**Inspiring 21st Century Learners**

**Budget update**

The school is finalising our financial year data as our system rolls over on December 1. Whilst we can understand that it may seem that the school is continually seeking your financial assistance, we have identified a few key holes which were not budgeted for. Firstly, thank you to all of our parents who have supported us to offer the wide range of experiences that we have been able to do this year. The key areas that we have a deficit in are those direct fees for service options which we believe brings enormous benefits to our students but require financial support beyond which we are funded for through the Department of Education. They include School Fees for additional but vital class based programs. We have also identified outstanding fees with band and instrument lessons and if not paid require topping up from resources otherwise allocated elsewhere. If any parents have not finalised any outstanding payments, can we please respectfully ask you to do so this week to ensure that these programs can be maintained into the future.

**Thank You Morning Tea**

All school staff and students really appreciate the large contribution many of our parents and community members make as volunteers to our school. As such, we would like to show our thanks to all those people by putting on a “Thank You Morning Tea” on Thursday, December 10 at 11:00am. This will be directly after the Annual Presentation Day assembly. We hope that you can join us then to celebrate all of our terrific volunteers.

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**A Time to Enjoy**

There are many opportunities over the next few weeks to reflect on your child’s year at school and celebrate their involvement in making Bilambil PS such a great school. We encourage you to put aside how busy a time of year this can be, to take a few minutes out to celebrate some of the gains and successes that your child has made, as from our experience there have been many. Enjoy!

**Canteen Update**

Term 4 has seen a major change in the operations of our school canteen. Whilst there have been some adjustment issues as processes are defined, the evidence is that the new menu is being widely accepted with record quantities of food being ordered by students and staff. Thanks to Danelle and her band of volunteers, although more are needed, and also thanks to our students and parents for their patience and positive take up of our canteen restructure.

**Good news!**

The school is very pleased to announce that Mrs Kim Lance-McQuhae who joined us this year on an exchange program from Terranora Public School has been offered a permanent teaching transfer to Bilambil Public School, which she has accepted. Mrs McQuhae has quickly made herself an invaluable part of the whole school community and this announcement is sensational news for all of us. Welcome aboard Kim!

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**End of Financial Year**

Due to the end of the school’s financial year our admin office will be closed (for receipting only) from 12.30pm Monday 30 November to 12.30pm Tuesday 1 December. Sorry for any inconvenience.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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GOLD AWARD

Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

KB: Olivia B, Crystal B, Mia L
KM: Sabrielle L
K/1L: Aleigha I
1/2B: Summer B
1/2H: George B
1/2P: Zac S
3/4B: Ella C, Darren H, Ruby I, Livinia J
3/4W: Max A, Asha B, Jacob D
5/6J: Mia D, Tahlia H, Amelie H, Talia I, Sarah Jane M, Olivia P
5/6M: Lilly C

SILVER AWARD

Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

K/1L: Tiona B, Lacey E, Isabella H, Georgie M, Cody S, Elsie W, Cael W
1/2B: Tia B, Kirrah-Lily B, Chloe H, Matilda G, Nate P
1/2P: Rigby A, Lily B, Thomas F, Autumn R, Zac T
3/4B: Ciara H
3/4H: Jai B, Zoe B, Ethan S
5/6J: Layla M

BRONZE AWARD

Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

KM: Zander S
3/4H: Jacob C

From the Library Desk

If your children have any school library books at home can you please ensure they are returned to the school library by this Friday 27 November, 2015.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

TERM 4 WEEK 8

Wednesday 25 November: Schools Spectacular Sydney
Thursday 26 November: Schools Spectacular Sydney
Friday 27 November: Schools Spectacular Sydney
Library Books to be returned in Canteen Sushi Friday

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday 30 November: Leadership Training Year 5
Christmas Scripture Concert
Tuesday 1 December: Leadership Training Year 5
Last Kindy Orientation Session
Kindy 2016 Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 2 December: Leaderships Training Year 5
5/6M Assembly 1.30pm
Thursday 3 December: TRHS Orientation Day Year 6
Friday 4 December: School Concert

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday 7 December: Band Concert 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 December: Newsletter P&C End of year Disco
Thursday 10 December: Presentation Day & Volunteers “Thank you”
morning tea
Reports go home
Friday 11 December: Class Parties
Canteen Sushi Friday

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Monday 14 December: Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 15 December: Gold Assembly Day
Wednesday 16 December: Year 6 Tunnel
Last Canteen Day for 2015
Last Day for students in 2015
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December: School Development Days
Helping Kids Deal with Horrifying News

Watching the news, such as the recent terrorism events in Paris can have a profound impact on all of us. As adults we all want our children to carefree lives and to protect them from pain or honour, but in reality we can’t always do this. When you think your child is ready to do the following, this is what you do to help?

➢ Reassure your child that they are safe:- Whilst they can see the graphic imagery happening around us, reassure your child that whilst these events are happening, that they won’t directly affect them.
➢ Explain what has happened:- Be calm and stick to the facts, maybe use a map to support your explanation.
➢ Be available:- Let your child know it’s ok to talk about unpleasant things and listen to what they say. Listening can help you be best placed to support what they know and what you think they need to know about an event.
➢ Help your child process:- Children can be good observers but poor interpreters of what they see. Be there to support this processing.
➢ Support children’s concern for others:- Your child may have genuine concern for the suffering that is occurring and may need an outlet. This should be heart warming to see empathy in your child for the concern of others.
➢ Let them explore feelings beyond fear:- Let your child express their full range of emotions as they process specific events.
➢ Avoid keeping the television on at all times:- The visual nature of media means that images are constantly replayed. This can be both distressing and desensitising, so simply minimise the media you have on.
➢ Be aware of your own actions:- Your child will take their cues from you. If you let events overly affect you, than that is what your child will process.

Finally remember that we can’t predict how children will react to events but it’s worth focussing on that what adults and children always need the most are each other!

2016 Planning

Planning for 2016 with our new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is well underway and things are looking great. We have a lot of initiatives which will be implemented over the next year or so and a number of our existing policies to review. We will continue our focus on “how” we teach and will be targeting three main areas for next year; providing effective feedback, using assessment to drive future practice and our students taking increased ownership of their own learning. The major school focus areas, including some proposed changes to our additional teacher delivery model will be explained at the Parent Information Afternoons and also at the first P&C meeting next year.

Class Placements 2016

Whilst teachers are fully focussed on finishing this year off for each of their students, school staff will begin to think about class placements for 2016 as this year winds up. For the first time, we’d like to offer parents the opportunity for them to provide any specific thoughts which they’d like school staff to consider when forming classes. Consideration of social, emotional, physical or academic factors from parents will aid the knowledge that teachers have of each student. Teachers will form classes on a range of factors with the main aim of having your child have a happy and productive future year of learning.

If you would like to have your thoughts considered, the only way that this will take place if is you write a letter addressed to The Principal of Bilambil PS. These can be delivered via the front office or email at bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Please feel free to talk to your child’s current teacher about this but understand that only written correspondence will be formally considered. Please also understand that this is not an invitation to choose your child’s teacher for next year. Which teachers are teaching which years has not been finalised yet and no requests will be considered without appropriate supporting evidence.

2015 School Magazine

The school will be producing an end of year magazine in 2015 for parents, carers and students to keep as a momento of the great year the students and staff enjoyed. The magazine will be on sale for $7.00 each from the school office and will be available next week.
Term 4 - Week 8, 24 November 2015

**BILAMBIL’S MARVELLOUS MEMORIES** show is almost here!

**When:** ➔ Friday 4th December, 2015

**2 Sessions:** ➔ 9.30 (K-2 parents and friends)
➔ 11.30 (3-6 parents and friends)

For those new to our school, the end of year concert is a fantastic event where ALL students of Bilambil perform for you!

Due to large audiences in previous years, we need to have 2 shows to fit everyone in but it is the same show for both timeslots so your child needs to stay for both.

The show will run for approximately 1 to 1.5 hours so organise your time so you can be here!

There will be a gold coin donation to see the show (proceeds go to all Music and Drama events for 2016).

A professional DVD of the show will be available for purchase from the P&C – order form in this newsletter.

Please ensure your child starts to bring in any costumes their teachers have asked for, fully labelled ASAP! Any questions about your child’s item, please see their teacher.

CAN’T WAIT!

**Bilambil teachers shine in University celebrations**

On Wednesday 18th November, 2015 I had the pleasure of accompanying Julie, Simone and Gail to the Southern Cross University Celebration of Professional Experience Afternoon Tea. There Simone starred in their new promotional video whilst Gail received a Teacher Excellence Award for her mentoring and support of Michelle earlier this year as well as her facilitation of our Professional Experience program at Bilambil.

It was a great pleasure to be a part of this event and to see two of our colleagues feature so prominently. Congratulations to both of them and thank you for all you do to make Bilambil a great school.

**Schools Spectacular Update**

Sixteen very excited girls, two very excited teachers and three wonderful volunteer mums are setting off to Sydney today. The Schools Spectacular is finally here and this weekend on the 27th and 28th November, the girls will be dancing in the cartoon medley segment. If you get a chance to see a televised show, they will look like Inspector Gadget!

Many thanks goes to all the parents who gave many hours to organising and participating in fundraising activities. A huge thank you to Ms Lawson and Mrs Cherry for all their office support, to the P&C for their generous donation and lastly thank you, the school community who gave your full support to the raffle, pizza day and lamington drive.

The winners of the raffle were:

**First prize** of the weekend at the Twin Towns Mantra Hotel
Mr K Casey of Coolangatta

**Second prize** of the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary family pass went to the Holcomb family from Bilambil

**Third prize** of a dinner for two at nineteen21 Restaurant at the Tweed Heads Bowls Club went to J Ackerman of Kingscliff

The Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary family pass and dinner for two at nineteen21 Restaurant at the Tweed Heads Bowls were kindly donated and this generosity is much appreciated.
Bus Safety – Parent Information

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure.

One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.

Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

**WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.

**WATCH** until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.

**WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:

- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:

- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus.
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver.
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.

Donations to Oxfam Unwrapped

Dear community of Bilambil, as Christmas approaches it is a time to reflect on how lucky we are in Australia. Traditionally this is a time of giving. Last Christmas we introduced an opportunity to make a donation to Oxfam unwrapped who fund life-changing projects to needy families and communities all over the world. We raised an amazing $290 between students, staff, friends and families in our community.

With this money we put a clean water supply into a whole school in South Africa which meant not only clean safe water for the students to drink, but it enabled them to have a veg garden which feeds the students and surplus could be sold at markets. We also bought 2 chickens to families in Bangladesh, in Sri Lanka 3 families received Veg seed kits and 2 more families manure to help grow veg garden and a clean water kit went to a family in Papua New Guinea.

If you would like to donate again this year and care spare even a $1 please send into the front office (we have a donation box) or make a payment online via our school website to Oxfam Unwrapped. Donations over $2 are tax deductible so please ask for a receipt if you require one.

**Who is Oxfam Australia? (We have pamphlets and information in our front office).**

Oxfam Australia is part of a global movement of dedicated people working hard to fight poverty and injustice around the world. Find out more at Oxfam.org.au

Thank you in advance for your generous support

Claire Lawson
Admin Manager
How do you keep your child busy during the school holidays?

Christmas Vacation Care
Starts on Thursday 17th December, 2015

Why not organise a play date for your child and their friends here with us during the school holidays = no mess and noise at your house?

Call now to book (07) 5590 7722

CANCEEN SPECIALS
There are no specials this week due to Sushi Friday.

Wednesday 2 December - Greek Style Kebabs on Pita Bread with salad & tzatziki $5 per serve.

Wednesday 9 December - No special due to Sushi Friday on the 11th December.

Please note: Specials need to be pre-ordered the Monday before. Orders can be left in the lunch order baskets or dropped into the canteen during opening hours.

Island Way Sorbet $2.50

Blistta Pasta Specials – We are still selling the Blista Pasta range at $2 until stock runs out. This includes: Large Meat Pies, Lasagne & Spaghetti Bolognaise.

Canteen is recruiting volunteers for next year! If you know of any new parents or carers who are starting at the school next year, please let them know! We are still needing volunteers to get us through to the end of term, so if you have free time, we’d love to see you at the Canteen!

Bilambil P&C are proud to again produce a DVD for “Marvellous Memories” as our final fundraiser for 2015.

Don’t miss out on a copy of your Childs performance Pre-Order your DVD - Professionally done this year for $20.00 Great Christmas gift for the extended family.

Orders will be filled prior to Christmas holiday break up.

Order online at www.bilambilpc.org (click on Uniforms tab) OR Return this form to the office with money (cash or cheque only please). Make cheques payable to Bilambil Public School P&C Association. NO Eftpos or POP available for this fundraiser.

Bilambil Road, BILAMBIL NSW 2486 . 07 5590 7210 . Bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au . Bilambil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Lynn Watson is retiring!

After 20 years of dedicated service with Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH, Lynn Watson is retiring. To celebrate her wonderful contributions to the lives of countless Bilambil children we are surprising Lynn with an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 5th December 2pm under the trees on the top oval of Bilambil Public School. Any children and parent who know Lynn are welcome to join us!

RSVP
By Friday 27th November
Kirsty 0414 468 076 or Sonya 0428 602 643

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TERRANORA NETBALL CLUB

Sign on dates for the 2016 Netball Season

Early bird sign on:
Thursday 26th November 4.30-5.45pm Arkinstall Park (outside Tweed Netball clubhouse). $20 deposit and the option to pay off your rego fees prior to the final sign on.

2016 sign on dates:
Friday 29th January 3.00-3.45pm and Saturday 6th February 10.00am - 12.00pm Terranora Public School (outside the hall)
Saturday 20th February 9.00-11.00am Tweed Netball, Arkinstall Park

20th February, 2016 sign on is a collaborative sign on for all Tweed clubs to try and accommodate any last minute registrations, clubs may not be able to accept players on this day if their teams are full. New players will need to bring their Birth Certificate to sign on.

Any questions or for more information please contact: terranoraneltball@gmail.com or Jen Landon 0419 609 793
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