Inspiring 21st Century Learners

2015 Here We Come!

Welcome everyone to 2015! With a great summer under our belts we find ourselves starting school with 301 students. This is the largest enrolment for some years and is due to our cracking cohort of 53 Kindy students enrolling this year.

We hope every single one of our students has a truly fantastic year! We are also delighted to welcome some new staff to our school for the year. Mrs Kim McQuhae has joined us on a local transfer from Terranora Public School and will be teaching KM. Mrs Rebecca Harvey will be joining us for at least first term with 3/4H as we finalise our new teacher recruitment process. Mrs Shireen Mostert will also join us part-time in 2015 to support one of our new students from Brazil with their English language acquisition and other learning support. They, along with all of our staff, are keen to work with you to provide the best learning platform that we can for your children this year.

There are many positive things happening at our school which will be better explained to you via your child’s teacher, but they include a new uniform, school based spelling and phonics system, additional concrete learning support programs, playground schedule for increased play options and improvements, and clarification of many of our policies such as homework, technology, Aboriginal education and student welfare.

Please contact us if you have any questions throughout the year as to what is happening with any aspect of your child’s learning!

Class Welcome and Information Sessions and BBQ

We encourage you to attend our Welcome and Information Sessions and BBQ on Thursday, 12 February 2015 (4.30—5.00pm Kindergarten, Year 3 & Year 4 and 5.00—5.30pm Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6) to become better acquainted with the staff and other families and learn more about what life will be like for your child this year. Regular and meaningful communication with your child’s teacher this year can mean the small, often misunderstood moments of your child’s school life can be clarified and addressed easily leading to happier students.

Communication should always start with your child’s teacher, but we also have our Assistant Principals on each stage who will clarify anything which may need clarifying and I am happy to support people who would like to meet for additional scenarios.

New Uniforms Looking Flash!

Despite the understandable pain of families needing to purchase a new uniform, there has been great feedback on how fantastic all of the new school uniforms look. Whilst it will be a transition year where both the old and new uniforms are worn, we are hoping all families will be able to buy at least one option of the new uniforms to be worn on excursions, photo day and other special occasions.

Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival is on this Monday, February 9 at Banora Point Swimming Complex. We are anticipating that every child who is 8 years or older will join us for a great day or they are expected to attend school as per normal. Please return your permission notes to the office as soon as possible.

Sporting House colours

- **Cougals (A - G)** — Blue
- **Wollumbin (H - N)** — Yellow
- **Minjungbal (O - Z)** — Green

Important Notice for Parents/Carers — Updating current contact numbers

To enable the school to contact you quickly in a case of your child being unwell or if there is an accident it is very important to update your details and emergency contacts on a regular basis.
School Assessment and Reporting Schedule

Staff at Bilambil Public School are committed to working with you to let you know how your child is going, where their learning is at and what strategies are being employed to maximise their learning. We will do this through many school based community events, notes, newsletters, telephone and email correspondence as well as the following formal and informal occasions:

Term 1: Parent Info Sessions & BBQ
   Parent/Teacher Interviews
Term 2: Semester 1 Written Reports
Term 3: Community Breakfast
Term 4: Semester 2 Final Report

Kiss ‘n’ Drop
The morning play areas have changed slightly this year which means that a teacher will now be on duty from 8:30am, our official start time. Whilst they will not be stationed at the gate they will allow us to maintain a supportive presence in our morning drop off area. Thank you to all parents for enforcing our kiss and drop off zone is a NO PARKING area. If you need to leave your car, please park in the Jets car park or in the pre-school or road car parking spaces available. Thank you!

School Assessment and Reporting Schedule

School Leaders for 2015

School Captains
- Kayceee-Jane W
- Luke J

Vice Captains
- Amy R
- Joseph B

School Leaders

Term 1 - Week 2, 3 February 2015

Up & Coming School Events

Term 1 Week 2
- Wednesday 4th February: District Cricket Trials 5th Tweed

Term 1 Week 3
- Monday 9th February: School Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 10th February: Band Lessons resume
  Yr 6 Commitment ceremony
  9.00am
  Student School Banking commences for 2015
- Wednesday 11th February: P&C Meeting 7.00pm
- Thursday 12th February: Parent/Carer Class Welcome
  Info sessions & BBQ

Term 1 Week 4
- Monday 16th February: Guitar Lessons resume
- Tuesday 17th February: School Newsletter
  Student School Banking
  FNC Cricket Trials
- Wednesday 18th February: District Swimming Carnival
- Friday 20th February: K-2 Responsible Pet Day
  Harmony Day
  FNC Zone Swimming

Term 1 Week 5
- Monday 23rd February: CBA Banking Sign on for students
- Tuesday 24th February: Student School Banking
- Thursday 26th February: TRHS visit to BPS “Info Session
- Friday 27th February: Canteen Sushi Friday
  Tweed/MBah AFL Trials
  S3 TRHS Maths session

Term 1 Week 6
- Tuesday 3rd March: School Newsletter
  Student School Banking
- Wednesday 4th March: NC Swimming Lismore
- Friday 6th March: S3 TRHS Science Session
  Yr 6 TRHS Sports Taster Day
# Newsletter

**Term 1 - Week 2, 3 February 2015**

## 2014 Presentation Day Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners

### Early Stage 1 Awards

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**Early Stage 1 Effort & Consistency Award**  
Jarah I

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**Stage 1 Effort and Consistency Award**  
Darren H

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**Stage 2 Effort and Consistency Award**  
Drew M

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**Stage 3 Effort and Consistency Award**  
Kenzie S

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**Important Notice for Parents/Carers - Student Change of Routine**

Parents/Carers please be reminded that changes to your child/rens routine messages are required prior to 2.00pm.

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### Special Awards

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Why Learn an Instrument?
Research carried out as early as the 1950’s indicate that Music is able to improve concentration, listening ability (both internal and external), reading and comprehension ability, mathematical perception, coordination and ability to maintain a relaxed focus as well as being fun.

Band Lessons
For students learning an instrument this year, Band lessons will commence on next Tuesday 10 February, 2015.

It is important that you have your instrument on Tuesdays for your lesson.

Guitar Lessons
For students learning Guitar this year lessons will commence on Monday 16 February, 2015. Students are required to have their own guitar and bring it to school for their lesson on Mondays.

If you are interested in lessons either Guitar or an instrumental, please see Mr Edwards who is available at this school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:

✓ Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
✓ Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
✓ Be a good role model
✓ Stick to a routine
✓ Provide the same meals for the whole family
✓ Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation

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Live Life Well @ School
A joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Training and NSW Health
Welcome back to 2015!

P&C Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (first meeting for 2015 will be held on Wednesday 11th February at 7.00pm). The P&C welcomes all mums, dads and carers, becoming involved in the school community is a great way to meet new friends.

Remember that Bilambil Public School P&C are on Facebook. Please like our P&C Facebook page. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening with your P&C at school.

The P&C has a big agenda this year with the introduction of the new school uniforms (which are looking very smart in the playground) and the newly formed playground committee looking at ideas for the redesigning of new play areas and equipment.

If you are interested and would like to be actively involved with the P&C please make note on your calendar of the P&C’s AGM to be held in March 2015.

Book Club

Book Club orders due back by Friday 13 February 2015. Get your orders in.

School Canteen for 2015

The School Canteen re-opened yesterday, (Monday 2nd February) for the new year. Our canteen relies solely on volunteers to operate and is open Monday to Friday for Brekkie Club, Recess and Lunch orders. If you have some spare time and interested in volunteering, please contact Brook Boyd on 0405 124 875 for more details.

With the success of Canteen Sushi Fridays last year the canteen will continue to offer Sushi again in 2015. It will be available on the last Friday of each month, commencing on Friday 27 February 2015.

2015 Term 1

Uniform Shop Hours

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Regular Uniform Shop Hours

These hours will be the same every week from this point on.

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If you are working and unable to manage getting to the Uniform Shop within these hours please remember our 24/7 Online Uniform Shop.

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP 24/7
Bilambil Primary School P&C Association

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School Student Banking

School student banking commences on Tuesday 10th February, 2015. CBA are introducing a rewards program to encourage students to have good savings habits, see details below or speak the School Banking Co-ordinator to find out more details.

The CBA will be holding a sign morning Monday 23rd February, 2015 for parents/carers on interested in opening a new account.

The School Banking team urgently require volunteers to assist with the weekly student banking program. We understand everyone’s time is valuable your assistance can be weekly, fortnightly or even monthly, if you are interested please contact Belinda (School Banking Co-ordinator) on 0404 013 085.

School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 60 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dallarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every $10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return flights from any Australian capital city, accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Terms & Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/12/15. Entry is open to all School Banking account holders aged 5-12 years who participate in Goodstart’s School Banking program. Entries under 11 must be signed by guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.00pm AEST on 1/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $12,000.

This promotion is subject to the Promoter’s terms and conditions, which can be found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

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Term 1 - Week 2, 3 February 2015

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What children gain from sport

Winter sports sign on’ days are getting underway in the local area. For many parents it means getting out of bed early in the cooler months on the weekend mornings to transport their children to various sports fields up and down the coast.

The good news is that even if your child is not the next Olympic champion or their team never wins a game or even scores a goal, they’re benefitting significantly from simply being active and involved, making new friends and most of all having fun.

When your kids take part in team sports they develop:
- friendship and camaraderie
- cooperation and teamwork skills
- leadership skills
- appreciation of different abilities
- respect for team mates/ opponents/ officials
- a sense of belonging/team membership
- social interaction skills
- physical skills
- self-esteem and self concept
- team goal-setting skills
- self-discipline, patience and persistence
- resilience through sharing positive and negative experiences.

Read more about the benefits of team sports on the School A to Z website.

Teams sports give kids the opportunity to:
- be less selfish and to think of other people
- deal with losing as well as winning. They learn that things are not going to go their way, or the team’s way, all the time
- overcome shyness by putting them into situations where they need to communicate with others
- become more sociable in different environments. They have to deal with different people, who may or may not be their friends.

Finding a team sport for your child

Local sports clubs advertise registration dates before seasons begin so read the sports pages of your local papers and school newsletters. Try accessing the Find a Club section on the NSW Sport and Recreation website.
2015 Sign on dates

The 2015 soccer season commences earlier than usual this year, so we are getting organised early too. We would like players to be registered as early as possible, so that we can organise shirts, shorts, socks etc for our players and ensure that teams are registered with an optimal amount of players.

We will be running registrations down at the Bilambil sports club on:

**SATURDAY 7th & SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY, 2015 from 2.00pm — 3.00pm NSW time**

Start thinking about some friends to bring along to register too, as we will have another great deal for people introducing new players to the club again this year. First soccer training sessions for the winter season will kick off on Thursday 26 February 2015.
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