What a great start to the year!
Congratulations to staff and students for the strong start that they have all made to this year at school. We have now enjoyed an amazing start to school by each of our Kindergarten students and the positive vibe in each classroom has been evident through students focus on challenging themselves with their learning. Very impressive!

Professional Learning
School staff have started the year with a professional learning focus on building a positive learning atmosphere. Teachers have undertaken afternoon training with colleagues from Tweed Heads South, Murwillumbah, Murwillumbah East and Cudgen Public Schools which has been a very positive experience. Teachers are putting this learning into their classroom practice and reflects our commitment to continually improve on how we do things here at Bilambil.

15 Minute Parking Zones
As a response to council providing guidance to our potential parking solutions, council have reclassified the parking zones outside of the pre-school and half of the Kiss’n’Drop area to 15 minute parking zones during the hour of school pick up and drop off times.

Emergency Evacuation
All the pre-school and primary school students and their teachers certainly impressed the school’s Work Health Safety Committee at our recent emergency evacuation practice. All participants calmly showed an understanding of what to do if something ever did go wrong. Well done all!

New House Banners
Thanks to Andrew Green our students enjoyed showing off their new house banners at the swimming carnival last week. They certainly looked awesome on the day!

New school app coming soon!
FREE app for your smartphone
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**UP AND COMING EVENTS 2016**

**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
- Wednesday 24 February: Music Mates Rock Incursion
- Thursday 25 February: Stage 1 Assembly 1/2B & 1/2H
- Friday 26 February: Canteen Sushi Friday PSSA FNC Swimming Carnival

**TERM 1 WEEK 6**

- Monday 29 February: Tweed Daily News 2016 Kindy Photo Day
- Tuesday 1 March: Newsletter School Banking

**TERM 1 WEEK 8**

- Tuesday 15 March: Newsletter School Banking
- Thursday 17 March: PSSA Tweed District Winter Sports Trials

**TERM 1 WEEK 9**

- Tuesday 22 March: School Photo’s Day
- Thursday 24 March: Easter Event
- Friday 25 March: Public Holiday—Good Friday

**TERM 1 WEEK 10**

- Monday 28 March: Public Holiday—Easter Monday
- Tuesday 29 March: Newsletter School Banking Parent/Teacher interviews commence
- Wednesday 30 March: PSSA FNC Winter Sports Trials

**TERM 1 WEEK 11**

- Tuesday 5 April: Year 6 leave for Canberra Excursion
- Wednesday 6 April: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 7 April: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Friday 8 April: School Picnic Year 6 return from Excursion Students last day for Term 1
Please be careful!
Please be careful when parking and transporting your child/ren into or away from school each day. The Jets Car Park is a great resource for our families to utilise for parking when the weather is fine, but due to the poor drainage, it is not an option for us to use after heavy rain. The school is actively investigating options for the future and the fete is currently hoping to use their proceeds to help with this, but this will take time. In the interim, if you park on the side of the road or cross the road, please have physical contact with your child until you are in the school grounds to ensure no tragic accident ever takes place. Otherwise utilise our “Kiss and Drop” drop off and pick up area. Thank you!

Music Mates
An information note is attached to tell all of our families about our plans for extra-curricular music delivery at school this year. These big changes were discussed with P&C and include an incursion, stage specific music tuition and really original way of delivery instrument familiarity. I am looking forward to all of our families being blown away with what is about to happen...

Class Dojo
An addition to our student welfare program this year is the use of Class Dojo. This program allows classes to have a consistent positive reward system. Dojo points are awarded for positive behaviour and students are awarded a blue start when they accrue 10 Dojo points. If you wish to learn more about Class Dojo, please see your child’s teacher for more information.

Whooping Cough
Whilst there have been no reported cases of students from Bilambil Public School contracting Whooping Cough, we have been informed that there have been a number of cases reported in the area.

Please ensure your child is reminded about washing their hands regularly and if your child presents symptoms which you believe may be Whooping Cough, please seek medical attention. Fact sheet available at office.

School Photos
The School photos will be in Week 9 (Tuesday 22 March 2016). Order envelopes will be sent home with all students in the coming weeks.

Daily News Kindergarten Photos
The Tweed Daily News 2016 Kindy Photo Day will be Week 6 (Monday 29 February 2016). Each year the Daily News publish the kindergarten students from local schools in the Tweed area.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
A friendly reminder as the Canberra excursion is approaching quickly. Please finalise your payments as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mobile phones
A reminder that the school has a clear policy that mobile phones or other electronic equipment are not to be brought onto the school premises without a note supporting this from a parent or carer. Students who do need to bring such equipment, then need to register these in the office when they arrive at school for storage, and then collect their piece of equipment as they are leaving for home from the office. Thank you for supporting this process for all of our students.

Easter Fun Day
Mr Glasson is coordinating our Easter Fun Day event this year. This year, Easter is falling during Term 1 so we will have an Easter specific event on Thursday 24 March 2016 for those who are not camping in the rain, before returning to school on Tuesday 29 March 2016. Stay tuned for more information.

I-Maths & Soundwaves on line program options
I-Maths and Soundwaves are our texts in English and Maths being implemented at school this year. They each have a home component attached to them for students to access to consolidate some of the work that they have done at school. The logins and passwords were included in your stage specific parent information sheets received last week. If you have any questions please ask your child’s teacher to clarify their use or your child’s login details.
We all had a fabulous time and enjoyed swimming at the carnival. We were very proud of everyone who had a go including the ones who didn’t quite make it. There were a few who stood out with both cheering and swimming at the carnival and there was a huge smile on everyone’s face when it was time for the free swim!

All the teachers were very supportive and I know I was lucky to get a high five from Mr Menin when I’m not in Cougals!!!

The swimming carnival was a great day because when you hopped in the water it was very refreshing because it was a hot day. It was cool at the end of the day when we got to go for a free swim in the pool! Some of our friends from Wollumbin helped us with our chants. It was fun because we actives to do even if we didn’t race. Kian’s dad made banners for our houses, every time we had to turn it around because they could not spell “MINJUNGBAL”

When Kian and Xalia were off Corey and Sarah decided to do chants but everyone was doing their own thing so they tried again and again about four times. When Corey did a very loud fake cough then we tried again but only Keeli, Corey and I were singing the chant.

A big thankyou to Andrew Green for making the awesome banners, also a big thank you to all the helpers at the swimming carnival!!!

By Kian G, Sarah Jane M, Corey T and Xalia S Minjungbal House Captains
A great day for Swimming

Congratulations to the 168 students who attended a very successful swimming carnival at Banora Point pools held last Thursday with most Stage 2 and Stage 3 students attending along with twenty or so Year 2 – 8 year olds.

All students participated in a swim at the beginning of the day. It is a great carnival to watch as so many students push themselves to achieve something that they may be very anxious about. Whilst the formal results are an important part of the carnival, and we wish all of our District Swimming competitors all the best tomorrow at their district carnival at Banora, the highlight of the day was the participation of all students across the races, and the water and land based novelties.

The weather on the day was sunny with everyone being vigilant in application of sunscreen.

A massive thank you to all family members who attended the carnival and particularly to those parents who took on the responsibility of timekeeping the swimming events.

A great first carnival for the year!
Julie Borgas
Library

Mr Glasson will be teaching the students in Library this term. In addition to being a place where students can read and borrow books, in 2016, the Library will transform into a new and unique learning space.

Students will engage in collaborative problem solving activities with their peers, utilising the wide range of resources available to them. Students will have access to a variety of resources and will be charged with the responsibility of identifying the problem, researching the problem, developing an action plan, carrying out the plan and reflecting on the process and outcomes.

Please remember if your child would like to borrow books, they will need to bring in a clearly labelled library bag.

Class Library Days

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Bowling them over

Well done to Angus P in Year 6 for his selection into the Tweed/Murwillumbah representative cricket side to trial at the Far North Coast carnival for potential regional representation.

Good luck, Bilambil’s right behind you!
Change in routine for picking up children

Dear Parents/Carers, it is a DOE requirement that the school be notified (either by phone, email or note) if you are having someone else take your child home from school.

Whilst we whole heartedly support and understand you are helping out a friend or neighbour by doing this, please check with them that they have notified the school so as to minimise any problems.

Student Change of Routine messages

Parents/Carers please be reminded that changes to your child/rens routine messages are required prior to 2.00pm, to ensure the message can be passed onto your child before the bell at 2.40pm.

Updating current contact numbers

To enable the school to contact you quickly in a case of your child being unwell or if there is an accident it is very important to update your details and emergency contacts on a regular basis. If you have changed any of your contact details recently, please contact the school office.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note all students have now been invoiced for school and voluntary contributions.

For more info email Liz: aquaworkout@mail.com
or find us on www.facebook.com/PiggabeenValleyMarket
White Elephant Donations
We have started collecting donations for the White Elephant stall at our school's Community Fair. Please bring in anything you'd like to donate and leave in the baskets provided in the classrooms. All proceeds will go towards making our school a better place for our children.

Canteen News
We are trialling some new menu items in the canteen. We have started making our own homemade burger patties and we will be taste testing these over the next few weeks. We aim to incorporate veggies and lean meat into our burgers, pastries, and pizza and pasta sauces. So far the feedback has been great, so we are looking forward to introducing some new things to our menu. The children have been responding amazingly to all the new fruit snacks and homemade goodies, and making some really healthy choices, so thanks kids!! You make it all worthwhile!!

Canteen is currently looking for some volunteers to cover some of our busier times. Monthly specials and Sushi Fridays are extremely busy and we would love to have some helping hands on these days. Any time you have spare would be greatly appreciated and would help us to keep the kids fed on time. If you have any other days free that you would like to volunteer, this is always welcome too!! So if you’re a parent, carer, grandma, grandpa, nana, aunty or even big sister or brother with a little free time, we’d love to hear from you!!

Just drop into the Canteen and say hi!

P&C AGM
The P&C will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th March 2016 starting at 7.00pm in the School’s Staff Room.

All welcome!

2016 Bilambil Community Fair
We will be looking to fill volunteer roles for the Bilambil Community Fair in November.

There will be plenty to do on the day with set-up, running stalls etc so any extra help will be much needed to keep the Fair running smoothly. We’d also like our volunteers to have fun on the day too, so we need to roster shifts to keep everyone enjoying themselves and make it a successful day for all! If you have any skills to offer in a particular area (such as food, entertainment, stalls, show bags).

Please contact: Fair Co-ordinator Anita Johnson 0422 369 276.

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

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