Welcome Back for Term 2: It was terrific to see how genuinely excited and enthusiastic students were as they returned back to school for Term 2 last Tuesday. The staff and students settled straight into work and we are all looking forward to a really dynamic term together. One of the focuses for the term will be each student working with their teacher to achieve their personalized learning goal which was agreed on at the end of Term 1 through the Parent Teacher Interview process. If you have any questions about your child’s focus for this term, please talk to them or contact their teacher.

ANZAC Day: Congratulations to all students and staff who made the school based and community activities on ANZAC Day so successful. Students did extensive work in Term 1 on different ANZAC themes. The open day last Wednesday allowed all students and available parents to view some of the quality work which had been done. The school ANZAC service was quite emotional and well received by all students and the high number of parents who shared this with us. The symbolic planting of the lone pine in the bottom playground was added to by our “adopted veteran” Bob Laminga planting it. The whole school and our visitors enjoyed an ANZAC biscuit which had been made by our Stage 3 students. The feedback from a range of people was very positive.

Then on Saturday approximately 60 students, 20% of our school, and 8 school staff attended the district ANZAC ceremony at Jack Evans Harbour. The highlight was definitely the good spirit demonstrated for all the diggers as well as the excellent performance by our school captain, Kaycee-Jane, as she read the Oath of Remembrance. She and all of the students who marched made us proud of being a part of Bilambil PS.

Toilets: Extensive works in the Junior Boys and Girls Toilets were carried out in the school holidays. Exhaust fans, tiling, painting and deep cleaning were carried out and it has definitely improved the functionality of the toilets for our younger students.

Scripture: Scripture commenced last Friday and runs for all of Term 2 and 3 thanks to the hard work of our committed volunteers. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mr Mostert.

NAPLAN 2015: The school will be undertaking the annual National Assessment program in week 4, the same week that Year 6 will be travelling to Canberra. The program will run as follows:

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**Monday**
- Guitar Lessons

**Tuesday**
- Band Lessons
- Newsletter (Fortnightly)

**Wednesday**
- P&C Meeting (2nd Wednesday of each month 7.00pm)

**Friday**
- Canteen
- Sushi Friday (last Friday of each month)
Bilambil PS supports the NAPLAN testing process, however it sees the test as a single snapshot to be used in collaboration with extensive other forms of data to determine the strengths and weaknesses each individual student has. No pressure whatsoever is placed on our students during the testing period.

**Guitar Lessons:** Guitar, Instrumental and Band lessons will recommence next Tuesday 5th May. Just for Term 2, guitar will take place on Fridays not Mondays due to a special teaching contract Mr Edwards will be undertaking in Term 2. Thank you to all the parents who have paid their fees so promptly this year, it has allowed the program to run cost effectively so far this year.

**Thanks Kazanne:** Some of you may have seen a friendly yet unfamiliar face in the office over the last couple of weeks. Mrs Wood has been filling in for Mrs Cherry whilst she has taken leave. Mrs Wood has done a wonderful job and made herself a well-liked and respected member of our team in a very short time. Mrs Cherry will be welcomed back into the office tomorrow!

**District Cross Country Training – Friday, May 8:** Notes for all students who have made our school team for the District Cross Country Carnival on Friday, May 8 have now gone home. This is a good opportunity for our students to again show what a great school we have. We will be offering training at lunchtimes, commencing this week on days to be confirmed. If anyone has any questions regarding this please contact Mr Mostert or Mr Menin through the school office.

**Tell Them From Me – Student Surveys for Years 4-6:** Students in Years 4-6 undertook a school base online survey in Term 1 which will allow us to better understand the attitudes our young people have to learning. The results have been received but full analysis will now be done by school staff with the students themselves. The pleasing thing to note is that our students nominated their relationships with their teachers as substantially higher than the state average of those who have participated.

**PBL:** Our Positive Behaviour for Learning roster for this term’s learning focus can be seen below. We will be focussing on the following topics each week and ask that you discuss these concepts and their application into wider life with your child/children during your daily conversations over dinner. The next four weeks focus are:

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**SDD:** Staff took full advantage of the School Development Day to attend training at Kingscliff Ps with several other local schools. Staff worked on skills required in leading teams and applying leadership skills into all aspects of school life. This was the next progression of our implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers into our workplace and the positive application of our teaching staff to the concepts discussed was outstanding.

**Mother’s Day Stall:** P&C are organising a Mother’s Day stall for Thursday May 7. It will be open from 9am-12pm and more details will come home soon.

**Year 5 2016 Opportunity Class (OC) Applications Teacher Interviews:** If any current Year 4 parents are interested in their child undertaking the entry exam for an Opportunity Class in 2016, please contact Mr Mostert. The nearest NSW OC class is at Goonellabah PS near Lismore.
## 1/2H Term 2

### Improving ourselves

Students in class have been discussing the characteristics of great kids. We have been talking about these traits every day this week and have made some personal goals around these character traits. The traits we have discussed so far include: Hardworking, Caring, Teamwork, Fair, Positive, Creative.

### Monsters

Last term we completed an English unit on Monsters where we used a text called ‘The Dreadful Fluff’. It was a very funny book and the kids really enjoyed reading it. Here are two paintings we completed of different monsters.

### Pablo Picasso

This term we are studying Pablo Picasso. Today we looked at the painting he did of his daughter – “Maya with her doll”. We enjoying discussing a famous artistic style he invented called ‘Cubism’. Here are some very early examples of our work this week.
Our ANZAC Day Celebration

ANZAC at Bilambil

On 22/4/15 Bilambil Public School had a presentation for 100 year ANZAC Day and on that day we made poppies, medals, crosses for soldiers deaths and cooked some delicious ANZAC cookies and they were so good I want to make more. Then after all that making and cooking the Captains read a ANZAC poem and the wonderful choir sang a ANZAC song lest we forget. Then at the end of the presentation Mr Laminga and the Captains planted a pine tree.

Lilly C 5/6M

ANZAC at Bilambil

On Wednesday 23rd April our school planted a pine tree because there is a tree at Gallipoli called the lonely pine tree. Our school also made ANZAC biscuits and all up we made about 300 of them. I reckon the hardest part of making the “yummy” ANZAC biscuits was trying not to eat them. We also made crosses and put them in the sand. The crosses were made out of paddle pop sticks and string. Our school has researched ANZAC soldiers for nearly a “whole term”. It is 100 years ago when world war one first kicked off. WOW!!!

Lest we Forget. Ashley H 5/6M
Cross Country Results

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CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who donated a Gold Coin for Cyclone Pam. A HUGE $224.65 was raised.

REMINDER
Book Club is due on Friday 1st May 2015

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.

Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing.
- It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age.
- Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.
P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL

Please put this date on your calendar

Thursday 7th May, 2015

Gifts range from $1.00 up to $6.00

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A HOST FAMILY?

In June 2015 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will be receiving students from Europe, South America, New Zealand and the US. All students have a basic level of English, would attend a local school for 2 or 10 months and live the life of a local.

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The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge 2015

Last Tuesday marked the beginning of Bilambil Public School’s third 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 began the challenge last week (week 1) and finish in week 10 at the end of this term. Every child across the school will receive a logbook 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.