School Picnic
To celebrate our fun-filled Term 1, Years K-5 will hold a very relaxed community picnic afternoon on Friday, 8 April 2016. It will be held on the grass at the top of the school from 12:30pm and will involve all the students enjoying some company together in an informal way before having an extended play.

Students need to bring a towel to sit on, their lunch or lunch order and a good, appropriate joke to share with all of their friends.

Year 6 Leadership Day
On Wednesday Year 6 Students from Bilambil and Carool attended a Leadership Day at the Bilambil Jets Football ground. The children were involved in a variety of planned activities involving team building, group work and self reflection.

One of the highlights of the day was lunch preparation. The children prepared and cooked their own vegie burgers, prepared salad to accompany burgers and made custard tooty fruity cups.

We had an amazing group of mum’s who helped out with our cooking. Thank you Emma J,(Jett’s mum), Belinda P (Ella’s mum), Kayte C (Ty’s mum), Belinda, M (Layla’s mum), Kelli T (Corey’s mum) and Nadeen (Huntar’s mum), your assistance was appreciated.

We would also like to thank the management of the Bilambil Jets Football Club in allowing us to use their facilities for our Leadership program.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
We hope you find your Parent/Teacher Interviews beneficial this week. We are keen to ensure our parents are as actively involved in their child’s learning as is possible, so will appreciate any feedback that you can pass on to us in this regard.

Paperless Newsletters
With the success of the new Schoolstream App, we will no longer be printing off the newsletter each fortnight for all of our families. From Term 2, the newsletter will be available through the Schoolstream App or through our school website. If any families would still like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact our school office to request one. The app is how we are now sending all of our reminders and alerts through when things come up. Please see the attached instructions of how to download it if you haven’t done so already.
Can you help??????

The school has purchased new reading resources for our children and we wish to get them into classrooms as soon as possible.

Thank you to the Mums who have already taken a number of books home and covered them, which has allowed our children to start enjoying these new resources. However we are still needing volunteers to take home sets of books to be covered with contact provided by the school. If you are interested please see the front office.

Planned works to commence on Court Upgrade

As previously stated we are excited on our successful application to upgrade the Netball/Basketball court area. The planned work is scheduled to commence next week and is to conclude over the school holidays. Any disruptions will be well worth it.
I was at my home getting ready for school and was rushing around trying to find my uniform, socks and shoes. I had my bag packed for school and once I was ready I waited out the front for my bus. I was playing hand ball and I heard the bus drive straight passed my house “Oh, oh I missed the bus!”

I ran inside and asked my mum to drive me to school.

“No way!” said mum angrily. “You were the one who missed the bus.”

So I thought to myself I would have to make up an excuse to Miss Wendt.

I can easily ride my bike to school. But then I thought to myself I could almost die from the danger of riding by myself. In the middle of the mum explained to me “I will drive you to school now, only to teach you a lesson not to play handball when you’re waiting for the bus.

I never did it again!

By Malachy F
School Chaplaincy

Hi my name is “Chappy” (Graham Chapman) and I am the new Chaplain at Bilambil Public School. I think I got the job because of my name!!!!!

My background is in Engineering and construction, but I have been a minister of Religion for the last 25 years and I have worked as a school chaplain for the past 20.

My brief, according to Mr Mostert, is assisting the School and students in the area of life skills. To facilitate this, I will be working with a number of different students on a number of different projects which may include, landscaping, gardening, mechanics, fishing!!!, painting etc. In the process of participating in these projects, it is our intention to improve some of the physical areas of our school as well.

I look forward to meeting you sometime, and hopefully working with your child/children.

Chappy

Anzac Day March

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day March will be held on Monday 25th April, 2016.

Students wishing to attend need to meet at Jack Evans Boat Harbour (next to the children’s playground) Boundary Street Tweed Heads at 10.10am before the march off at 10.30am.

This will culminate with the ANZAC Day Service at the cenotaph near Twin Towns. Students are asked to be in full school uniform (including a school hat) and will be accompanied by teachers from Bilambil.

Bringing the Farm to 3/4W

3/4W were lucky this term to be able see and touch little ducklings owned by Sam W and his family. Sam showed us how he cares for his new baby ducks!
Fiji Support Day
On Friday the 1st of April 2016, Bilambil Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day through a focus on the island nation of Fiji.

Students will participate in class activities based around Fijian culture. In addition they will examine the devastation that was caused by Cyclone Winston in Fiji, and as a school community we hope to make a difference to a specific school by raising funds to buy desperately needed supplies. Mr Mostert will then personally deliver these to an aid officer at a Fijian school which he will report back to students on.

Students are to wear traditional cultural dress or for those children who wish, wear orange or a Hawaiian shirt. Students are asked to bring $5.00 which will include an Island Way Sorbet worth $2.80 for each child.

Stewart House
Our school runs an annual fundraiser to support Stewart House. Stewart House provide health, social and educational experiences for students who need respite from the pressures of their home situations. Every year at least one child from our school benefits from the experience of attending Stewart House but the charity is dependent on the goodwill of the parents of school children all across NSW to survive. We have attached an envelope to this newsletter for you to put any spare change that you may have into it and this will be donated onto Stewart House. Please drop it into the school office. Thanks for considering them! To win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice please place a $2 or equivalent in the envelope provided, complete entry details on the back and return to school on or before the 6 May 2016 to be eligible for the draw.

School Photos
Thank you to all of the students and staff for their outstanding behaviour when School Photos were taken last week. A reminder that any parents who still wish to place orders or have questions of the photographer, this has to be done directly between yourselves and “The School Photographer”.

To make payment for school photos after photography day you can choose one of the following options:

1. Go to their website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the “Click here for Online Payments” button and follow the on screen instructions. OR
2. Call our office on 02 9674 9824 and they will take your credit card payment over the phone. (Note—there is a processing fee of $5 for phone payments).
I learnt lots of things at the leadership day. One of the things I learnt was how to work in a group trying to work out our middle names and stand in alphabetical order. I also learnt how to cook better.

Olivia P 5/6J

The leadership day yesterday was very, very cool. We learnt some more about leadership and cooking too!

Drew M 5/6B

Yesterday was leadership day. I learnt some leadership skills and we played games. We had vegie burgers and tooty fruity cups. It was such a great day.

Brianna O 5/6M

Leadership day was great and the vegie burgers we made were yum! Truth or lie was fun and I want to do it again.

Sharn S 5/6J

I thought it was fun preparing the food!

Xalia S 5/6B

I learnt how to work with a group and communicate with each other. It was the most amazing day ever.

Chloe Y 5/6J

What I loved about the leadership day was the fabulous food and bonding with others.

Lillyana S 5/6B

The leadership day was very fun and exciting. Angus 5/6J

Once we went across the road it was fun from the beginning. I’m so lucky I got to come and the food was amazing.

Amelie H 5/6B

I thought it was fun bonding with other people.

Lilly C 5/6B
On Wednesday, all of the year sixer’s went to the Jets field to do some leadership skills and I worked with people I don’t usually play with. We also cooked amazing vegie burgers. Yum!  
*Milly D5/6M*

I really enjoyed the leadership day because there was lots of fun team building activities and we got to make our own lunch! I thought making our lunch was pretty cool for primary school.  
*Jett L 5/6J*

I loved cooking and working as a group.  
*Hunter B 5/6B*

The leadership day yesterday was so fun. I got to know the Carool girls and worked with people I don’t usually hang out with. I also learnt other leadership skills that I now can use through life.  
*Ella P 5/6M*

The leadership day was the best, because we got to cook and do fun things in our groups.  
*Jacob T 5/6J*

I learnt more teamwork and how to cook, but not so well.  
*Clair S 5/6B*

Yesterday was super fun at the leadership day. The burgers were just divine and the activities were just really good at building our leadership skills. It was absolutely amazing.  
*Sarah Jane M 5/6M*

The leadership day was really fun. I especially liked the cooking and team activities. I learnt that everyone has to really participate and we all have to work together.  
*Jade B 5/6J*

I liked the leadership day because we got to interact with people I didn’t know and play lots of games. We got to make vegie burgers and tooty fruity cups that were really good.  
*Corey 5/6B*

Leadership day was fantastic; I even made friends with all of the year 6 girls from Carool. We did fun things like make our own vegie burgers from scratch and we also made tooty fruity cups.  
*Zahli M 5/6M*

There were many leader’s roles that we got to practise, like joining in groups with people that we don’t know. We got to cook our own food, which was so cool.  
*Layla M 5/6J*

On the 23.3.16, all of year 6 participated in the leadership day. Everyone got to do fun cooking and we got to play with brand new equipment. I had so much fun I wish I could do it again.  
*Natalie 5/6B*

On Wednesday the 23rd March, we had the year 6 leadership day and we made vegie burgers and tooty fruity cups. My favourite were the vegie burgers, which our group made.  
*Ty 5/6M*

Thanks Mrs Brazel and Ms Borgas, we had an awesome day!!!
PSSA Winter Trials

Congratulations to all the students who represented Bilambil at the PSSA Winter Trials on Thursday the 24th of March. Everyone proved their talents as the selectors picked the best of the best in each sport to represent the Tweed Area. Grace B, Zoe C and Sarah M have progressed into the next level for girls soccer. In boys soccer, Zac H and Jack R also progressed to the next level. In Netball representing Bilambil at the next stage is Erin C and in Open and 11 Yrs League congratulations to Ashley H, Makenzie M and Storm S. We wish you the best of luck for selection trials tomorrow.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017

There are some Year 6 students who haven’t returned their expression of interest for Year 7 in 2017.

These forms are required even if your child will not be going to a NSW government high school. Please complete and return your form to the admin office.

Interested in learning the Piano, Clarinet or Flute

Private Piano / Clarinet / Flute Lessons are available after school on Mondays in the School Library.

If you are interested or would like more information regarding lessons, please contact Barbara Downes on 07 5590 9762.

Did You Know?

In NSW, most children (90%) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

Some ideas to try:

An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don’t like something or are avoiding eating some-thing, and may often imitate your eating habits!

Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it’s best to start out by thinking positively!

Children’s food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies

Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don’t overcook them so they’re soggy. Over-cooking can make vegies’ taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness.

Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.

Flying Vegie Pizza Recipe

10-12 minutes preparation + 15-20 minutes cooking

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 1 small onion
- ½ small green capsicum
- 2 mushrooms
- 1 tomato
- 1 small zucchini
- 1 large pita bread
- Dried oregano & black pepper
- 1-2 tablespoons reduced salt tomato paste
- 100g grated reduced fat cheese

**Method**

Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Wash onion, capsicum, mush-rooms, tomato and zucchini and pat dry with paper towels.

Slice the onion into rings, slice the capsicum into strips. Cut the mushrooms into thin slices. Cut the tomato into slices. Cut the zucchini into rounds.

Spread the pita bread into tomato paste, place on a baking tray and cover evenly with the vegetables. Sprinkle with the cheese, oregano and black pepper.

Bake in oven until vegetables are cooked and the cheese is golden brown (15-20 minutes).

Recipe sourced from Heart Foundation resource Eat Smart, Play Smart – A Manual for Out of School Hours Care, 2004.
Easter Hat & Book Character Parade

Well done to every student and staff member who embraced the Easter Hat and Book Character Parade last Thursday. It was overwhelming how many parents and friends came along to support this event and to see all the different creations and costumes on show. Thanks to Mr Glasson for the day and for coordinating the hat’s constructions over the last few weeks.

Many parents expressed their gratitude that they weren’t asked to come up with another masterpiece for their child this year...
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## P&C dates to Remember

### TERM 1 2016
- All term: White Elephant Stall Donations

### TERM 2 2016
- Thursday 5 May: Mothers day stall
- Wednesday 11 May: Canteen Special - TBA
- Friday 27 May: Canteen – Sushi Friday
- Sunday 29 May: Bunnings BBQ – Tweed Heads
- Wednesday 8 June: 7.00pm P&C Meeting

### TERM 3 2016
- TBA (Week 7): Fathers Day Stall

### TERM 4 2016
- Saturday 12 November: BPS Community Fair!!

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### WOW! How exciting are the White Elephant Donations

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already donated some very exciting goods for the White Elephant stall at our schools Community Fair. Please keep bringing in anything you’d like to donate. Baskets are located in all classrooms for any White Elephant donations. All contributions are appreciated and proceeds go towards helping our school.

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### P&C Treasurer Needed!

If you can help fill this position please contact P&C by email bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com or give your details to the school office.

### Canteen News

The canteen will be open Friday 8th April, 2016 (last day of Term 1) as normal.

Thank you everyone who has returned volunteer availability notes. All your help is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working alongside all of you!

Anyone that hasn’t, it’s not too late! We are always looking for volunteers.

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### ONLINE UNIFORM SHOP 24/7

Bilambil Primary School
P&C Association
www.bilambilpc.org

Or visit our Uniform Shop at School during these times

- Monday
- Wednesday
- Friday
- 8.30 - 9.00am
Rugby League School Holiday Clinic

Cudgen Hornets is hosting a coaching clinic taught by NRL staff and Titans these holidays. Enjoy lunch, morning tea, receive an NRL footy pack, Titans membership and meet the GC Titans players. Cost is $40.00 per child. The clinic is for girls and boys 5-13 years on Tuesday 19 April from 10.00am—2.00pm at 3 Wommin Bay Road, Kingscliff. Please bring a hat, water bottle and wear joggers, numbers are strictly limited.

Contact 0418 621 259 or mdonnelly@nrl.com.au for more information or register online http://bit.ly/1WmCYPp