

Check out our new school movie! Some of our senior students and Mr McAllom have put together a movie showcasing what an awesome place Bilambil is to go to school at. Make sure you view the funky production at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dyJpGKppHU&feature=youtu.be>



Remembrance Day

The tone was reflective and respectful as the school captains led the whole school in a Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday. Liam and Kayla laid a memorial wreath and Ashley and Chloe led us through our service which appropriately showed how the students at Bilambil PS appreciate the sacrifices of those in the past.

New Microscopes

Mrs Valerie Haywood from Tweed Heads Rotary Club presented our school captains with 30 microscopes at Monday morning's assembly for use by our students in their classroom activities. The donation is part of their district wide push to raise the profile of Science in the primary school environment and are a wonderful addition to our resources. Thank you also to Mrs Carruthers for coordinating the opportunity for these resources to be donated.

BBQ Breakfast

Approximately 120 people came along for our community BBQ Breakfast on Friday, November 1. Mr Menin and Mr Renahan ensured the bacon, eggs and sausages were delicious and it was highly enjoyable to see students, staff, parents and friends enjoy breakfast together in a relaxed, amiable environment. We are hoping to offer more opportunities like this in the future for our community to meet informally and share a yarn.



Up with the Stars

Congratulations to Kaycee-Jane W who became a published author recently when one of her highly entertaining short stories was published in a collection of short stories called, "Written in the Stars". Kaycee-Jane dedicated the story to her teacher last year, Mrs Stuart, and her family. Congratulations on achieving something so significant Kaycee-Jane!

A Friendly reminder

With the school year coming to a close and DEC End of Financial Year on the 30 November, 2013 it would be greatly appreciated if any outstanding School Fees including Text book fees and Band fees be finalised prior to this date. There is currently over \$3,000.00 outstanding in Text Books and Band Fees which unfortunately have had to be funded from other school areas of the financial budget.

TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

With only 5 weeks left of the 2013 school year, it is an extremely busy time ahead for parents, carers and students, please update your diary with the following important dates.

TERM 4 WEEK 6	
Wednesday 13th November	School Swimming Program P&C Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 14th November	School Swimming Program 3/4B Assembly 1.30pm
Friday 15th November	School Swimming Program Surf Groms Interrelate Yr 5 & 6 Funky Beat Dance
TERM 4 WEEK 7	
Monday 18th November	9.00am School Assembly
Tuesday 19th November	School Banking
Friday 22nd November	Surf Groms Interrelate Yr 5 & 6 Funky Beat Dance SRC Mufti Day -Bandanna
TERM 4 WEEK 8	
Monday 25th November	9.00am School Assembly
Tuesday 26th November	School Banking Musical Soiree 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th November	Kindy Teddy Bears Picnic Jack Evans Boat Harbour
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
Tuesday 3rd December	School Banking
Wednesday 4th December	P&C Disco
Thursday 5th December	Choir Evening 6.00pm performance @ Bunnings
Friday 6th December	Surf Groms Funky Beat Dance
TERM 4 WEEK 10	
Monday 9th December	9.00am School Assembly Choir Dress rehearsal for Talent show
Tuesday 10th December	School Banking
Wednesday 11th December	Bilambil Talent Show

Friday 13th December	Presentation Day Reports Home Canteen Sushi Day
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

Schools benefit from National Partnerships

This year our school has been using the funding from the Australian Government National Partnerships Program to allow teachers to engage in professional learning around the areas of reading and in particular reading comprehension. Both Bilambil Public School and Tweed Heads Public School, have worked together in small groups and at combined staff meetings to collaborate and expand on their expertise.



Green Thumbs Day great success

The Green Thumbs Raffle and Mufti Day raised \$481.25 to go towards the Green Thumbs gardening program. A big thank you to all parents, carers, student, family and friends who showed their support.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners:

- 1st Prize - Barb Wall (\$100 Bunnings Voucher)
 - 2nd Prize - Corinne Martin (Tupperware pack)
 - 3rd Prize - Julie Smith (Modular Garden Bed).
- Donated back to the school. Thank you Mrs Smith

STUDENT OF THE WEEK		
	Week 5	Week 6
KJ	Shelley L	Jackson C
KP	Phoebe B	Zac T
1B		Sunny A
1/2H	Jack L	Jessica M
2L	Flynn M	Jaylen W
3M		Bailey J
3/4B	Madison T	Jacob T
4S	Luke J	Jade M
5/6B	Alyssa T	Anna M
5/6C	Cody T	Talitia J
5/6S	Rhiannon J	Ryely C
Principal	Kaycee-Jane W	
Library		Madison T
RFF	Thomas C	

2014 KINDER ENROLMENTS

The 2014 year has seen a large interest in Kindergarten enrolments at Bilambil. If you are still to submit your child's enrolment forms please do so ASAP to secure a place for your child.

Busy time ahead

Teachers are currently starting the end of year assessment and reporting process. This is an extensive process which involves lots of data collection and analysis before it is relayed onto parents and prepared for next year's teachers. Reports are scheduled to go home on Friday 13 December, 2013 which is our school Presentation Day. Students will formally break up on Wednesday 18 December, 2013 with staff undertaking professional learning until Friday 20 December, 2013. The many activities on the school calendar indicates that it should be a fantastic end to a great year of school.

If your circumstances are changing in 2014 and your child/ren will not be returning to Bilambil Public School, can you please advise the school admin office ASAP.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - BRONZE

Term 1/2H Haylee T
 4
 Week 3/4B Matthew T
 5 & 6 4S Chane A
 5/6B Alyssa T
 5/6S Jake C

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - SILVER

1/2H Tahlia C, Jack L, Evander M, Jessica M, Dylan O
 3M Joshua C, Milly D, Lillyana S, Hunter T
 3/4B Kian G, Mishka L, Kaycee-Jane W
 5/6B Sam P
 5/6C Ezra H, Riley H
 5/6S Jason B, Tim G, Kiana J

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -GOLD

1/2H Drew M, Zak P
 2L Jascha R, Jaylen W
 3/4B Jade B, Diddi B, Amelie H, Lucy M
 4S Talia L, Braelleigh J, Lily R, Abi W
 5/6B Anna M, Tiana T
 5/6C Josh B, Alycia F, Hannah W
 5/6S Olivia P, Brody T

Annual School Survey

Thank you to those parents who returned our annual school survey. It was given out a month ago and is taken very seriously in our review process of the school year. If you still have one to return, please send it back ASAP so the results can be collated and we can report back to you on the positive things about our school and the ways that we can improve our practice.

Canteen

The school canteen will have 2 Sushi Days before the end of Term.

Friday 29 November and Friday 13 December (this will be the last Canteen day for 2013).



MUSIC IS CERTAINLY HUMMING THROUGH THE BILAMBIL VALLEY

The Bilambil Public Schools Band and both Junior and Seniors Choirs have an extremely busy time ahead with a number of performances scheduled in the last six weeks of term. Parents and carers please schedule these performances in you diary.

Musical Soiree with BPS Band, keyboard players & guitars

Tuesday 26th November, 2013 1.30pm - a musical soirée (parents, carers, family and friends are invited to come and relax to music by the band, keyboard players and guitars).

Choir in their Twilight

Friday 29th November, between 5.30-8.00pm - students from both choirs performing at the Kingscliff Twilight Markets.

Junior Choir singing to bring elderly cheer

Monday 2nd December - Junior Choir to perform at the RSL Nursing home in Banora Point.

Bilambil's choirs to harmonize at Bunnings

Thursday 5th December, 6.00pm - students from both choirs to perform at Bunnings, South Tweed Heads.

Practise makes perfect

Monday 9th December - whole school dress rehearsal for concert.

Students to show their style

Wednesday 11th December 9.15am and 12.00 noon - 'Bilambil's Got Style' (K-2 parents and carers are encouraged to attend first session, 3-6 parents and carers are encouraged to attend the second performance).

Melodies for Seagulls patrons

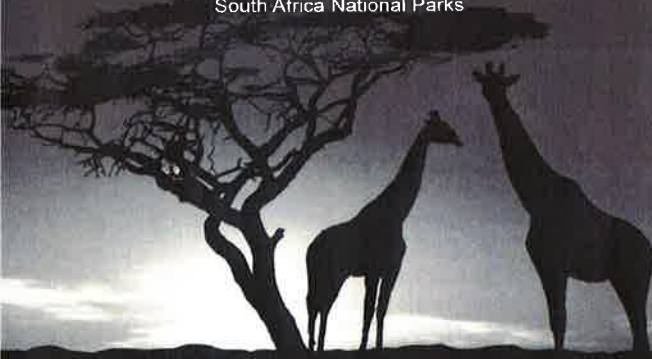
Wednesday 18th December 6.00pm - students from both choirs to perform at Seagulls Club, Tweed Heads West.



AFRICAN ANIMAL EXTRAVAGANZA

A visual and narrative presentation

Presented by Dr Peter Buss
 Senior Manager Veterinary Wildlife Services
 South Africa National Parks




All proceeds to benefit Nakuru Baby Orphanage Kenya
 Please join us for 'Sundowners' and some African delicacies

Where: Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Stadium
 When: Friday 15 November 2013
 Cost: Adults \$30 and Children 5-12years \$15
 Time: 5.30pm-7.00pm Drinks (available for purchase) and finger food (provided)
 7.00pm-8.00pm Presentation

Tickets available at:
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Fair News from the P&C Fair Committee

Dear Parents/Carers, Family and Friends

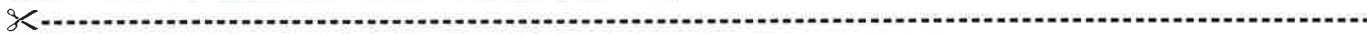
We are asking for all students to start bringing in your lucky bottles into your classroom. Please display your name and class on the bottom of jar ASAP! All jars are appreciated and due no later than Week 8 of this Term, 2013!

Lucky bottles are just like lucky dips but in honey, jam or vegemite jars! Every student is asked to donate a lucky bottle decorated with paint or collage! The idea of lucky bottle is the prize inside is a secret!

A prize will be awarded to a student from each year level and also preschool! Each class will also be awarded a point for each bottle to help them win the end of term pizza and popper prize!

The winning Class for 3rd Term of the Donation Drive Prize was 5/6B!

The more bottles we get donated the more money is raised! Please spread the word with all Bilambil Parents and Carers.



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2014
 BAND, GUITAR AND KEYBOARDS**

Are you interested in playing a band instrument?

Would you like to play the guitar? And will you be in years 3-6 next year?

If you answered YES to any of the above then you need to complete this form and return it the front office by the end of next week!

We are asking for Expression of Interest for band, guitar and keyboards for next year to ensure we plan appropriately for 2014! Band includes instruments such as the clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, drums, saxophone and euphonium. All band instruments are available for hire but guitar students will need to own their own instrument. No experience necessary and no need to audition - all welcome!

My child Class..... is interested in learning a band instrument in 2014

My child Class..... is interested in learning the guitar in 2014.

My child Class is interested in learning the keyboards in 2014.

Signed:..... Date:
 Parent/Carer

WOODENBONG
Pre-Christmas
'Yowie Country'
MARKET



Saturday 30th November 2013

8.00am-3.00pm Woodenbong Hall & Grounds

Feature: Free Air Brushing artwork workshop with Dallas Franklin. Free Live Music. Jammers welcome. Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls. All weather event. Hot food. Children's Playground.

Wheelchair access & Amenities. W.A.G. (Woodenbong Arts Group Inc.) display and kid's painting. Insured stall site \$12. Phone: Carey 0266351176

Routine LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH (following market 28th December, 2013)

LIVING FOR THE FUTURE

community summit program

11.30am
 Address by Philip Follett - expert in architecture and urban design
 12.10pm
 Panel 1: Sustainable Community Design
 12.50pm
 Panel 2: Sustainable Houses - new design and renovations
 1.30pm
 Panel 3: Sustainable living - water, waste, food/gardens, energy, transport

participating businesses



For more information or to join the discussion:
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 • phone Council's Sustainability Program Leader, Deb Freestone, on (02) 6670 2400



HOME EXPO
 & community summit

Saturday, 16 November 2013
 10.30am-2.30pm (DST)

TWEED HEADS CIVIC CENTRE
 cnr Brett and Wharf St, Tweed Heads



KIRRA KITE FESTIVAL 2013

Free 'Kite Art' Workshop Program

This year we're offering free 'Kite Art' workshops as part of the festival program. There are two workshops on offer - one conducted by acclaimed artist Tony Rice and the other by local artist Manjke Collins from Sunshine Art. Tony Rice has won national acclaim for his imaginative kites and has been successfully conducting children's workshops for many years. He will be making turtle kites with the children to remind everyone of the impact that marine debris has on the turtle population. Sunshine Art offer dynamic Art and Craft Workshops in a supportive environment to inspire kids of all ages. Manjke will be making kinetic windsocks in her workshop.

Full program details

Saturday 16th November:
 Kirra Hill Community Centre, 1 Garrick St Coolangubla
 Tony Rice 'Turtle Kite' Workshop:
 9am, 10am, 11am - Arts Activity Room
 Sunshine Art 'Kinetic Wind Sock' Workshop:
 9am, 10am, 11am - External Arts Space



Sunday 17th November:
 Roughton Park, Musgrave Ave Kirra (Family Fun Day)
 Tony Rice 'Turtle Kite' Workshop:
 10am, 11am, 12pm Workshop Station in Market Area
 Sunshine Art 'Kinetic Wind Sock' Workshop:
 1pm, 2pm, 3pm - Workshop Station in Market Area



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Gold Coast City Council partnership to support local arts and culture.



Family Fun Fair
 Uki Public School
 1463 Kyogle Rd - UKI

Friday 15 November
 3.00pm - 8.00pm

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES!

- jumping castle
- face painting
- tug-o-war
- cent auction
- prize wheel
- lucky dips
- BBQ
- fairy floss
- stalls
- entertainment
- buskers
- open mike
- food and drinks
- showbags
- games
- raffle
- craft and much more ...

Entry - Gold Coin Donation

GREAT PRIZES!

ALL WELCOME!

For further information please contact the school office on **6679 5128**

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



The NEW strict parent - is this you?

The definition of a strict parent has changed over the last decade. Do you fit the bill?

'Your parents are so strict!'

Some parents in years gone by wore the label of **'strict'** parent like a badge of honour. It signified parents who were willing to stand their ground with kids.

Strictness was reserved for parents who put boundaries in place and made sure they were adhered to, such as being home on time, or not watching too much TV.

There's a now a **NEW** definition for a **'strict'** parent.

A **'strict'** parent today is now someone who makes children do things for themselves and insists they help at home. They insist their children put their dirty clothes in the laundry, and maybe even wash their own clothes. They insist kids make their own lunches in secondary school. They insist that their kids set the meal table without giving them a cent in return.

'Strict' now refers to getting kids to help rather than placing restrictions on them.

Many parents tell me that they get funny looks when their children help them with the supermarket shopping. When their kids walk a kilometre home from sports or a leisure activity they are made to feel like neglectful parents. How bizarre!

New normal

The **new parenting normal** is for parents to do a lot for your kids, rather than kids do things for themselves. Anyone who strays from this new normal and develops real independence in their children can be made to feel guilty ... because they are strict!

Nobody feels like doing chores, but tackling hard things such as doing chores when you don't feel like it builds character. It develops a bit of grit that kids can draw on later when they will *really* have to push against adversity.

Do less, not more

The job of parents is to make themselves redundant for their kids – not in a relational sense, but in a managerial sense.

There is nothing revolutionary about this idea. It's been the aim of parents since the dawn of time. That means we spend a lot of time teaching kids self-help skills (now known as life skills), which are the ordinary gist of life.

These include teaching young children to tie their shoelaces and helping primary-aged kids to ask for what they want from adults. They also include coaching teenagers to negotiate their way safely on public transport and to problem-solve relational issues they may have with teachers at school.

These are not the activities of **'strict'** parents. Rather they are the activities of parents who understand that one of their key roles is to equip kids to stand on their own two feet in the world outside the family home.

The fact is that the best place to do this is within the family. And the best time to start developing independence is from a **young age** ... when kids are up for it developmentally.

Don't wait until your children are 18 to develop self-help skills. If you introduce self-help then, my bet is they won't think you are strict ... they'll think you've been a soft touch all along and they'll now battle you all the way!

But that's a story for another day.

In the meantime, if the definition of **'strict'** has changed then I urge you to be strict! Your kids will thank you ... later on, when you've equipped them with the problem-solving and independence skills needed to negotiate the wider world without you.



Want a list of age-appropriate jobs that your kids can do? Get a great 'Kids' Chores & Responsibilities Guide' with practical tips about how to get kids to help when you subscribe to Happy Kids, my FREE email parenting guide, at www.parentingideas.com.au/ParentingIdeas-Newsletter

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