will call you to organise access to our grounds.

Please note the mulch is at the far end of the playground near the cricket pitch so you will need a ute or trailer. Some piles are mainly Camphor Laurel so may require composting before use.

Grounds Volunteers Needed

We are calling on some parent volunteers to assist our groundsman Mr Dave Moore with the spreading of mulch on our garden beds. Please call and register your preferred and available times and we will organise a working bee time.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Crunch and Sip – ‘Vegie Wednesdays’

Parents/Carers and Students reminder for ‘Vegie Wednesday’ We hope you can continue to 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.
What a busy but exciting term ahead of us! This year Bilambil are seeing even more performers competing at the Eisteddfod! Infants, Junior and Senior choir, Kindergarten, Year 1, year 2, Stage 2 and Stage 3 speaking choirs, and 7 solo vocalists! A terrific representation of just some of the talent our students possess here!

**Infants Choir**

It has been lovely starting an Infants Choir this year. They are a very dedicated group of 20 boys and girls from Year 1 and 2. They will be performing Doin’ It and Scooby Do on the 26th June, 2014.

**Junior Choir**

Our Junior Choir are flourishing with a performance at Seagulls already under their belt! 30 Stage 2 students will be competing on the 23rd June, 2014 with Magic Night and Under The Southern Skies.

**Senior Choir**

Senior choir practising for their term one Pirate presentation. The choir is now preparing songs for participation in the Murwillumbah Eisteddfod at the end of term two.
Bilambil girls set to rock Eisteddfod stage

This year I am very excited to introduce 7 girls from Stages 2 & 3 who are excitedly getting ready to perform as soloists at the Eisteddfod this year! They are rather nervous but rehearsals are going very well for each of them. We wish them good luck!

Amy R (Yr5)
Do you Ant Build A Snowman
Under Southern Skies

Shelby T (Yr6)
Wide Awake
A Whole New World
Let It Go

Abi W (Yr5)
The Call
Part of Your World

Kaycee Jane W (Yr5)
Cats and Rabbits
Beautiful

Lillyana S (Yr4)
Hello
Colours of the Wind

Lauren C (Yr6)
Don’t Rain on my Parade
Reflection Hurt

Kate B (Yr4)
Food Glorious Food
I Have a Dream

Senior Choir students take Pirates to higher notes
Luke J, Amy R, Emily T and Shelby T
Grip Student Leadership Conference
On Friday 9th May 2014, our school captains, vice captains, student leaders and house captains attended a Student Leadership Conference at ‘Twin Towns Club’.
46 schools participated in this conference, with over 550 students in attendance, from all around the north coast region.
Our students participated with enthusiasm in all activities and were outstanding representatives of our school.

The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge 2014
Next Monday will mark the beginning of Bilambil Primary School’s second year of involvement in the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Once again every student and many teacher’s and support staff across the school will be involved in this exciting program. The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose – to have students, more active, more often!
The Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.
The NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge encourages all students in Years K-6 to increase their physical activity levels in sport and physical activity. The Challenge is officially conducted in schools in Terms 2 and 3. We begin the challenge next week (week 5) and continue until the end of the term, then restart in week 2 term 3 and finish at the end of week 6.
Every child across the school will receive a log book to record physical activity. Opportunities for students to be physically active could include: playground games, organised school sport and PE, weekend and after school sport and training and incidental activity, such as helping wash the car, walking the dog etc. Students will participate as a class in a minimum 10 weeks of physical activity, by working together to achieve award goals for the class.
All students who complete 10 weeks of physical activity time will receive a NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge Award certificate in Term 4. Students will receive a certificate acknowledging the award achieved by their class – BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD or DIAMOND.
We hope that by working together, your child will achieve the National Standard of 60 minutes a day of moderate to vigorous activity.
If you require further information, please contact Mrs Brazel.
term 2 Week 4 20 May 2014

**Combined Schools Band Bash**

The school is pleased that Terranora Primary School will be hosting a combined primary school band bash day on Friday the 30th of May 2014. The day will allow Bilambil band students the opportunity to meet and play alongside music students of similar ability levels from neighbouring primary schools, Terranora and Centaur. This is a great opportunity for students of all ability levels to develop their leadership, listening, social and musical skills through performing.

The day will begin at 9:30am where students are asked to gather out the front of Terranora School hall and meet Mr Edwards. During the day the students will be split into instrumental groups for sectional practise so students will need a folder for their music labelled with their name and school. There will be an informal concert at 2pm where parents are welcome to attend and will finish around 2:15pm. Students are asked to make their own way to and from the school using private transport. It is each family’s responsibility to coordinate their child’s travel. There is no cost involved for the day.

Students are asked to wear their Bilambil School uniform and are encouraged to bring their own recess and lunch, however canteen facilities are available. If you play a reed instrument please make sure you have purchased a couple of spare reeds prior to the event to bring along as well. Mr Edwards and music teachers from Centaur and Terranora will supervise the students.

**NAPLAN**

Congratulations to all students who sat the NAPLAN testing last week. It was wonderful to see students applying themselves to achieve their best.

**SRC need your help!**

Bilambil’s SRC helps a number of charities throughout the year. This term the SRC will be supporting the charity “You Have a Friend”. We are donating cans of food for the homeless that will be delivered to community housing complexes and boarding houses around the Tweed Area.

We are asking that each child brings in one can of food each week this term if possible. Donations of cans of food (please NO GLASS JARS) can be dropped into the box at the front office at the school. Bilambil Public School would like to thankyou for your support and any donations of tin food would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to know more about how you can help please visit: www.youhaveafriend.org.au

Thank you to those people who have already donated it is much appreciated. However the homeless is a very needy cause so please keep donating any cans of food.

**Air Conditioners**

Life is more pleasant for our students in 3/4S and 5/6M with the recent installation of new air conditioners into their rooms. Thank you to the P&C for sharing the costs of these with the school and ensuring our students can focus on their learning whilst they are at school.
Uniform Shop hours
School Uniform Shop is open Monday and Friday mornings 8.30 to 9.00am.

School Jackets available
With winter not far away and cooler mornings here, please ensure you send your children to school with a jumper.
School polar fleece jackets are available from the uniform shop for $25.00 in sizes 4 to 16.

Canteen
Canteen Sushi Day is last the Friday of every month. Please place your orders for next Friday, 30th May 2014. A menu is available from the School Office if you would like one.
A general reminder for parents/carers when preparing canteen lunch orders for students.
1. No recess orders to be placed only lunch orders. Children can purchase their recess goodies direct from the canteen.
2. Please remind children there is a daily purchase limit of 2 muffins and 2 red licorice sticks per student. This rule has been in place for the past 12 months.
3. No large notes please.

CBA Sign on visit
The Commonwealth Bank will be holding a sign on day, to open new accounts for those interested in signing their children in this great scheme. Children learn the fundamentals of saving and the added benefit watching their account balance increase from week to week.
The CBA ladies will be available on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 outside the canteen from 8.00 to 9.00am. Please ensure you bring your child’s Birth Certificate for verification.

Canteen requires Volunteers
The School Canteen operates solely using parents/careers and family volunteers. Due to changing circumstances with some of our regulars on the canteen rosters we are in need of more volunteers. Please complete your details below and return to the office if you can assist in any way.

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