Bilambil Big Band Bash!: What a thrill to see 60 different students from 5 different schools up on stage last Friday for the Bilambil Big Band Bash. Right from the beginning of the day, the students all worked together seamlessly to produce outstanding music. All 16 Bilambil students did their individual role so well and represented our school fantastically. Thanks to Mr Edwards for coordinating and leading the day with aplomb. I’m looking forward to our band students continuing their good work and performing again impressively at the next big band bash.

Annual School Report: It is a NSW government requirement that each school completes an annual report on each school year. The 2014 Bilambil Public School Annual Report has now been made public. If you would like to view a copy it is available from the school office or is online at the “Our School” section of our school website at http://www.bilambil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Bilambil Strategic Plan 2015-17: The school is currently finalising our strategic plan for the next three years. After much consultation with students, staff and our community we have analysed the data available, have determined our local areas for need and matched them with the department focuses for the short to medium future and decided on what we believe is the best way forward for our school. This has resulted in a new plan which we think provides an umbrella for us to continue improving as a school over the next three years. The plan will be available on the school website at http://www.bilambil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ from this Thursday. If you would like to provide any feedback to the school on the plan, please contact the principal to pass on your thoughts.

Happy Holidays and see you all again soon: It seems that we have only just welcomed everyone to 2015, blinked, and now find ourselves in the last week of Term 1. I hope you are all now feeling settled into 2015 and take the chance of the upcoming holiday to spend some quality time together as a family. School resumes for staff on Monday, April 20 where teachers will be completing a professional development course on leading teams with Steve Francis. Other school staff will be undertaking learning at Cudgen PS on Managing Boys Behaviour. Students will return for Term 2 on Tuesday, April 21 where we will welcome everyone back for a ripper autumn term!

Parent Teacher Interviews: Thank you to the nearly 70% of parents who have been a part of our Parent/Teacher Conferences for this year. The feedback received from staff and parents spoken to so far has been that the conferences have been an undeniably positive and important part of ensuring that home and school are both working well to achieve the best result that we can for each student. Please remember that at any time you would like to speak to your child’s teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TERM 1 WEEK 10
- Thursday 2nd April: Easter Hat Parade & Picnic Lunch
- Friday 3rd April: Last day of Term 1

TERM 1 WEEK 1
- Monday 20th April: School Development Day
- Tuesday 21st April: All Students resume for Term 2
- Wednesday 22nd April: Anzac Commemoration Service
- Friday 24th April: Public Holiday—Good Friday

TERM 2 WEEK 1
- Monday 20th April: SRC Disco
- Tuesday 21st April: K - 2 4.00 — 5.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd April: Yr 3 — 6 6.00 — 7.30pm

TERM 2 WEEK 2
- Monday 4th May: PSSA District Touch Trials 5th Tweed
- Friday 8th May: PSSA District Cross Country

TERM 2 WEEK 3
- Monday 11th May: NAPLAN All week
- Tuesday 12th May: Yr 6 Leave for Canberra Excursion
- Wednesday 13th May: P&C Meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 15th May: Yr 6 Return from Canberra Excursion

TERM 2 WEEK 4
- Friday 22 May: PSSA Zone Cross Country

TERM 2 WEEK 5
- Friday 29 May: Canteen Sushi Friday

Super Singers at Seagulls!
Our talented Infants Choir have been busy rehearsing for their debut performance at Seagulls Club. They will be onstage at Seagulls Club for approximately 20 minutes tomorrow night – they’d love to have you as part of their audience. They are singing to support Seagulls Easter celebrations. Hope to see you there. (Parents/carers please be advised that supervision for your children at the club is your responsibility for the duration).

Donna McGlinn
Choir Organiser

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Celebrating Pedro’s Birthday Cake!

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is important because it brings people from other countries together. It celebrates different cultures and different lifestyles. We can see different food, toys, clothes and more. We can learn about traditional dances, food and clothes. One person from a different country is a puzzle piece in making Australia what it is today. 

By Jascha R

I wonder how many blocks I need to cover the area of the desk?

Using different Apps on the IPADS
A RSL Visit

Last Monday we had a special visit from Kevin Cheetam, who spoke to all of the children about the different aspects of the 100 years of ANZAC Commemoration.

He spoke to S2 and S3 about the Coo-ee Marches and the landing at Gallipoli.

“I found the facts interesting, and he taught us how to “Coo-ee” and the children are using it a lot” Zeph B

ES1 and S1 were involved in discussions about the WW1 uniforms and the equipment that they carried, and the story of Simpson and His donkey, Duffy.

“I liked his uniform especially the cap he wore”… Sam W

“I enjoyed him telling us about Simpson and his donkey Duffy” Sikari K

“The boots were really heavy and they had nails on the bottom” Jackson

We would like to thank Kevin for giving up his time to share his stories about how and why we commemorate ANZAC Day.

Christine Hassall
Librarian

ANZAC Day March

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch

ANZAC Day March will be held on Saturday 26 April, 2015.

Students wishing to attend need to meet at Chalk Street, Coolangatta at 10.00am before the march off at 10.20am.

This will culminate with the ANZAC Day Service at the cenotaph near Twin Towns at 11.00am. Students are asked to be in the new blue school uniform (if possible) and will be accompanied by teachers from Bilambil. A light refreshment is provided after the service for students who attend the march.

Julie Borgas

OUR ANZAC COMMEMORATION DAY - Wednesday 22nd April, 2015

This year we will be commemorating the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli.

On Wednesday 22 April, 2015 our school will be asking our local community to share with us this special event.

We will start the proceedings with the ANZAC Service under the Covered Area beginning at 10.30am followed by a morning tea provided by the school.

At 11.30 am students and parents will be invited to visit the various classroom displays that the children have been working on over the past few weeks. They include window displays, research topics, and the roll of honour wall, on the Library windows.

Christine Hassall
Librarian

Julian Mostert
Principal

Library helpers

A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents who have so kindly covered our new library books.

The children are delighted and Mrs Hassall is extremely grateful.
Crazy Hair, Hat and Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday the 2nd of April, 2015 Bilambil Public School will be holding an end of first term celebration. We will be conducting a parade for all students to show off their creative Easter Hats or Crazy Hair! To maximise the originality of the designs, students will need to make their hats at home although if anyone has any problems doing this, please contact your child’s teacher for support. Children will also be able to wear Mufti clothes on the day in exchange for a gold coin donation that is going towards the Cyclone Pam ravaged communities in Vanuatu. The children’s donations will be forwarded on to UNICEF to be distributed effectively. The Easter Parade will start at 12pm and after each class has strutted their designs the whole school and all parents and friends who have been able to come along and join in the fun, will move up to the top playground to share a community picnic. We have organised some acoustic music to set the atmosphere but are hoping that each child brings a great lunch and maybe a towel or mat to sit on. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you here as possible.

Thanks!
SRC Committee

An enormous thank you to all of our families who donated and collected money for our school through the Adidas Fun Run sponsorship program!

POSITIONS VACANT

President
Vice President
Secretary

If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member or would like to discuss what would be involved with these positions. Please contact Libby Holcomb on 0447 105 455 or email libbybullock@hotmail.com

The P&C plays an extremely important role within the school. I would encourage parents and or family members to consider becoming involved with the P&C.

Jett having a blast at the Big Band Bash
On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, our school captains, vice captains, student leaders and house captains attended a Student Leadership Conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Our students were exposed to the real-life stories of leaders from a variety of fields including: Mike Martin Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation, Bindi Irwin, Wildlife and Conservation Advocate, Juliette Wright Founder and Ceo GIVIT, Coen Ashton, Ambassador for Organ Donation and James Norton Designer of paper planes for the movie Paper Planes.

Our students participated with enthusiasm in all activities and were outstanding representatives of our school.

We had a great time!

I had so much fun at the Leaders Day. My two favourite speakers were Bindi Irwin and Coen Ashton, because they made me proud to be a leader. Mia D

I loved learning how to be a good leader and hearing the leaders talk. It was inspiring! Amy R

My favourite part was definitely Coen Ashton because he truly inspired me with his brave journey. Lily R

Bindy was fun and she showed us some videos of her dad. Tylor H

On Friday the people that spoke to us were Coen Ashton, Bindi Irwin Juliette Wright and Mike Martin. It was so fun! Talia L

My favourite thing was seeing and hearing all the amazing things that they have done to become a leader. Jasmin R

The thing I liked was the inspirational speakers. Kiarni K

I loved the way every speaker was enthusiastic and cheerful. Every word they said made me feel welcome. Luke J

I think it was awesome because we made new friends. Jack S

On Friday we went to Brisbane to the Leadership Day. We had four speakers and my favourite was Bindi Irwin. It was a fun day! Matthew T

My favourite part about the Leaders Day was seeing Bindi Irwin and Coen Ashton. Two really brave people! Mackenzie J

I really liked all the activities and listening to all the inspiring speakers. Thank you for a great day. Eliza B

I enjoyed seeing the person that made the movie Paper Planes and seeing him throw paper planes. I liked watching Bindi Irwin give her speech about her job and life. Joseph B

On Friday morning at 8:00 am we left to go to Brisbane. It took two hours. When we got there we went in this room and we listened to heaps of speakers. It was fun!
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

Be Safe, Be Fair, Belong……..

Next term we have the following focuses with our Positive Behaviour for Learning program. Each week all children will be involved in simple activities which reinforce the way we would like to be treated at our school. Below is the framework timetable that the whole school will be following:

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We hope that as parents and carers you can reinforce these behaviours with conversations with your child at home.

Thank you!

PBL Committee

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