Term 3

It’s been a truly terrific term. Staff have been delighted with how settled our students have been in class and some of the gains many students have made with their learning over the last ten weeks. 5/6B’s assembly rap and items were a classic example of dynamic learning in action! We hope you now all enjoy a fantastic time together as a family over the upcoming holidays! Term 4 resumes with staff and students returning on Tuesday, October 6.

There is no school development day at the beginning of Term 4, but instead there are two SDD at the end of term. A reminder that Monday, October 5 is the Labour Day public holiday!

QTSS

Quality Teaching Successful Students is the department’s latest initiative to improve the outcomes for students in our schools. It allows a small additional amount of staff time per week to be accessible for us to raise outcomes for students and build capacity of staff.

We are currently utilising this funding in two main ways. We are relieving Kindergarten teaching duties off Mrs Stokes to expand the explicit literacy program that she is running and getting amazing results from and we are releasing staff off class to observe peers and reflect on peers and their own teaching practice. Both strategies seem to be paying off both students and staff!

WOW! - Bilambil’s New Playground

The new playground is amazing!!! Installation and landscaping is now complete and we are only waiting for next term to open it fully when all the grass has knitted together after the holiday. Students have trialled the equipment and will be having class PE lessons on it this week but all reports are that it is “AWESOME!” It is important to thank the P&C, and all of you who contributed towards the fundraising, for their $28,000 donation towards the playground.

It’s also crucial to thank Crystle Iredale for the incredible number of hours that she put into scrutinising playground options to source the best supplier and play options for our available dollars. Thank you also to the other playground committee members and Jon Gallagher, Anthony Thomas with Mr Moore, Mr Renehan and our senior boys worked so hard on the landscaping.

Any civil or construction engineers out there?

The Bilambil Car Park Committee held their first meeting recently and one of the actions is to better understand what realistic options there are for our community to expand the quantity and safety of parking around our school.

If anyone is or knows a civil or construction engineer with any experience designing carparks and the litany of factors to consider when doing this, could they please contact Mr Mostert through the school office.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term 3 Week 9</th>
<th>Term 3 Week 10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>KB</td>
<td>Crystal B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KM</td>
<td>Sienna R</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K/1L</td>
<td>William M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Maya H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Alwin M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2P</td>
<td>Amelia H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Anakin S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4H</td>
<td>Zachary H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4W</td>
<td>Reuban T</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Jack S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6J</td>
<td>Talia L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Beau J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Principal</td>
<td>Jaylen W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SILVER AWARD

| Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10 | KB | Jazara B, Sommer C, Jacob R |
| KM | Sabrielle L |
| K/1L | Jago A, Myah G, Jasmine I |
| 3/4B | Ella C, Ruby I, Mathew S, Anika S |
| 3/4W | Stephanie H, Pedro, Haylee T |
| 5/6J | Zeph B, Kian G, Kiarni K |
| 5/6M | Jade M, Kai M, Abi W |

BRONZE AWARD

| Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10 | KB | Isabella M |
| KM | Odern B, Rhiannon M, Jude P, Lara S |
| K/1L | Zak J, Justin M |
| 1/2B | Nate P, Heinrich V |
| 1/2P | Jack B |
| 3/4B | Logan W |
| 3/4H | Sunny A, Bridie B, Markus G |
| 3/4W | Jesse S |
| 5/6B | Mason D |

Give our ‘SASS’ a clap!
Our School Administrative Staff includes all of our office staff, librarian support staff, general assistant, school learning support officers and our cleaners. These people do an incredible amount of work behind the scenes to make the little moments for our students better whilst they are at school. If you see one of these people in action, please take a moment to thank them for what they do and how they definitely make a difference!

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. If you have a child that will be attending this school next year or you know any children of family, friends or neighbours that will be attending next year please contact our office to organise an enrolment package.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

**TERM 3 WEEK 10**
- Monday 14 September, Band Lessons
- Tuesday 15 September, Newsletter, Student Banking, Stage 3 Girls AFL Gala Day
- Wednesday 16 September, Guitar Lessons, Stage 2 Milo Cricket Day
- Friday 18 September, SRC Sport Time Disco Yr 3-6 11.30am–12.30pm, Canteen Sushi Friday, End of Fruit & Veggie Month, Last Day of Term 3—Happy Holidays

**TERM 4 WEEK 1**
- Monday 5 October, Public Holiday
- Tuesday 6 October, School resumes for Term 4
- Wednesday 7 October, Guitar Lessons
- Friday 9 October, Surf Groms & Happy Feet Tennis commences

**SUNDAY 11 October**
P&C Bunnings BBQ

**TERM 4 WEEK 2**
- Monday 12 October, Band Lessons
- Tuesday 13 October, Newsletter, 2016 Kindergarten Orientation Program commences

Bilambil Road, BILAMBIL NSW 2486. 07 5590 7210. Bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Bilambil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
**Mini iPads**

We were recently distressed that 5 mini iPads and a digital camera were absconded from a classroom store room where they were being kept. The circumstances around this are quite mysterious but we believe we will be successful in having them replaced through insurance. We have reviewed and updated our storage procedures for all iPads in the school but if anyone knows anything about this very unfortunate incident, please contact Mr Mostert at school.

**SRC Sport Time**

This Term the SRC will be hosting a School Disco during normal sport time with fun games and dances.

The cost of the Disco is $3.00 which includes a piece of pizza and a popper.

Glow sticks are 50c each or 5 for $2.00

All profits raised will go toward buying new sports uniforms.

**Year 3-6**

**Date:** Friday, 18th September 2015 (last day of Term 3).

**Time:** 11:30am - 12:30pm

Students or parents who do not wish for their child to participate in this fundraiser disco will do sport activities as normal.

**Tweed Valley Milo T20 Blast Cup**

Good Luck to our Stage 2 students completing in this sporting event tomorrow Wednesday 16 September, 2015. The bus will be leaving from school at 8.45am for Walter Peak Oval in Kingscliff please be on time.

**Stage 2 AFL Gala Day**

This term Stage 2 participated in AFL clinics coached by Professional AFL players from the Gold Coast Suns. Last Friday the 11th of September, 25 students competed in a Mixed AFL Gala Day.

Bilambil won every single game by a mile! The staff and parents commented on how well we played and our sportsmanship.

Well done to the students and a big thankyou to the parents who came to support us! We had so much fun Cheering for Bilambil together.
Kindergarten & Stage 1 Police Visit

Kindergarten and Stage one student’s enjoyed a visit from Tweed Heads Police. They reinforced the positive message of being kind and a caring person in our community. They talked about the importance of helping out our friends and neighbours. The children learned about phoning 000 when there is an emergency and that it is important to know your name, address and phone number. They also got to see and try on Kevlar vests that Police officers wear, handcuffs and capsicum spray.

The children were then invited to have a look at the Police car. The flashing lights and siren were the children's favourite things. A massive thank you to Louise Crossan, who very kindly organised the Police visit.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to Jett L who completed in the Public Speaking finals on Thursday 3 September, 2015 at Banora Point Public School. Jett was awarded an Encouragement Award. Well done!

BPS Public Speaking Finalists

KB Sonny A, Olivia B, Cooper K, Ava M
KM Sooke P, Jean P
K/1L Jasmine I, Georgie M
1/2B Jackson C, Maya H
1/2H Tanna C, Sunny G
1/2P Caitlin A, Rigby A, Sikari K
3/4B Tahlia C, Ruby L, Zak P, Mathew S, Taji V, Nate W
3/4W Kegan D, Lauren F, Pedro R
5/6B Ty B, Jett L, Drew M, Lily R, Amy R, Kaycee-Jane W
5/6J Bella B, Mia D, Talia L, Sarah Jane M
5/6M Jayden A, Joseph B, Kate B, Kai M

BPS Spelling Bee Finalists

3/4B James F, Mathew S, Taji V
3/4H Zak M
3/4W Grace B, Kegan D
5/6B Erin C, Drew M, Stella R, Xalia S, Kaycee-Jane W
5/6J Diddi B, Jerahmi W
5/6M Beau J, Madison T

What a great day!
Thankyou Tweed Heads Police Officers
Sharing time with 5/6M

5/6M have been working hard on our physical fitness skills this term. The Peaceful Playgrounds games and equipment have been incorporated into our daily fitness regime and the kids look forward to being outside at every opportunity to learn and practice the games that are part of the program.

The girls in our class along with their classmates from Stage Three are looking forward to the Girls AFL Gala Day that will be held on the last Tuesday of this term. The girls have been training hard with Mark Caldow from AFL QLD and are learning new skills to help them succeed in the game.

Fitness can be so much fun!
Stage 3 Major Project Showcase
This Thursday 17th September, 2015 all parents, carers, relatives and friends are invited to come along to the school hall from 9.30 – 11.00am to view the major projects that our Stage Three students have been working hard on over the past couple of weeks.

5/6M Fantastic Facts Major Project

"Nerf Guns" - Did you know that a Nerf Gun shoots straight with a barrel but it can’t shoot as far. Andrew

"Cockroaches" - Cockroaches are extremely resistant to radiation. Kai

"Dog Cruelty" - 250,750 dogs are placed in the pound each month. Jade B

"Guinea Pigs" - There are 16 types of Guinea Pig. Tylor

"Ireland" - There aren’t many animals that are native to Ireland. Jade M

"Fish" - Anglerfish attract little fish to eat with the light on their heads. Joseph

"Weird World Records" - The world’s longest beard is 2.23 metres. Ashley

"Scooter Tricks" - The most money you can spend on a scooter is around $3,000.00 Brady

"Dreams" - Did you know that 12% of people can only dream in black and white? Mishka

"Dog Squad" - NSW has a different name to QLD for their K9 units. In NSW it is called the Dog Unit and in QLD it is called the Dog Squad. Shay

"Opals In Australia" - Some fossils can turn into fossilised opal. Nicholas G

"World Wars" - Did you know that many kids have fought in World Wars? Nic C

"Commercial Fishing" - If you take bananas on a fishing trip, it is said to bring bad luck. Matt

"Skateboards" - You can still ride a skateboard without wheels. Cody

"Gymnastics" - Did you know that the first piece of Gymnastics equipment to be invented was the vault. Abi

"The Vietnam War" - The Vietnam War lasted for 19 years, 5 months, 4 weeks and 1 day. Jayden

"Bindi Irwin" - Bindi was named after her dad Steve’s favourite crocodile, Bindi and her middle name Sue, was named after Steve’s dog Sui. Sarah

"Gymnastics" In the past the minimum age to complete at the Olympics in Gymnastics was 14 but now it has been raised to 16. Maddy

"Australia" Australia’s population is approximately 24.49 million. Lilly

"Police Dogs" - The two most common dogs that are used by Police in Australia are the Labrador/Retriever and the German Shepherd. Kate

"Animal Groups" - Most people think that spiders are a part of the insect family. Eliza

"Feline Family" - The scientific name for the Sabre Toothed Tiger is the Smilodon. Lillyana

"Commercial Line Fishing" - The laws in commercial line fishing vary between states. Beau
Term 3 - Week 10, 15 September 2015

**Valued Helpers**

**Rainforest Plaques**
Thanks to Jon Gallagher and Barb Wall our rainforest plaques are nearly all installed. Our community has sponsored the Botanical naming of so many of the unique native flora that we have growing here at our school. This rainforest walk will allow all students and community members to gain a greater understanding of this excellent resource. You’re all welcome to come along and have a look sometime to see what a great learning space this is.

**Book Week/Grandparents Day**
Our recent Grandparents Day and Book Week celebration was a massive success. It was a special opportunity for our student’s grandparents or friends to join them at school for an open classroom time, a simultaneous outdoor reading time before having a picnic morning tea together out in the playground. Great numbers of proud grandparents and friends came along for the day and made sure it was lots of fun!

**BIG THANK YOU BROOK!**
P&C, the students and the staff would like to thank Brook Boyd our Canteen Convenor. She has run our school canteen for the last 4 years as a volunteer. An amazing effort and everyone really appreciates all her hard work.

Sadly she is resigning and will be missed in the canteen by our team of volunteers. She has made a great contribution to our school. She has raised money for iPads and the new exciting playground. She has organised many of our sports carnivals, discos and other events.

She has also fed most of our children over the years and given us a day off making lunches. I’m sure the parents/carers and the students have really appreciated this!

We have been very lucky over the years for her to do this job voluntarily.
Position Advertised
School Canteen Manager
Bilambil Public School

Applications are being called for a casual canteen manager effective immediately.

The position will be:
10 hours over 3 days - Monday/ Wednesday /Friday with potential for further work in 2016. Pay rates will be in line with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010.

Interested applicants are asked to submit an application including your Resume with two current referees. Applications close on Friday 2nd October , 2015 at 3.00pm, submitted via email or can be posted to the: P&C President, C/- Bilambil Public School, 418 Bilambil Road. Bilambil NSW 2486

CANTEEN CHANGES
Thank you to everyone who returned their Canteen Survey. As we have been unsuccessful in sourcing a volunteer, we will be advertising a paid position for a casual Canteen Manager, to start in Term 4. Your ideas and comments are really valuable to us and will be passed on to our new Canteen Manager to be included in our new menu.

We would like our Canteen to provide more healthy & nutritious meals to your children and as such we will be cooking more home made meals. Kids are really excited about the new healthy food snacks at the window. It is great to see them trying new foods with fruits & vegetables. Some of these items along with a weekly special will be added to a revised menu for Term 4. Unfortunately it is unavoidable that there will be a price rise as food and supplier costs have increased. We have been very fortunate to have not had a price rise for a few years.

As we are rebuilding our volunteers for Canteen, we will also be changing the opening hours to Monday, Wednesday & Friday with Breakfast Club continuing on these days at this stage. If you would like to volunteer for Canteen, please drop in and say Hi or contact bilambilschoolp.c@gmail.com

We have some exciting rewards coming next term for our volunteers - so stay tuned. We would like to thank you for your understanding and we look forward to your continued support. Hope you all try the exciting new food in Term 4.

Remember this date 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
Early Stage 1 Currumbin Sanctuary Excursion

On Friday 28 August 2015, 53 VERY excited Kindies, Mrs Borra, Mrs McQuhae and Mrs Lloyd, hopped on the bus and headed off to Currumbin Sanctuary. Waiting for us at the Sanctuary were some very excited Mums! After a quick snack, we headed over to the Blinky Bill show and then on to the Free Flight Bird show. That was an amazing experience. We saw Macaws, a Barking Owl, Kites, a Kookaburra and a Wedge-Tailed Eagle that flew just above our heads! Then it was off to see the animals. The kangaroos were having a great time lying in the sun; the wombats were hiding so well, we didn’t see them; the Tasmanian Devil was snoozing in the sun and the Tree Kangaroo was asleep, balancing right up at the top of a very tall palm tree.

Wild Island was a great place to have lunch and then to play on the amazing adventure playground. Louise Crossan clocked up a few kilometres helping the kids on the Flying Fox. It was then time to visit the crocodiles, who were having a lovely lazy time in the sun. We walked through the Nocturnal House and also admired an enormous Boa Constrictor and a Scrub Python that was almost as big as the Boa, Mr Mostert would have loved them! Too soon it was time to board the bus again and head back to school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Mums who came along to help. They did an awesome job and we really appreciate them giving up their day for us. A great day was had by all!
We were all ready and eager to head off to the Sanctuary on Thursday 27 August, but due to a weather report that did not sound promising and a very grey sky, we decided to postpone our excursion. Friday 4 September was a sunny day and so 80 Year 1 & 2 students, along with Mrs Ballarin, Mrs Preston, Mr Thomas, Mrs Brickwood, Mr Renehan and his trusty little bus and Mrs Lloyd, headed off on their excursion. Mrs Lloyd couldn’t believe how lucky she was to go to the Sanctuary 2 weeks in a row!!

We arrived at the Sanctuary to be met by some very excited Mums and Dads, all ready and happy to share the day with us. We had a snack and then stopped to admire some sleepy koalas, waiting for a photo opportunity. To quote Heinrich in 1/2B “Those koalas are adorable” and they were. The Free Flight Bird Show was enjoyed by everyone as we got to see some Australian birds up close- very close as they flew over your head!

We then headed off to look at as many animals as we could. The dingoes wondered what all the howling was about when we appeared, but didn’t look too worried. Alas the wombats were still hiding and we didn’t get to see them. The Tasmanian Devil was very active, running circuits of the enclosure and stopping just long enough for us to take some photos. We patted lots of kangaroos and some students walked through the wallaby enclosure. Lacey in K/1L was amazing at spotting very well camouflaged animals.

Wild Island was again our lunch spot and Louise Crossan decided she had so much fun with Kindies on the Flying Fox that Stage 1 would be twice the fun. An outstanding effort Louise!

After heading back to see the reptiles and nocturnal animals, we said goodbye to the parents and boarded the bus back to school.

A huge thank you to the parents and to Mrs Smith, who stepped in to help us out. You all helped to make the day a very enjoyable one.
Newsletter

Term 3 - Week 10, 15 September 2015

Kingscliff Swimming Club

**KSC**

Sign-on 2015/2016 season
Tuesday 6th October 5:30–7:00pm
Kingscliff Aquatic Centre

Come and join our exciting swimming club!
Race at your own level, make new friends, give your training some direction. Be part of the local club that produces Olympians!

Club sessions commence
Tuesday 13th October 2015
5:45–7:30pm

$14 membership fee includes a free beach towel for new members.

For more information contact the club
Phone: 0417 777 823
Email: kingscliff.swimming.org.au
Website: www.kingscliff.swimming.org.au

School Holiday Footy Clinic

A Rugby League Coaching Clinic taught by Titans and NRL State. CLinic includes morning tea, lunch and Titans gift pack!

**WEDNESDAY**

23 September, 2015
10am Till 2pm
Kingsford Smith Park
Bentinck St Ballina

**BALLINA RLC**

Ballina Junior Touch Football

**Friday Evening**

At Bilambil Sports Club

Team Rego 6–7pm
Friday 11 September

Individual Rego 6–7pm
Friday 18 September

Contact Mick 0409 599 222

School Holiday Kayaking Tours

2 Hour Kayaking Tour from Hastings Point Inlet. Followed by Pizza & drinks.
$25 for 1 Adult & 1 Child (Double Kayak) Bookings Essential
www.mumzbuzz.com.au

Friday 25th September
Friday 2nd October
9.30am - 11.30am

TWEED HEADS & COOLANGATTA SLSC
GREENMOUNT BEACH

NIPPERS SIGN-ON DAY

FOR NEW (bring Birth Certificate & RENEWING MEMBERS
SATURDAY 12TH OF SEPTEMBER 9AM - 11AM OASIS POOLS, BANGORA POINT
* Must be 5 years of age as at the 30th of September 2015
* Please remember to bring tongs and goggles
Entry Fee: $19.00 Children & $35.00 Adult applies for swimmers only at the beach

For all Enquiries Please phone the Surf Club Office on 07 5597 3558

Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre have a number of Holiday Programs for children aged 7-15 these school holidays.

Programs include a Residential Camp, Kids Club, Sailing, Surfing and Laser Skirmish.

For further information please visit our website
www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au or contact 13 13 02

Office of Sport and Recreation

Bilambil Road, BILAMBIL NSW 2486 . 07 5590 7210 . Bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au . Bilambil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
We sincerely thank our advertisers for their support of our school. The NSW Department of Education and Bilambil Public School do not endorse these companies or their services and products.