Inspiring 21st Century Learners

It’s going to be a great 2016!
Welcome everyone to 2016 at Bilambil Public School! We hope every single one of our students has a truly fantastic year! We are starting the school year with 315 students.

This is the third year in a row that our enrolments have grown and this number includes a massive Kindergarten of 54 excited boys and girls starting school. With the increased number of students we have grown a class up to 13 classes and thus welcome Miss Simone Henry onto the Stage One team to teach 1/2H. Mr George Glasson is joining us in the library as we implement a new library strategy where the teaching is based on collaborative learning strategies not on specific curriculum. Mr Glasson will be doing a wide range of learning experiences with your children this year and we will seek your thoughts on how effective they were at the end of the year. Ms Butler will be maintaining some of her Learning and Support role, but she will also be teaching every student in our school “Mindfulness”. This program concept was heartily endorsed when introduced to the P&C and is designed to enable students to be better aware and more skilled when dealing with some of the emotional pressures that young people now face as they grow up in our busy world.

Mural - WOW look at our wall now!
We are delighted with the new murals which have been painted onto the wall on the top playground. The themes from the previous murals was kept with our artist meeting with our Aboriginal students to design the mural facing the path which pays respect to the indigenous people who lived in the Bilambil area prior to settlement.

The other side is a tribute to the early history of the school and it’s interesting to note that the two sides of the wall are designed to link the two murals together. They look terrific and thank you Sam for all of your hard work!

Swimming Carnival
Our School Swimming Carnival is on Thursday, 11th February 2016 at Banora Point Swimming Complex. We are hoping every child who is 8 years or older will join us for a great day.

Please return your permission notes to the office as soon as possible.

Parent Questionnaire
After the positive response from the parent questionnaire sent home last year, we are again sending a sheet home for parents to advise their new teacher about any specific information that they wish to share.

These are not compulsory but allow the triangle of learning between student, home and school to start working well together from the beginning.

2015 SCHOOL MAGAZINES ON SALE
If you forgot to purchase or would simply like extra copies of our great 2015 School Magazine they are now on special for $5.00 each. They would make a wonderful gift for family and friends to share your child’s
UP AND COMING EVENTS 2016

TERM 1 WEEK  2
Wednesday 3 February Kindergarten start school

TERM 1 WEEK 3
Tuesday 9 February School Banking
Wednesday 10 February Parent Info Afternoon P&C AGM 7.00pm
Thursday 11 February School Swimming Carnival

TERM 1 WEEK  4
Tuesday 16 February Newsletter School Banking
Wednesday 17 February PSSA Tweed District Swimming

TERM 1 WEEK 5
Tuesday 23 February School Banking
Friday 26 February PSSA FNC Swimming Carnival

TERM 1 WEEK 6
Tuesday 1 March Newsletter School Banking

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2016

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Ella P and Jett C

VICE CAPTAINS
Kate B and Drew M

SCHOOL LEADERS

Class Welcome and Information Sessions and BBQ
We encourage you to attend our Welcome and Information Sessions and BBQ on Wednesday, 10th February 2016 to meet or become better acquainted with the staff and other families and learn more about what life will be like for your child this year. Regular and meaningful communication with your child’s teacher this year can mean the small, often misunderstood moments of your child’s school life can be clarified and addressed easily leading to happier students. Communication should always start with your child’s teacher, but we also have our Assistant Principals on each stage who will clarify anything which may need arise.

Parent Information Sessions and complimentary Welcome BBQ times:

Kindergarten and Years 3 and 4 from 4:30- 5.00pm
Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6 from 5.00-5:30pm
School Assessment and Reporting Schedule

Staff at Bilambil Public School are committed to working with you to let you know how your child is going, where their learning is at and what strategies are being employed to maximise their learning. We will do this through many school based community events, notes, newsletters, telephone and email correspondence as well as the following formal and informal occasions:

- Early Term 1: Parent Info Sessions & BBQ
- Late Term 1: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Term 2: Semester 1 Written Reports
- Term 3: Community Breakfast
- Term 4: Semester 2 Final Report

We will work hard for your child this year so please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions throughout the year as to what is happening with any aspect of your child’s learning!

School Chaplaincy Program

We are pleased to announce that our school has been successful in gaining participation into the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) for 2016-18. This program is a Commonwealth-funded initiative to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the school community through the provision of pastoral care. The school has retained Your Dream Inc., to act as the managing body for the program in our school. This program is not religiously affiliated and utilisation of this resource in our school will be managed through our learning Support Committee. They are currently calling for applications for this two day a week position which will allow us to support so many more of our students with managing the different challenges that they face. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Mr Mostert or look at yourdreamschools.com for more information or to apply for the position. Applications will be finalised during Week 3 of school and interviews conducted accordingly.

Labels out for afternoon pickups

As our enrolments have increased, the afternoon Kiss’n’Drop pickup area has been utilised more. Besides those early straggling students getting up to the gate a bit quicker, as a strategy to try and fast track students and cars moving through the area more quickly, we will be printing student names for parents/carers to put on the dashboard on the front windscreen. This may take some time to coordinate and in the meantime, people are encouraged to create their own signs to use. Congratulations to those people already doing this!

Firing into our Growth Mindset from Day One

Staff spent considerable time on the School Development Day discussing how best to support students to have a positive or ‘Growth” attitude to their learning. Students undertook baseline testing on their first two days of school which will allow staff and students to set specific learning goals to be worked on over the first term. Similar testing at the end of the year will allow us to review the effectiveness of teaching styles and programs implemented this year.
Year 6 Parents/Carers

On Monday morning 8th February 2016, all Year Six students will be involved in a special Year Six commitment ceremony.

All children in Year Six are considered to be school leaders. They have demonstrated their maturity by helping their Kindergarten buddies settle into their first week at school.

Year Six students will pledge a commitment to their roles and responsibilities as senior students. Special badges have been ordered and will be presented to Year Six students at a later date. We will also be presenting House and Vice Captain badges at this assembly.

The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation, is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas. **To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!**

1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au  www.wep.org.au

World Education Program Australia Limited – WEP Australia ABN 82 098 289 897

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Exciting times ahead for Stage 3

Welcome back to school incoming Year 5 students and our new Year 6 group.

Mr Mostert and the senior teachers addressed our keen stage 3 students who listened attentively to the important messages and learned about the year ahead for them.

So much to look forward to: new rooms, new subjects, new experiences and new challenges.

Bring it on!!
## 2015 Presentation Day Awards

### Class Awards

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### Effort and Consistency Stage Awards

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Canteen
Welcome back to 2016!

We are looking for to a wonderful year ahead with exciting specials. Call out for volunteers to help in the canteen. Anytime would been appreciated and will help keep the canteen running and Bilambil students happy.

Wednesday specials will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday 10th February, 2016. A list of the specials for the term and a current menu will be available shortly.

2016 Bilambil Community Fair
We are proud to announce that we will be hosting a Community Fair is November 2016!

The White Elephant Stall will be back with the many other community stalls, markets stalls, rides, animal farm & ponies, wildlife show, show bags, face painting & many more exciting activities for all the family members to enjoy. If you have a spring clean over summer holidays remember to box up all your unwanted items & send into the school next year.

Donations of Lucky Bottles, Second Hand Items, Plants & Food items can be donated early next year!

If anyone is interested in helping with the fete in any way, can volunteer an hour or two on the day, or know anyone that can donate or sponsor the Fair please contact Fair Coordinator, Anita Johnson on 0422 369 276 or email us bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com

Share our tavel
Friends of Tanna and Samara who wish to follow the girls on our trip around Australian in 2016. Message and follow “Our Aussie Dream” on facebook. Thank you!

P&C AGM
The P&C will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10th February, 2016 starting at 7.00pm in the School’s Staff Room.
All welcome!

ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP 24/7
Bilambil Primary School
P&C Association

Or visit our Uniform Shop at School during these times

Monday
Wednesday
Friday
8.30 - 9.00am

Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH
[next to Bilambil Public School]
Out of School Hours [OOSH] and Vacation Care for your family
Monday to Friday 6.30am - 6.30pm
VACATION CARE available on pupil free days

Preschool 9am-3pm for 3-5yr olds
Waiting list for 2016 & 2017 NOW OPEN

Please phone or pop in to discuss enrolling your family

Ph: 5590 7722
kelly@bilambilpreschooloosh.org
bilambilpreschooloosh.org
TUMBLUGUM RANGERS SIGN-ON DETAILS
Registrations will commence soon for the 2016 Football (Soccer) Season for boys and girls turning 5 - 15 years during 2016.
WHERE: Clubhouse in Bawden Street, Tumbulgum
WHEN: Saturday 6th February 12:30-2:30pm & Sunday 7th February 9:00-1:00am,
- Players aged 5, 6 and 7 years will receive a complimentary ball and shin pads.
- All players receive a polo shirt.
- Mini Roos games are played locally.
- Older age groups play in the Tweed and Byron Shires.
For further enquiries please call and leave your details with: Brian Breckenridge - 02 6676 6343.