Visible Learning

Mr Mostert conducted 61 interviews in the last week of school across every class in our school. His aim was to establish a snapshot of the views that our students have towards their own learning. The expanded results were shared with staff at our recent School development Day and are currently impacting on staff practice.

The key results were:

- 58/61 students could tell the content of the lesson they were currently in but didn’t expand on the explicit educational purpose behind the lesson.
- 49/61 students always feel comfortable telling their teacher when they need help or don’t understand something whilst only 2/61 students never feel comfortable seeking help.
- 27/61 students have a current personal learning goal, but the vast majority of these are very generalised and difficult for students to implement and measure themselves.
- 35/61 students see the teacher as the most important person in how much they learn at school whilst only 26/61 believe that they are the most important factor in how much they learn.

Thanks volunteers!

There are some amazing parent and community volunteers at our school. From reading groups, to canteen, to garden club, to building retaining walls or conducting a writing course, volunteers help make our school be so great. One example is Megan Shurte who covered over 200 library books in the holidays and returned them to school asking if there were any more... Thank you all!
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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TERM 3 WEEK 2

Wednesday 22 July  
2016 Kindergarten & New Parent Information Night 5.00—5.45pm in the School Hall

P&C Winter Warmer Raffle tickets to be returned to school

Friday 24 July  
Primary Choir—Nursing Homes performance

TERM 3 WEEK 3

Monday 27 July  
P&C Winter Warmer Raffle drawn at school assembly

Tuesday 28 July  
Yr 6 Careers Expo 5th Tweed PS ICAS English

Wednesday 29 July  
Maths Olympiad 3

Thursday 30 July  
KB/KM Assembly 1.30pm

Friday 31 July  
PSSA District Athletics (Track Events) Canteen Sushi Friday

TERM 3 WEEK 4

Tuesday 4 August  
Newsletter PSSA Touch Football Gala Day 5th Tweed

Thursday 6 August  
TRHS Visit for ATP

Friday 7 August  
GATS @ TRHS Visual Arts

TERM 3 WEEK 5

Tuesday 11 August  
ICAS Maths

Wednesday 12 August  
P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 14 August  
PSSA FNC Athletics Byron Bay

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Tuesday 18 August  
Newsletter

NSW PSSA State Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to Stella R for her outstanding performance the NSW PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek in Sydney last Friday.

Stella finished in 12th place in state in the 11 year girls race and is truly an example of how hard work really does pay off!

Anything you can do, we can do better!

The Infants Choir went to Murwillumbah on the last Thursday of term for their big Eisteddfod performance. They were motivated by the success of the primary choir in winning their event and achieved the same result with a beautiful performance. Congratulations to all members of both choirs who gave up a lot of their play time to perfect their performances. The senior group is continuing their good work in the community this Friday when they tour two local nursing homes to perform for them. We know they will represent us in style!
We are a busy group of students with many areas of interest. As seniors in our school, a large group of us have roles of responsibility as Leaders, SRC reps and House captains or Vice Captain positions.

There are talented musicians who play in the band or guitar groups and some are in the choir along with others who are talented artists.

As senior role models of our school we enjoy sharing ideas to make our school a better place for all students.
How much fun is the learning, the challenges and the games in 5/6J with Ms Borgas!

Much of the day we work at our desks or in groups and sometimes at computers.

The latest activity we enjoy is inventing new games for our Peaceful Playground activities.

Peaceful Playgrounds Program
Recently our school has started the Peaceful Playgrounds program.

This proactive playground behaviour program is designed to teach our students conflict resolution strategies, give them more play options in the playground and build their fundamental movement, literacy and numeracy skills.

Over the next three weeks our PBL focus will be on the conflict resolution skills which are:
1. to walk away
2. to talk through the problem
   or
3. to use rock, paper, scissors.

See your child’s teacher for more information or just enjoy all the new colourful play markings around our school.
It's simple to participate

Starting last Wednesday, 15th July until Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

Let’s Celebrate Healthy Eating

Congratulations to all of those students and families who are currently bringing healthy snack and lunch options to school.

Unfortunately we have noted that some students have been criticised for having such healthy food options by some of their peers and we would like to ask all families to chat with their children about the food we put into our bodies and also the way that we support, not tease, other people for the food that they put into their body. If we all do this, then we will continue to show what a diverse yet accepting school community we are!

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students, staff and parents who made yesterday’s Athletics Carnival a success. Ms Wendt did a fine job organising her first carnival and judging by some of the performances of the students on the day, it was definitely a fast track!

The highlight of the day was clearly the positive interaction between all students K-6 as they all split up amongst the grades to do the novelty activities. A truly community moment!

Full results will be published in the next newsletter in a fortnight.
Winter Warmer Raffle

**REMINDER**

A friendly reminder that winter warmer raffle is closing on Wednesday 22nd July!

DRAWN AT ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 27TH JULY!

Still accepting last minute donations for child prizes and more tickets are still available at the office!

View our Hampers Online at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bilambilpublicschoolpc

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Winter Warmer Raffle

P&C are thrilled to be drawing our Winter Warmer Raffle next Monday 27th July, 2015 at the School Assembly! Come down and watch the hampers be drawn! Winners will be notified by telephone if not present.

Reminder that tickets and money must be handed into our office tomorrow (Wednesday 22nd July, 2015)!

Bunnings Barbeque!

Bilambil P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings South Tweed on Sunday, 11th October 2015!

We will need loads of volunteers and plenty of customers on that day!

If you are able to assist please contact us at bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting

Next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 12th August 2015. Hope to see you there!

Thank you Volunteers

Thank you to all the parents and carers for assisting with the sausage sizzle and cake stall at the Athletics Carnival yesterday.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

• Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
• Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
• Give students time to greet their friends before class
• Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

• being sick, or having an infectious disease
• having an unavoidable medical appointment
• being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
• exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.
Magazines Wanted
The School Library would like to request anyone with magazines they no longer need could they please send them to the Library, thank you.

Bilambil Public School would like to sincerely thank Mr John Byron’s family for the wonderful donation of cricket gear (Cricket pads, Balls, Bats etc) to our school.

The students will get lots of enjoyment from your generous gift.

Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years
✓ Helps kids reach a healthy weight
✓ Fun games & exercise for kids
✓ Build self-esteem & motivation

CALL: 1800 780 900

Players Required for Junior Basketball

Wednesday
8’s – 3.30pm
10’s – 4.25pm
12’s – 5.20pm

Membership - $10 per year
Fees - $50 pp/per school term
12’s Comp (July to Dec - Terms 3/4)

Come in or call PCYC to register 07 5599 1714

Tweed Heads Police & Citizens Youth Club
Florence Street, PO Box 380 Tweed Heads NSW 2485
Telephone: 07 5599 1714 Fax: 07 5599 5798
Email: twinmotor@pcycnsw.org.au
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