

Welcome back to Bilambil PS for our final term for the year. It is amazing that all students have now begun their final term for the current grade that they are in, and for our Year 6 students, Term 4 will be their final one for their primary schooling. I look forward to making it a great term by continuing to work positively with students, staff and parents to provide the maximum learning opportunities for our students. I have seen the many quality activities planned for this term and am confident that it will be a really positive term for all. Welcome to our new families into the school this term. We trust that you will find the Bilambil community a wonderful one to be a part of.



Fruit and Veg Month

Term 3 and our month long celebration of Fruit and Veg was celebrated in style with our gala day on the last day of term. It featured Year 6 student leaders rotating groups of students from K-6 through physical activities which featured skill acquisition and fun. It was lots of fun and well celebrated by exotic fruit kebabs which staff had prepared before school for every student. Special thanks goes to Mrs Brazel and Mrs Lloyd for coordinating the whole program.

Early Birds

A reminder that our Kindergarten Orientation Program, Early Birds, opposed to Angry Birds, begins this Monday, 21 October, 2013. It will run from 12-1pm in the school hall and Kindergarten rooms. We hope to see all of our 2014 Kindys join us for all of the fun.



Swimming Program

The Bilambil Public School Swimming Program is on in weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4. Notes went home yesterday. If you didn't receive this note and you are interested in your child participating in this excellent program, notes are available from the school office.

URGENT NOTICE FOR PARENTS AND CITIZENS

Volunteers urgently required to assist in school canteen, especially Thursday's.

Contact Brook on 0405 124 875

TERM 4 WEEK 2

Wednesday 16th October	
Thursday 17th October	
Friday 18th October	Surf Groms commences Funky Beat Dance Tenpin Bowling for Sport

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Monday 21st October	SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2014 Kinder Early Birds Program 12 - 1 pm
Tuesday 22nd October	SCHOOL BANKING
Wednesday 23rd October	
Thursday 24th October	
Friday 25th October	

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Monday 28th October	2014 Kinder Early Birds Program 12 - 1 pm
Tuesday 29th October	

Selective high School Applications for 2015

If you are entering Year 7 in 2015 then you may wish to apply for one of the state's selective high schools. Although there are none in the local area, they provide an alternative option for high school education. Application forms may be found at www.schools.nsw.edu/shsplacement or contact Mr Mostert at school.

District Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Madison, Amy and Mia who represented Bilambil PS at the Tweed District Public Speaking Competition. All girls performed very strongly and Mia even earned an Encouragement Award from the judges in the Stage 3 competition. Well done girls!

2013 Year 6 shirt

For sale one (1) only brand new
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Week 1	Week 2
KJ	Ben H	
KP	Issac P	Nate P
1B		
1/2H	Kyane C	
2L	Tommy B	
3M	Ella P	Hunter T
3/4B	Mia D	
4S	Luke J	Landon R
5/6B	Alyssa T	Ryan J
5/6C		Nicolas S
5/6S	Amber B	Dylan J
Principal	Takisha B	Ryely C
Library		
RFF		

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - BRONZE

Term 4	1B	Maddiex M, Jacob C, Sunny A
Week 2	3M	Jett C,
	3/4B	Mia D, Sharn S
	5/6B	Jack T

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - SILVER

1B	Ethan S
1/2H	Caillie E, Lauren F, Ruby I, Kaleb J, Grace M
3M	Olivia P, Sarah M, Clair S
5/6B	Paige K
5/6C	Lauren C, Tyla E, Talita J, Mia D, Sylvan S, Holly W
5/6S	Julius A, Ashley B, Amber B

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -GOLD

3M	Kate B
3/4B	Sarah-Jane M
4S	Luke J, Eliza B
5/6S	Sarah H

Bilambil Green Thumbs Fundraiser

Put your spare change to a great cause! The Green thumbs are having a fundraiser, to help us create our permanent vegetable garden and complete the signage in our rainforest. We will be holding a raffle with 3 great prizes:



1st Prize: \$100 Bunnings Voucher

2nd Prize: A beautiful Tupperware Lunchpack

3rd Prize: Modular Vegie Bed Kit

Tickets for the raffle are on sale now from the school admin office- \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00

Come in and check out the great prizes. If you would like to help the Green Thumbs by selling tickets to family and friends there are books available from our school admin office

We will also be having a muffin day on Friday 1st November, 2013. Children are asked to come dressed in green on this day and to bring a gold coin donation.

Annual Survey

Our school is asking for your thoughts on 2013 and how our school has performed through our annual survey. This survey, attached to this newsletter, is designed to capture your comments on what is working well in our school and what areas and ways that we could improve. It is taken very seriously and we ask all parents to participate as this is your voice for change as we are aware that you may have a great idea that we have simply never thought of. Surveys can be returned to the school office.

Surf Groms

Surf Groms Program commences this Friday 18th October, 2013.

Those students who have returned their permission notes and who have paid will receive their Surf Groms Backpack this Thursday afternoon.

There are 7 places still available if you are interested in participating in this great program. Notes need to be returned ASAP.

Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals

On Wednesday, 18th September, 2013 four Bilambil students from Stage 2 and 3 travelled to Ocean Shores Public School to represent Bilambil Public School in the Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals.

Stage 2 students Lucy M 3/4B and Amy R 4S competed strong making it to the third round to finish in the top 15.

Stage 3 students Erin B 5/6S and Kiana J 5/6S competed well with Erin finishing in the top 12 and Kiana placing in the top 20.

All girls did a brilliant job and we are proud of their excellent efforts in representing Bilambil Public School.



Reading Recovery - "Home and School working together"

Reading Recovery is a program offered by the school to help Year One students to become better readers and writers. The program's success depends on the Reading Recovery teacher, the Classroom teacher and the parents working together.

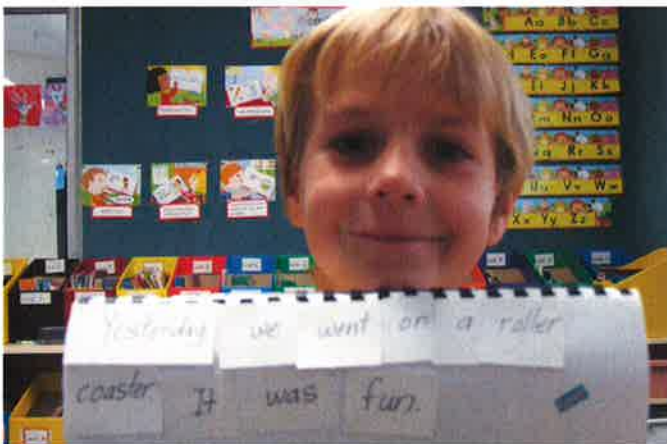
In Reading Recovery, we:



Write stories with Ethan S "Mum's Birthday"



Read books with Nate P "Big Bad Wolf"

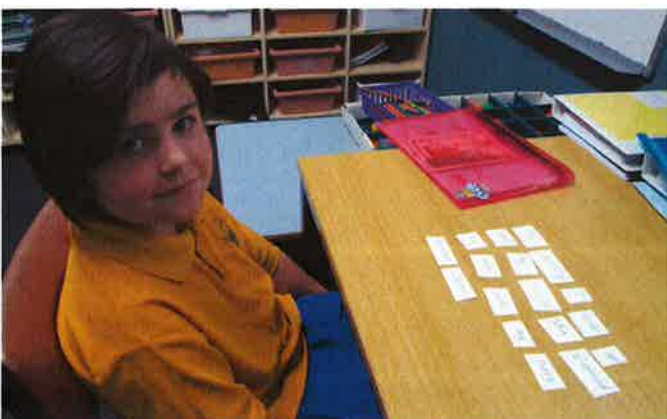


Paste stories in our story books with Lucas G "Yesterday I went on a roller coaster"



Make and break and write words with Ciara M "Fishing"

Put together cut up stories and thinking about with Zoe B



Annual School Survey 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems amazing that we are now in the final term for 2013. As such, we would like to reflect on our year by gaining a thorough understanding from our parents and carers *about how we have done things at Bilambil Public School in 2013 and what ways we could do things even better*. This is your chance to contribute your opinion and views about our school. Your comments will help us to create the best school environment for our students to have. Your responses will be taken seriously.

Please answer each question below by circling the appropriate response or completing a written comment and returning to the silver box in the front office by **Friday, 8 November, 2013**. The scale of responses vary from 1 (NEVER) to 5 (ALWAYS). Please think carefully about each of the following statements as they might apply to you and your child. If you have more than one child, please circle whichever answers apply most pertinently to you. If you are unsure of a result, leave the question blank. Thank you for positively contributing to our school.

Julian Mostert - Principal

NEVER = 1

RARELY = 2

SOMETIMES = 3

USUALLY = 4

ALWAYS = 5

LITERACY / ENGLISH

1. Do you believe the school explicitly catered for your child's abilities and needs in Reading in 2013?

1 2 3 4 5

2. Did the school report your child's skills and progress in Reading efficiently and accurately?

1 2 3 4 5

3. Do you believe the school has explicitly catered for your child's abilities and needs in Writing in 2013?

1 2 3 4 5

4. Did the school report your child's skills and progress in Writing efficiently and accurately?

1 2 3 4 5

5. Please make any wider comments that you have about Literacy at the school:

NUMERACY / MATHEMATICS

6. Did your child enjoy Maths activities this year?

1 2 3 4 5

7. Do you believe the school catered for your children's abilities and needs in Maths in 2013?

1 2 3 4 5

8. Do you believe your child has improved with their Maths skills this year?

1 2 3 4 5

9. Did the school report your child's skills and progress in Maths efficiently and accurately?

1 2 3 4 5

10. Please make any comments that you have about Numeracy at the school:

TEACHING AND LEARNING, SCHOOL ORGANISATION & SOCIAL INTERACTION

11. Does your child enjoy school?

1 2 3 4 5

12. Did the school cater well for your child's individual learning style in 2013?

1 2 3 4 5

13. Did the school set high but achievable expectations for your child in 2013?

1 2 3 4 5

14. Bilambil Public School is a safe and positive environment for your child's learning?

1 2 3 4 5

15. Do you believe that the school is consistent with their behaviour management?

1 2 3 4 5

16. Do you feel that the school communicates well with the parents and community?

1 2 3 4 5

17. Please nominate you or your child's highlight for the 2013 school year?

18. Do you have any suggestions for the school to consider for future improvement?

19. Do you, or anyone you know, have specific skills in any area which you would be willing to share with or donate to our students or for our school in the near future? (eg.. gardening)

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Skill: _____

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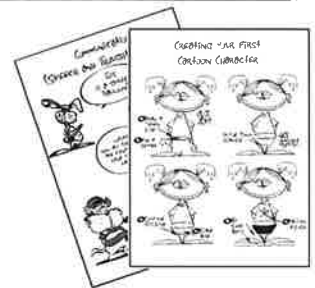


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Parenting when you don't see instant results

The results of your parenting often don't come until adulthood but you've got to keep doing your best in the meantime. That's one of the great frustrations of being a parent.

There aren't too many activities you do where it can take years to see the results.

Parenting is one of them.

As your kids grow up, you put in a lot of groundwork teaching them how to behave, how to be confident, how to treat others well and so on. But you don't always see the REAL results of all that effort until your kids are adults.

Nevertheless, you've got to keep doing the right thing regardless, even though it takes a lot of **faith**.

I was reminded about this when speaking to a mother recently whose son had struggled at school all his life. She'd put so much of her emotional and physical energy into helping him learn, jollyng him along and nursing him through the many ups and downs that only struggling kids seem to experience.

Her son, now a teenager, was about to give up trying. And I could see that his mother felt like giving up too!

She asked: **"When do you stop being a child's coach and cheer leader?"**

The answer, of course, is that you can't!



She knew that but, like her son, she needed some encouragement to keep going.

We all do from time to time.

That's why it useful to remind yourself that parenting is a **long-term activity**.

The Einstein Factor

All parents should be aware of the **Einstein Factor**. Albert Einstein was one of the preeminent scientists and thinkers of the 20th century, yet he maintained that he was no smarter than anyone else. He believed he **just stayed on problems longer** than most people.

In the same way, there are some children with whom you just have to stay on the job longer than you would with others.

▶ If you have a **shy** or **socially-challenged** child you might have to stay on the job until adulthood, when she finally finds her own way of building a network of friends and colleagues. Until then, it's all about *supporting, coaching and cajoling*.

▶ If you have an **ADHD-type child** you might have to keep on the job longer to keep him out of trouble. You may not see the results until his mid-20s when all that energy goes into starting up his own business or doing something absolutely amazing. In the meantime, *explain, teach and be firm!*

▶ If you have a **late bloomer** you probably have to keep him interested in learning until he learns the practical skills needed to succeed in the workplace or in business, just as many kids who struggle at school end up doing. In the meantime, *encourage, scaffold and model learning*.

We all want instant results in whatever we do. Parenting is no different, except that instant results are rare!



That doesn't make it any easier when you don't see results for the effort you put in. But you've got to keep on doing the right things, and making the best choices for your kids. In other words, you need to bring the Einstein Factor into your parenting. To help do this:

1. **Get support and feedback** from your partner, or a colleague. *Feedback fires you up.*
2. **Keep building the skills and knowledge** that will help your kids be successful or overcome individual challenges. *Kids get lifelong learning from parents more than school.*
3. **Be around people who fire you up** and energise you. It's no coincidence that great parents hang out together. *Support keeps you grounded.*

Small hinges swing big doors

A former parenting mentor used to say, "**Small hinges swing big doors**". He meant that it's the little things done by parents on a regular basis that make the biggest difference to kids.

You've just got to choose the right actions and keep doing them ... day after day. Have faith that the results will come ... **eventually!**

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