PBL
Bilambil is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. As such, we espouse 3 values which guide how we all act whilst at school. They are:

Be Fair
Be Safe
Belong

Whole school strategies are in place to teach the behaviours that we think will help each student grow up to be responsible citizens in the future. If you have any further questions about PBL, please contact Mrs Noni Ballarin.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Notes for our Parent/Teacher Interviews were sent home yesterday. This year our Stage 2 and 3 students will be joining their parents and teachers in the interview process. Interview times are allotted on a first returned, first allocated basis. If you have any questions on this, please contact your child’s teacher.

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. The newsletter will be available through the schoolstream app (see instructions to download if you haven’t done so already) 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.

2016 -17 Management Plan
We are currently in the second year of our 3 year strategic plan. The 2016 -17 plan has now been amended and added to our school website for you to view if you would like to. The plan will continue to focus on 3 main strategic directions which all flow from our wider school vision.

They are:

- Quality Systems
- Quality Teaching & Learning
- Quality Community

School Photos
Just a reminder that the photographers will be here on Tuesday 22 March 2016 to take our school photos. All students will by now have received a personalised envelope with ordering and payment instructions for those who wish to purchase photos. All students need to return this envelope, whether they are ordering photos or not. If you are ordering photos, please make sure you return the envelope either prior to or on the day of photography.

Any late orders cannot be processed by the school and will need to be organised with the photographers directly. Please note that cheques are no longer accepted by the photographers for payment. Students will need to wear their blue uniforms on the day.

School Fees & Voluntary Contribution
Thank you to all of our families who have paid either their school fees or the voluntary contribution. A reminder that our fees ($60 per child) are based on recouping the money that the school has spent on student texts, paper, photocopying and stationary/art supplies which are provided free to every child. The voluntary contributions ($40 for 1 child, $60 for 2 children, $80 for 3 children) allow the school to expand the ITC resources and opportunities which the school can offer.

School of Rock
Our Stage 2 Music program “Introduction to Music” and our Stage 3 “Rock Orchestra” program started to huge acclaim last week. Students loved all the sessions offered and the unique and alternative way of supporting the music curriculum delivery at school is very exciting. If you would like more information about the program, contact Mrs Donna McGlinn or contact the school to come up on a Wednesday to have a look for yourself.
Up and Coming Events 2016

Term 1 Week 8

- Tuesday 15 March: Newsletter School Banking
- Thursday 17 March: PSSA Tweed District Winter Sports Trials
- Friday 18 March: Book Club due

Term 1 Week 9

- Tuesday 22 March: School Photo’s Day Politician’s Visits
- Wednesday 23 March: Year 6 Leadership Training 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
- Thursday 31 March: Stage 1 Assembly - 1/2P & 1/2H
- Friday 1 April: Politician’s Visit

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

Student of the Week

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Scripture

Scripture is currently proposed as operating under a similar format to last year. It is to run weekly in Terms 2 and 3. More information will be coming home about this in the near future.

School Picnic

Staff are looking to hold a very relaxed community picnic afternoon on Friday, 8 April 2016. More information about this event will come home soon.

2016 P&C Committee

Congratulations to the new 2016 P&C committee voted in at the last meeting. The amazing synergy between the school and our parent body is due to the skill and commitment of the president, Crystal Iredale and her hard working executive team. A sincere thank you to all of those people who were involved in the many positive activities that the P&C did in 2015. We are looking forward to another super year to be highlighted by our Community Fair on Saturday 12 November 2016.

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. We need 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.

Book Club

The book club is due on or before Friday 18 March, 2016.
Our Learning
In class we have been reading and studying a book called ‘Fox’. We also did some art for it. We go to different classes for Maths and Spelling and we do rotations for Science, History and Art.

Sport
The main event so far was our school swimming carnival. Some of us went to the district carnival and Angus P went onto the Zone carnival in 3 different events!

Well done Angus!
Now we are training for Cross Country.

Visual Arts
In art we have drawn our self-portraits and they look bright hanging up in the classroom.

The Rock Incursion display has inspired quite a few to join and lessons started last week.

Our year to date in 5/6J—we’re loving it!
A very busy start to the year in our class, WOW we’ve had some amazing things happening already!

Buddies
We began the year with our kinder buddies from Mrs Lloyd’s class, showing them the right and wrong thing to do to be a great person at Bilambil Public School.
For the last couple of weeks we have been helping them make Easter hats – a lot of fun!

Leaders and SRC
Our Year 6 leaders have finally been able to take on rolls in our school.
In class we elected our SRC representatives who are Sharn S and Jaylen W. They run class meetings and take our ideas to the SRC.

Tweed River High School
Some teachers from Tweed River High School have been to visit Stage 3. We enjoyed maths and science afternoons and their talk telling us what high school will be like.

Year 5 had a special treat going to TRHS for a sports day without the Year 6!

It was a totally awesome day!
Instructions for installing & deleting the School Stream app from your device

**iPhone/iPad iOS 7.x-8.x**

**Installing**
1. From your mobile device go to the App Store search for School Stream
2. Tap the FREE button to the right of the School Stream listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Enter your Apple ID and password & tap OK
5. Wait for the install icon to change to OPEN
6. Tap the OPEN button
7. You will be prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK
8. Start typing your school name into the search . then SELECT your school
9. Bilambil Public School access code is wollumin

**Deleting**
1. From your device press and hold down the School Stream icon until the icon begins to joggle.
2. Tap the little x in the upper-left corner of the School Stream app. (A dialog appears, informing you that deleting this app also deletes all its data).
3. Tap the Delete button.

**Android/Tablet**

**Installing**
1. From your mobile device go to the Play Store search for School Stream
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3. Tap the INSTALL button
4. Tap the ACCEPT button
5. Wait for the app to install then tap the OPEN button
6. Start typing your school name into the search then SELECT your school
7. Tap the DONE button in the top left
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**Deleting**
1. Tap on the Menu button
2. Tap on Settings: Applications: Manage applications
3. Tap on the School Stream app
4. Tap on Uninstall
Year 5 Sport’s Taster Day Tweed River High School

On Friday 4th March 2016, Year 5 students attended a Sport’s Taster Day at Tweed River High School. The children had the opportunity to experience four different sports and enjoyed the chance to mix with year 5 students from Tweed River High School feeder schools. All students participated with enthusiasm and their behaviour was exemplary.

We had a great day!

On a smokin’ hot Friday the 4th of March Bilambil Public School students took a bus to Tweed River High School for a sports day for year 5 only.

All the year 5 kids from a bunch of different schools got split into 6 different groups. I got in group 6 with Zac, Jordan, Markus, Tommy and kids from the other schools. I played Basketball, Dance, Cricket and Tennis. I liked Cricket the best because I did some awesome hits. I really wanted to play touch but you only got to play 4 activities, but oh well stuff happens.

Then at the end of the wicked day we got a little paper bag with a pencil a rubber and a band and we also got a free ice-block. It was an awesome day.

Flynn M 5/6 J

On Friday 4th March Year 5 went to Tweed River High School for a sports taster day. It was fun. I did touch football, dance, basketball and cricket. My favourite was touch footy. I can’t wait to go there. I have two sisters who go there already. Annie is in Year 9 and Maille is in Year 8. I only saw Maille, not Annie.

At the canteen I was short 50 cents and someone in Year 10 bought a drink for me. I gave her my money and she paid for the rest of it. I had the best day.

Logan W 5/6 M

Keeli K 5/6 M
Friday recount

On Friday the 4th of March some Tweed River visitors came to tell us why we should go to Tweed River High School in Year Seven.

They talked to us about heaps of different opportunities at Tweed River High School.

Sport

Sport is one of the many things they talked about which included what types of sport they had for us like basketball, surfing, netball, table tennis, touch football, soccer and many more.

I quite enjoyed talking about sport and playing sport with one of our past captains at Bilambil, Olivia.

Dance

Rhianna is one of the best dancers at Tweed River High School and she really inspired me to do dance at Tweed River because she talked about what type of dance there was like ballet and hip hop.

Musical Instruments

The guitar showcase was an amazing performance from the year nines and I definitely would like to continue with guitar.

Overall this was an amazing experience and opportunity and I hope that I get to do all of the amazing cultural activities.

Kate B 5/6M
Year 6 Leadership Training Day
On Wednesday 23rd March 2016 the students of Year 6 will be participating in a Leadership Day. It will be held at the Jets Football field across the road. On the day there will be a variety of planned activities involving team building, group work and self reflection. Year 6 students from Carool will be joining us to encourage bonding before the Canberra excursion.

The students are looking forward to the day, especially the opportunity to make their own lunches. Please ensure your child has returned the $3.00 fee to cover the cost of ingredients.

Responsible Pet Ownership
On Wednesday 9 March, 2016 Bilambil K-2 students and also our Pre-school students were lucky to once again be involved in the Responsible Pet Ownership Program.

This program teaches children how to be safe around cats and dogs. It teaches the children how and when it is safe to approach an animal and also what to do if they encounter a dog that is not friendly.

The program was presented by Vicky, who came all the way from Newcastle with her beautiful Border Collie, “Zack” and her Australian Shepherd, “Linc”. These extremely well behaved dogs helped Vicky to deliver her message, along with songs and audio visual aids.

Some lucky students were chosen to demonstrate the safe way to pat a dog. All students received handouts to take home. There is also a website the students can access with games and activities designed to reinforce the message. The website is called “Victor and Victoria’s Pet Town” and can be found at www.pets.nsw.gov.au.

Year 6 AIS registration Forms for Canberra Excursion
The Australian Institute of Sport required an Accommodation Registration Confirmation form for all people staying at the Institute. Please complete and returned the AIS note to the school office.

Year 6 Expression of Interest for Year 7 2017 Forms
Expression of Interest form for students moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017 need to be returned before Friday 18 March 2016.

Parent/Carer Consent Forms
This is a green permission form which allows your child/ren to participate in local excursions at local venues such as Bilambil Sports Complex and Bilambil Jets Oval. Events that are covered by this note are the Athletics Carnival, Picnic Day and Year 6 Leadership Training Day.

Student Parent/Carer Contract & Emergency Contacts Update
This form is fluro pink and it is extremely important to return this form to enable the school to update contacts numbers and emergency contacts in the case of an emergency arising.
Parent Online Payments

To our new parents and carers who maybe unaware that you can make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Solo Artists Entrants for 2016 Murwillumbah Eisteddfod

Entries are now open for solo artists at this year’s Eisteddfod. This is a fantastic opportunity for any budding singers and musicians and poetry recitalists to perform in front of an audience. In the past a few of our choir members have entered the Eisteddfod as solo singers and did themselves (and our school) proud! This competition is open to anyone who would like to compete. To enter, however, you must be able to meet the following criteria:

- To sing at a very high standard in front of an audience without a microphone.
- Have a piano player prepared to perform with you OR have a CD made with piano only backing tracks made of your songs within the time limit given.
- Musical score for the piano that matches your performance (with any changes made to fit in time frame or key changes).

Please see me for the relevant forms if your child wishes to enter as a solo artist. Parents and Carers will be responsible for submitting forms and paying the relevant fees. Unfortunately due to time constraints this year, I will not be available to train students. I can, however, advise on song choice and abilities.

Don’t forget there are also instrumental categories for concert band members and verse speaking (poetry recitals). See me for the relevant forms and information for these also.

If you have any questions please contact me at school.

Donna McGlinn - Choir/Band Teacher

Bilambil Clean Up the School Day!

On Friday 4 March, Bilambil students rolled up their sleeves and enthusiastically set off to collect any rubbish that could be found in our school grounds. Each class scoured a designated part of the school to ensure we are all keeping our part of the coast in pristine condition!

The rubbish was then surveyed by Mrs Butler and her enthusiastic Stage 2 students, who tallied and collated the results. These results were then included in a report for the Clean Up Australia Day organisers.

A big thank you to Mrs Butler and her class and to all the Bilambil teachers and students who happily worked to make our school environment cleaner and greener!
Library Blog

Reading Tree
We have started a ‘Reading Tree’ in the library, which is growing by the day. When students finish reading a book, they write the details of the book and their name on a leaf and add it to the tree. Once the students have completed 3 leaves, the next one they add will be a yellow flower. Then after they read another 3 leaves they will be able to add a red apple. Below is a guide to how the reading tree works:

- Leaf – read 1 book
- Flower – read 4 books & have already added 3 leaves to the tree.
- Apple – read 8 books & have added 6 leaves and a flower.

The ongoing Reading Tree process will start again after students have completed an apple. It is the tree which keeps on giving!!

Easter & Book Character Hats
The Kindergarten classes have been working extremely well constructing Easter or Book Character hats with the assistance of their Stage 3 buddies during library sessions. The Year 1 and 2 classes have also been creatively making their hats with different items they’ve brought in. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone show off what they have created at the Easter/Book Character Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March at 2:00pm under the COLA. Parents are also encouraged to come down, so please try to make it to the parade before the Easter long weekend.

Mystery Bag Challenge
Stage 2 and 3 classes have been busy designing a ‘Pom Pom Launcher’ by collaborating closely in groups to make a device which launches a pom pom into the air with a set amount of items. They recorded it using iPads and this week will be turning it into a movie. It is pleasing to see all students persisting with this challenge if their original plan doesn’t work and look to integrate a more effective secondary plan.

George Glasson
Librarian/PE Teacher
WANTED - Parent/Family volunteers to train and run the ‘Kids in the Kitchen’ School Cooking Program in 2016

Bilambil Public School will be providing students with the opportunity to develop essential cooking skills. Students need practical skill development in preparing healthy food and the Kids in the Kitchen cooking program encourages them to prepare their own fruit and vegetable meals and snacks.

Students love having their parents or family come to help at school! So family volunteers (parents, grandparents, carers) are invited to come along and help run the Kids in the Kitchen program within the school. As a family volunteer you will be provided with a half-day training session to be held in Term 2 on Monday 2nd May 2016.

This will mean that greater teaching and supervision with a high adult to child ratio is achieved. A ratio of one parent to 4 or 5 students will enable all to get a turn, have fun, and gain lots of hands on cooking experiences.

The training session is a fun, hands on session where family volunteers get a chance to chat, learn skills and cook simple and delicious dishes from the KIK cookbook and then share it for lunch.

The Kids in the Kitchen cooking program will then be run by family volunteers with the aim of supporting students to:

- try a diverse range of healthy foods
- learn how food affects their bodies
- learn cooking skills
- develop healthy eating habits

The program also supports student learning by directly linking to other curriculum areas including English, Science and Technology, Personal Development, Health and Physical Activity, Human Society and its Environment, Mathematics, Creative Arts and Languages.

If you are interested in being involved in this very valuable activity please contact Alison Lloyd or Wendy Brazel at school on 5590 7210.

Let’s Look at Lunches

Inspiration for fresh, fast & budget friendly lunchboxes from your local health service

Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. Our school encourages healthy lunchboxes so we recommend you to subscribe if you haven’t already. Don’t wait until next year – sign up now so by the time you have to start packing lunchboxes you will have lots of great ideas! All you need to do is send your first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or
- Text to 0429 033 517

You can also follow us on Instagram @lookatlunches. We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!
P&C Dates to remember 2016

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P&C AGM
A huge thank you to all those who attended last week’s P&C AGM and general meeting. We are still seeking a Treasurer at this stage to complete the executive committee. Fortunately we have Brendan Byrne who will act as the caretaker in this role until we are able to find a replacement. A huge thank you to Brendan!

The positions are as follows:

- President: Crystle Iredale
- Vice President: Kris Robinson
- Secretary: Rachel Mead
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Fundraising: Madonna Goulding
- Canteen: Danelle Carrol
- Uniform Shop: Nikki Clifford

Canteen Request for Help!
We are still searching for volunteers to help out in our school Canteen.

Benefits include:

😊 Free tea, coffee & snacks.

😊 $5.00 lunch credit for yourself or your child (full day help).

😊 1 x P&C dollar for every hour volunteered to canteen. This can be saved up until the end of term for a uniform purchase, used on the day for food or kept for use at a later time.

😊 Meeting other parents and carers.

😊 Working with friends.

😊 Learning new recipes and sharing some of your own family favourites.

😊 Seeing your child in their school environment and them seeing you!

They love it!

E-mail: bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com or drop into the canteen.

White Elephant Donations
We have started collecting donations for the White Elephant stall at our school Community Fair. Please bring 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.

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
Playgroup
If anyone has a child who is of playgroup age and are interested in coming down to the school hall on a Wednesday morning for some fun, please contact Kelly at the Pre-school/OOSH to find out more information. We are pleased to host a community group opportunity like this on our grounds.

Kingscliff Hockey Club

- Dedicated coaches
- Strong club with a rich and successful history
  - Local games with minimal travel
  - Games start first weekend in April
  - Training one afternoon per week at Kingscliff Hockey Fields (next to Cudgen Leagues Club) commencing Thursday March 3rd
- Fee assistance available (conditions apply)
  - Free merchandise for all players.

Kingscliff Hockey Club has produced 3 Australian Players
Are you next?

Grab a mate and “Hook into Hockey”.
All ages welcome.

Contact President
Tim Prichard
0418 490 586

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

Welcome to Live Dream Dance & Fitness. A community based dance & fitness academy, united like a family, bonded by our passion for creative dance and fitness.

Students will be working as a team, building trust & self awareness, growing in self confidence, developing strong dance & fitness technique plus performance skills. Forming close friendships and creating life long memories & most of all having FUN!

Dance students will be given the opportunity to perform at various community events, compete at eisteddfods and perform in our MID YEAR annual concert.

Classes are available for dance students from the age of 2 years through to fitness for adult.

Bring this along and enjoy your first class FREE

For timetables and additional information please visit my...

website: www.livedreamdance.com.au
or contact Chloe on 0458 935 635

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