

End of Year Survey Responses

We have received 27 annual school surveys so far (roughly 14% of our families). There has been some enlightening feedback with each family having the opportunity to make individual comments about our school in 2013 and where it can improve. The data overall has been very positive (on average we have had on average 23-24 of the 27 responses marking a 4 – usually, or a 5 – always in the response section to Literacy, Numeracy and General questions. Thank you to those parents who completed it as this is the only formal way that we can get feedback from you as to how our school is going and your responses are taken seriously. If you wish to still complete and submit a survey, please send it in or contact the school office for a new one.

Christmas cards & candy canes

The children are becoming excited about the end of the school year and Christmas approaching. Exchanging Christmas cards is a joy for the children but we ask that you keep this joy at home until the last second last week of school please (Monday 9 December, 2013). If candy canes are included in the card we ask that they be kept and consumed at home.

Thank You

Principal and Teaching Staff



Book club - Final order for 2013

The final book club for the year is due back on Friday 29 November, 2013. We cannot accept any late orders, sorry.

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 27 November 2013

End of Year Reflections

With only three full weeks of school left, we are getting to that time of year when everyone starts reflecting on the school year that they have had. I had goose bumps last week when I saw a letter that a Year 3 girl had written to her teacher which by paraphrasing said; "Thank you! At the beginning of the year I couldn't write very well, but you made me believe in myself. You helped me to get better and now I wanted to write you this letter to say thank you!" Whilst not everyone may feel this way about 2013, I can assure you the genuine appreciation that this letter reflected, made this teacher's whole year worthwhile!

Parent/Helpers Thank You Morning Tea

School staff would like to warmly thank all those parents and wider community helpers who helped make our school a great place to be in 2013. We will be hosting a Thank You Morning Tea for you all on Friday 6 December, 2013 at 11.00am in the school hall to show our appreciation. This event will also double as a fundraiser for breast cancer research which has affected our school community so much in recent times. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

SRC Bandanna Day huge success

Congratulations to all staff and students who participated in our Bandanna / Mufti Day last Friday 22 November, 2013 to raise funds and awareness of kids with cancer. A total of \$710.95 was raised to support this worthy cause. A big thank you needs to go to our SRC students who gave up their recess and lunch over the last few weeks to sell CANTEEN merchandise.

BQQ Brekkie & Green Mufti Day

What a fabulous day had by all. The 5/6 girls Brydie H, Kiana J and Alyssa T dressed to impress in their outfits displaying an array of green. With the hard working BBQ boys in the background, Mr Menin and Mr Renahan, great job.

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

Only 2 weeks 2013 school year to go, it is an extremely busy time ahead for parents, carers and students, please update your diary with the following important dates.

TERM 4 WEEK 8

Thursday 28th November	St 2 Tweed Valley Excursion
Friday 29th November	Surf Groms Interrelate Yr 5 & 6 Funky Beat Dance Canteen Sushi Day Choir evening 5.30 - 8.00pm performance @ Kingscliff Twilight Markets

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday 2nd December	9.00am School Assembly Jnr Choir Nursing Home
Tuesday 3rd December	School Banking
Wednesday 4th December	P&C Disco
Thursday 5th December	Choir Evening 6.00pm performance @ Bunnings
Friday 6th December	Volunteer's Morning Tea Surf Groms Funky Beat Dance

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday 9th December	9.00am School Assembly
Tuesday 10th December	Last School Banking for 2013
Wednesday 11th December	Bilambil Talent Show
Friday 13th December	Presentation Day Reports Home Canteen Sushi Day Last Canteen Day for 2013

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Monday 16th December	Gold Award Day
Tuesday 17th December	Year 6 Farewell Class Party's
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day for Students Choir Evening 6.00pm performance @ Seagulls
Thursday 19th December	Pupil Free Day
Friday 20th December	Pupil Free Day

School Movie:

A reminder that our 2013 school movie is now on You tube. All you need to do is put Bilambil Public School into the search engine on you tube or google our school website and connect in from there. It was created by some of our senior students and Mr Spencer McCullum.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Week 7	Week 8
KJ	Kirrah-Lily B	
KP	Issac P	
1B	Maddiex M	
1/2H	Haylee T	Zak P
2L	Keeli K	Tahitia F
3M		Olivia P
3/4B	Xalia S	Kaycee-Jane W
4S	Braeleigh J	Sienna A
5/6B	Tiana T	Titan K
5/6C	Connor D	Jay K
5/6S	Grayson P	Jason B
Principal		
Library		
RFF		

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - BRONZE

Term 2L Tiani B, Kade R
4
Week
7 & 8

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - SILVER

KP Summer B, Tanna C, Aleisha D, Sonny H
2L Hunter T,
5/6S Trent P

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -GOLD

1/2H Max A, Siyah B, Ruby I, Livinia J, Adam M, Taji V
3/4B Zahli M, Brianna O, Jasmin R, Jacob T, Kaycee-Jane W
5/6B Shiana L
5/6C Lauren C, Harlen E, Tyla E, Kayla H
5/6S Brydie H, Jade H, Jesse R

5/6S Reflections of 2013

5/6S along with the other Stage 3 classes have experienced many wide and varied academic, cultural and sporting opportunities this year. From visits to Universities, High Schools and Careers Day at South Tweed to performances in Choral Speaking Eisteddfod, visiting the Murwillumbah Art Gallery or attending Joffa's (cartoonist) workshop and then participating in all sporting events available, it has been an exciting year.



I enjoyed touch with the girls at Yamba. And I hope we can go next year! *By Kiana.*

My name is Marshal and I am 11 years old and my favourite subject this year was sport and PE.

What I like the best is Surf Groms at Greenmount. *By Kenzie*

This year my favourite subject to do was PE and computers. *By Jake*

This term all the year fivers have been doing leadership training with Mrs Brazel. We are learning how to be a leader for next year. *By Zoë*

This year I got all girls champion and zone champion and I also made it to state for athletics in 100 metres. *By Jade*

I like Rugby Union because it is fun, fast and energetic. I go for the mighty all blacks. *By Ezekiel*

My year in 5/6s, the best thing is making good friends and my teacher's name is Mrs Stuart. This has been the best year ever in 5/6s. *By Brian*

Over all I think my favourite moment was when I was debating with Kiana, Alycia and Chloe. *By Amber*

At the start of this year we have gone to the art gallery, Careers day and Choral Speaking. *By Brody*

The most successful part of year 6 for me is when I got 5th in the cross country. *By Olivia*

I like to do art; my favourite was doing cartoon characters. *By Jason*

The event I enjoyed the most was going to Griffith University with 5 other students from our school about our futures. *By Rhiannon*

In year six I have had the best time with all my friends, I have especially enjoyed being School Captain and spending time with the teachers of Bilambil; also spending time with Liam, Kayla and Chloe. I will leave this school knowing that I have had a lovely time. *By Ashley*

I like Rugby league because it is fun and I like playing with my friends. *By Ryely*

I have tried out for rugby league and I've been in the rain forest. It has been the funnest year I've ever had. *By Grayson*



We all had fun for fruit and veg day because everyone who attended had the best fun ever. *By Jesse*

This year's rotations were Mrs Stuart teaching Art/PE, Mrs Carruthers teaching music and Mrs Brazel teaching science. *By Tyrone*

This year out of everything is Rugby League even though is the best because I always get in and it is one of my favourite sports. I love to play hooker. *By Julius*

I heard a bang and when I turned over the bin here was Alycia with her feet trapped above her head lucky she is very flexible I thought it was very funny. *By Brydie*

I went to the Art Gallery in Murwillumbah in the first semester and also went to the leadership day with the school captains. In term 3 I also helped clean up the rainforest and earlier in the year I went to the Science Day at Tweed River High School, I had heaps of fun this year. *By Lucy*

And the fun keeps going!

5/6S Reflections of 2013 continued

I love the Dance program, it's really fun and Letica (our dance teacher) is awesome! I also enjoyed the cartooning day with Joffa the cartoonist. *By Sarah*

My favourite bit about this year was being elected for SRC representative and when Joffa the cartoonist came to school.

By Trent

My favourite bit about this year is when on Friday when we get to go to Surf Groms and when we get to play with year 6ers that afternoon, I also love to play with my friends at lunch time. I also loved Joffa the cartoonist came to school and we got to draw weird and wacky things. *By Dylan*

My favourite thing about year 5 was making it into the rep touch team. When we played at South Tweed 3 times and won those three then we versed Pottsville at our home ground. We won so we went to Yamba but unfortunately lost. *By Shenaye*

This year I went to Murwillumbah to play at the cricket gala day and I also went to the Tweed River High School Taster Day. *By Tim*



We've had a wonderful year in 5/6S.
Thanks Mrs Stuart!



Baby Goats attend school

Kindergarten enjoyed a visit from two pet goats last Friday 22 November, 2013. They belong and are loved by Sam W in KP. The goats are only seven weeks old and their names are Gypsy and Ranger.

After having a photo taken with them and giving them a pat Kindergarten went back to work writing a story about the goats.

Thank you Jackie and Sam for sharing your little treasures with us.





Thank you to Caltex for donating prizes being accepted by Olivia P

Unveiling of the Rainforest and Signs

On Friday the 6 December, 2013 at the volunteers morning tea we have invited Lyn Lee to the official unveiling of the revamped rainforest and signs will take place.

Bilambil sure does have talent!

On Tuesday afternoon the Musical Soiree was a magical showcase of talent from many of our musical students. From flutes, to clarinets to rock bands and orchestras, the musicians certainly treated their audience to an afternoon of easy listening and enjoyment.

It was wonderful to see so many students involved and performing with such enthusiasm.

A big thank you to Mr Edwards and Mrs McGlinn for teaching/leading the students and for doing an inspirational job of running the show.

We can't wait for the next one!



Funky Beat Friday Dance group

Every Friday this term, 27 students from Years 4 – 6 have been learning Dance with Leticia - a professional dance teacher from Funky Beat. The group is made up of a range of very passionate dancers – those who have dance experience to those who have had little experience and come along because they love to dance! Leticia has choreographed a fantastic dance and the group is in the final stages of rehearsing and perfecting it to performance level for Bilambil's Got Style. Well done to all the dancers for their level of commitment and many thanks to Leticia for making it all possible. We can't wait to see it, soBreak a leg, girls!

Natures best

Bilambil has an abundance of nature at our doorstep, just like our family of tawny frogmouth the children have been able to enjoy.

On a sad note one of geese family was hit in the school zone recently. Please slow down when passing by our grounds, so we can all go on enjoying nature at it best.



Whipper Snipper for Tender:

The school has a whipper snipper which is now superfluous to our needs. We are offering it for tender to our community. It is a 2008 Victa Line Trimmer TTS2226 and has had less than 3 hours of usage. Inspections can happen by calling the school office to make a viewing time. Tenders will close by Monday, December 9 with the highest tender being the one successful.

Overdue Library Books

Library borrowing has now finished for the year and all library books will need to be returned.

This will allow time to find those missing books, and to complete a library stocktake.

Returning books is especially important for children who will be leaving our school and for the YEAR 6 STUDENTS.

If you have any concerns please contact me at school.

Christine Hassall - Teacher/Librarian

End of Year Disco

A reminder that the end of school disco is on Wednesday 4 December 2013. The theme is "Beach Wear".

Kindy – Year 2 students 4.30- 6.00pm (NSW time)

Year 3 - Year 6 students 6.3.0 -8.00pm.

Pizza and poppers will be on sale on the night.

Office Closure for End of Financial Year

Dear Parents / Carers

Please be aware that our office will be closed (for receipting only) from 12 noon Friday 29 November until 11.00 am on the following Monday 2 December 2013. This is in order to complete our annual rollover for the end of Financial Year. Our Front office will still be operating to answer phone and general enquiries, provide notes and information to families and to provide for the welfare need of our students.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding at this time.

Claire Lawson

Julian Mostert

Admin Manager

Principal

Adventures with Nanna:

One of our local mothers, Kylie Burns, has co-written a book with her mother, called Adventures with Nanna. Join Nanna on her daring adventure as JJ talks to her every day wondering when they'll play. By early Sunday morning, Nanna has an exciting surprise in store for JJ. Written by Lucy Forster a local children's book and romance writer and illustrated by Kylie Burns, Lucy and Kylie are a mother & daughter team.

A dollar from every book sold will go to helping Lexi Gem and her paraplegic cerebral palsy treatment.

You can follow Lexi's progress on: Facebook - www.facebook.com/lovinglexigem If you would like to preview or purchase a book please go to www.kylieburns.com.au (books illustrator) and follow the prompts.

Scripture

On Monday 2 December, 2013 our school will have a special Children's Christmas Celebration between recess and lunch for our K-2 students and after lunch for our Year 3-6 students. We are one of 11 public schools to host this Tweed Coast community initiative, which is in its seventh year.

The whole of school programme will include an assembly and three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities, DVD and craft with the theme "Christmas Joy", including references to Christ and Christmas. There will be no cost to our School or Students. If you do not wish your child/children to attend, please advise the School.

iPads

Thank you to our P&C who at their last meeting offered to purchase another ten iPads for use by students in their classroom. These tools are a great addition to our learning environment and have enhanced the engagement of students where they have been used.

What do Parents Think?

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15-20 min). Participants will go into the draw to win one of 40 \$100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to: <http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes>

Or For more information please contact Dr
Jenevga Ohan at 08 6488 6928

Canteen Sushi Day

Don't forget your Sushi orders for this Friday 29 November, 2013. Please ensure you place your order on a lunch order bag.

Choir Night performances

Our Bilambil choirs have a few evening performances, please go along and give them support and enjoy their singing.

Kingscliff Evening Markets Friday 29 November, 2013 from 5.30 to 8.00pm

Bunnings Thursday 5 December, 2013 at 6.00pm

Seagulls Wednesday 18 December, 2013 at 6.00pm

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from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Fully supervised, great
music, games, prizes giveaways, no pass-outs
and only \$5. For ages 7 -12 years. Ph 5599 1714

Vacation Care program at Tweed
Heads PCYC operating on Thurs 19th & Fri 20th
Dec and Mon 6th Jan – Fri 24th Jan 2014 from 8
am – 6.30 pm. Heaps of great activities for kids
5-12 years including games, sports, crafts, music,
drama, excursions & more. \$42/day less Child
Care Benefit & Child Care Rebate. Ph 5599 1714

Tweed Heads PCYC Open Day

Mark it in your calendar for Saturday 1st
February, 10 am – 2 pm. A day of free activities
and fun for people of all ages. Ph 5599 1714

ORIENTATION DAY

TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

WHEN: Wednesday 4 December, 2013

WHERE: Tweed River High School
(Sport & Entertainment Centre)

TIME: 8.30am - 2.15pm

WHO: Year 6 students - all day
Parents: 8.30 - 10.30am

Please feel free to contact TRHS for further
information on 07 5524 3007

Mr Joel Gennari - 2014 Year 7 Year Adviser



Walkin' On Water Surf School is again very excited to be
hosting the 2013 Girls Go Surfing Days at Greenmount Beach
on the 7th and 8th of December, 2013.

We have sessions scheduled at both 9.00am and 11.00am
QLD time on both days. All our surfers will receive a FREE Girls
Go Surfing show bag. It is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all
ages and abilities to come and learn to surf and surf in a girls
only environment.

It will be a super fun event and an excellent opportunity for
girls to get into surfing at the beginning of summer. Spaces
are very limited and bookings are required.

To book and confirm a place, please call Walkin On Water on
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