Busy schedule ahead
It has been a very busy term for our students, but the action will heat up even more until the end of term with many additional extra-curricular opportunities coming up. These involve a lot of support from our parents with returning notes and money well prior to events, helping students practice and often transporting them to and from events. These experiences are absolutely wonderful for each student, yet do require some flexibility and positive application by our students. Therefore in advance, thank you to our students, parents and staff for all that you will be doing over the next few weeks.

“Glad Glasses” or “Gloomy Glasses”
School staff have reported various conversations this term where the power of a positive attitude has been a key factor in children demonstrating and developing resilience at school. An expression our counsellor Mrs Skaines uses, is to ask if people if they are wearing their Glad or their Gloomy Glasses?

The idea being that if students, staff or parents are looking through their glad glasses, they are looking for the positive things which are in their world. If they are looking through their gloomy glasses, than they are dwelling on the negative or the things which are going wrong. Please support your child to develop their positive place in our society by wearing their “glad” glasses...

Explanation of Absences
Please be aware that there is a new NSW Department of Education Policy in place from 2015 for Student Attendance at School. One of the changes to the new policy states that all parents are required to inform the school within 7 days of their child being absent the reason for their absence. This pertains to every single absence that your child has.
UP AND COMING EVENTS

TERM 2 WEEK 8

Wednesday 10th June
PSSA Soccer Gala Knockout Day
P&C Winter Warmer Raffle
Donations due
P&C Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 11th June
PSSA NC Touch at Grafton
Maths Olympiad

Friday 12th June
Combined Schools Band Bash
Centaur Public School
TRHS Stage 3 English & Creative Writing Day

TERM 2 WEEK 9

Monday 15th June
ICAS Exam—Writing
Murwillumbah Eisteddfod—Year 5 & 6 Speaking Choir
St 2 Tropical Fruit World Excursion

Tuesday 16th June
ICAS Exam—Spelling
Murwillumbah Eisteddfod Kinder—Yr 4 Speaking Choirs

Thursday 18th June
Griffith Uni Tour “Launch into Life”
PSSA FNC Netball Gala Day

Friday 19th June
PSSA AFL Knockout Gala Day
PSSA Zone Softball

TERM 2 WEEK 10

Monday 22nd June
Murwillumbah Eisteddfod Primary Choir

Tuesday 23rd June
Murwillumbah Eisteddfod Guitar & Band Groups

Thursday 25th June
Reports Home
Murwillumbah Eisteddfod Infants Choir

Friday 26th June
School Athletics Carnival
Canteen Sushi Friday
Last Day Term 2

TERM 3 WEEK 1

Monday 13th July
School Development Day

Tuesday 14th July
Students resume for Term 3

Official School Hours
A reminder that school staff provide supervision for students from 8:30am in the shelter area, netball court or top grass area. Please understand for duty of care purposes, the school will not accept any liability prior to this time.

Wanted old Magazines
Kindergarten desperately need old magazines for craft activities. Please drop off magazines to Mrs Borra or leave at the front office. Thank you!
Soundwaves Parent Information Afternoon

The school offered a Parent Information Session last week on ‘Soundwaves’, the Spelling and Phonics program that we use within our school. If anyone else would like further information on this, please contact Mrs Butler or your child’s teacher.

Student Reports

Student reports will be distributed to each student in their class on Thursday, June 25. If there are any queries that you have regarding your child’s report or their progress, please contact your child’s teacher to coordinate a meeting time.

Simultaneous Reading Day

All students in our school participated in the Simultaneous Reading Day last week. Students read “The Brothers Quibble” with their class at a designated time to join students from all over the state with this literacy initiative.

Reconciliation Week

Last Week Bilambil Public School celebrated Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to contribute to building a reconciled Australia.

We invited the Aboriginal Education Officer to teach some classes the native language of our area. Bilyana taught us how to say “jingi walla” which means hello. Some classes read Aboriginal Dream Time Stories and others created Aboriginal Dot Paintings. As a whole school we joined hands and created a circle to symbolise bringing people together.

By the Year 3 Maths Group & Miss Wendt
EVEN DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!

EVEN MINUTE COUNTS....

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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts.
DON’T BE LATE!
After months of rehearsing and preparing, the Junior and Senior Dance groups performed beautifully at the Lismore City Hall last week, as part of the Far North Coast Dance Festival. The junior group was very cute and entertained the audience with their energetic dance and their funky costumes. The senior group dancers were stylish and graceful in their dance. The dance “When I'm Gone” portrayed a story of when mothers and daughters may be presented times in life when they have to say “Goodbye” to each other.

It was a fantastic day, with exemplary effort and behaviour from all our students. We were very proud of them and the way they conducted themselves throughout a very long day. Thank you to Mrs Mostert, Mrs McQuhae and Mrs Borra for their many hours of work to choreograph and teach these groups and to Miss Bernie for all her help with costumes. Thank you also to all the parents for your assistance with travel and support in general. Congratulations to all involved!

Mrs Butler (Dance Co-ordinator)


North Coast Regional Cross Country Carnival

Well done Stella R and Jascha R who ran in the PSSA North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships last Friday.

Stella came 3rd and Jascha came 7th. A terrific effort by both of them who are now off to the PSSA NSW State Cross Country championships next term.

Keeping warm in the cooler weather

As we are now at the start of the winter months and the weather cools off, parents are asked to remind their children to bring or wear their school jumper.

Please ensure that these items are clearly named as children often remove these outer layers and forget to collect them after playing.

Tropical Fruit World Excursion Stage 2

A friendly reminder to parents and carers of Stage 2 students who wish for their child to attend the excursion to Tropical Fruit World on Monday 15 June, 2015 that payments need to be finalised no later than this Thursday, 11 June 2015.

Athletics Carnival

The school will hold its annual athletics carnival on the last day of school for this term, Friday 26 June 2015. Whilst it was originally set down for Monday, June 22, the date needed to be changed due to the Primary Choir having their Eisteddford performance on this day. We hope you can all make it.

Rugby League

Thursday 28 May, 2015 Bilambil footy team went to Cudgen’s footy fields to play South Tweed and Terranora.

Our first game was tough against South Tweed but we got over the line with our skills and won 24-10. Good game South Tweed.

Second game was against the big and tough Terranora, the first two try’s were for Terranora but with the words of our trainer/coach Hank, we fought hard and got some points on the board. The final score was 20-24. Good luck at the next game Terranora.

A special thanks to Hank Sherriff (our trainer) and Mr Mostert (our coach) for never giving up on us.

By Luke J

Thursday Week 6 Term 2 Bilambil’s footy team went to Cudgen footy field to play some hard core footy. The first game was against South Tweed, we won 24-10. Our trainer was Hank Sherriff and our coach was Mr Mostert.

Our second game was against Terranora, we lost 4 the final score 24-20. Good luck Terranora! Thanks Hank and Mr Mostert.

By Logan W

Great effort boys!
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

Be Safe, Be Fair, Belong........

Remember to practice our focuses with our Positive Behaviour for Learning program.

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“Biggest Morning Tea”
Thank you to Ms Wendt and Madonna Goulding for coordinating our school Biggest Morning Tea. Although we only had a small number of people show up, it was pleasing to raise over $150.00 for the Cancer Council.

Pirate Day
Thank you to our generous parents who donated $310.00 towards raising funds for childhood brain cancer research. Thanks also to Ms Wendt and the SRC for raising our awareness of this issue and coordinating the day.
P&C Report

Brrrr… it’s cold outside and jumpers have arrived at the Uniform Shop!

Our warm and cosy Polar Fleece Jumpers are available in all sizes! Only $25.00 each!

Uniform shop is open on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings 8.30-9.00am

Remember that we are volunteer parents and so please be patient during busy periods in the uniform shop. An easier option would be to order online at www.bilambilpc.org and your order will be sent home with your child.

School Sports Carnival is Friday June 26th 2015

P&C will be holding a BBQ, drink stand, fruit and cake stall!

Many hands make light work. If you cannot donate a cake or baked item for the cake stall – perhaps you could donate some fruit for the fruit platter or sausages for the BBQ?

Items to be delivered to school canteen on Thursday 25th June or before school start on Friday 26th. All donations must be labelled with ingredients (for our children with allergies) and names on all containers, so we can get them back to you.

Our Canteen Still needs Volunteers!

Without volunteers our Canteen can’t continue to operate – simple as that. Our tireless volunteers need time off or have had to reduce hours due to other commitments. We are asking for volunteers to keep the canteen running.

Please contact either Brook on 0405 124 875 or Crystle on 0419 703 484.

A reminder that only small notes to be used at canteen. The canteen and office do not have facilities to change large notes. No notes larger than $10.00 please.

Winter Warmer Raffle – Mr Mostert still feels cold!

Have you donated to the Winter Warmer Raffle yet?

Please contact Barb Wall: pete-barb2010@hotmail.com or contact us on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/bilambilpublicschoolpc

Thank you to the families who have already generously donated goodies for our big Winter Warmer Raffle. There will be some fabulous prizes on offer!

Please place your donation in the purple wheelie bin in the office foyer by 10th June 2015 and remember to put your child’s name and class on it for a chance to win a prize!

Next P&C Meeting is THIS Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7pm in the Staffroom

Have your say as to how to assist with fundraising or just how to create a better school experience for you child! Would love to see new faces and hear new ideas! See you Wednesday night!!
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