

NAPLAN

The 2014 national assessment test called NAPLAN has now been returned to students and schools. We have analysed much data from this and wanted to summarise the key points that we as a school have taken out of this year's testing. The main positives that the school took out from this year's testing were:

* We achieved our aim to increase the number of students in the top two bands through our differentiated teaching focus and also our extension experiences.

* Our focus on the teaching and closer assessment of reading and comprehension strategies has seen our overall growth and results in reading improve.

* The students who were targetted with a range of specific individualised learning strategies made significant growth between their Year 3 and their Year 5 or Year 5 to Year 7 testing. This growth is a key indicator of strong school practices.

Our main area of discussion for improvement remains around the number of students that are registering in the lower bands of the testing in Year 3 and beyond. We are and will be addressing this and other things through a variety of strategies to be finalised through our 2015-17 school plan which is currently being written.

Principal's Conference

I have recently returned from attending the Australian Primary Principals National Conference. This opportunity to work with 800+ principals on what is the current and future place of primary school education in Australia. It was not only very educational for me to be there but also allowed me, through the many conversations I had, to gain another level of confidence about what we are doing or are heading towards doing here at Bilambil PS. The positive and meaningful interaction between school and home was one of the indicators that I felt that we do well as a community and gives us a strong foundation for the future.

2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Bilambil Primary School Kindergarten orientation program, commenced on Tuesday 14th October, 2014. Future students are scheduled to visit the current Kindergarten classroom three times during Term 4. Our aim is make their transition to formal education smooth and friendly.

During their visits, students will have a range of experiences in each session. They include literacy and numeracy activities and games, gross motor activities, story time in the library, iPad lessons, outdoor activities in the Kindergarten play area, play with new friends and most importantly HAVE FUN. Last Tuesday we had a sing-a-long with Bilambil's talented music teacher Mr Jesse Edwards. The children sang "Heads, shoulders, knees and toes", "If your happy and you know it" and everyone's favourite song from the Frozen movie "Let it go".

Florence Borra
Kindergarten Teacher

Our Choirs light up the Tweed!

We are very excited to be performing at the Tweed River Lantern Festival this year!

Students from the Infants, Junior and Senior choir will be uniting to sing on stage behind Twin Towns in the new area. We would love it if you came along to support our choirs who will be singing on Saturday 8th November, 2014 at 4.30pm (NSW) for a half hour.

Donna McGlinn

Friendly Reminder

If you have recently received a statement for either School Fees or Band/Guitar it would be greatly appreciated if you can finalise payments prior to the school's end of financial year 30th November, 2014.



UP & COMING SCHOOL EVENTS

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Wednesday 29th October	Swimming School
Thursday 30th October	Swimming School
Friday 31st October	P&C Canteen Sushi Day Swimming School Surf Groms Happy Feet Tennis Dance

TERM 4 WEEK 5

Monday 3rd November	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 4th November	Band Lessons Student Banking Kindy Orientations cont. Stage 3 NRL 1.30pm
Wednesday 5th November	St 2 Camp Goodenough Stage 3 AFL
Thursday 6th November	St 2 Camp Goodenough
Friday 7th November	St 2 Camp Goodenough Surf Groms Happy Feet Tennis Dance

TERM 4 WEEK 6

Monday 10th November	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 11th November	Band Lessons Student Banking Kindy Orientations cont. Remembrance Day Service 11.00am
Wednesday 12th November	Interrelate Yr 6 Stage 3 AFL
Friday 14th November	Surf Groms Happy Feet Tennis Dance

TERM 4 WEEK 7

Monday 17th November	Guitar Lessons Yr 5 & 6 Interrelate
Tuesday 18th November	Band Lessons Student Banking Kindy Orientations cont.
Wednesday 19th November	Interrelate Yr 6 Stage 3 AFL
Friday 21st November	Kinder - Fleays Excursion Surf Groms Happy Feet Tennis Dance

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Term 4 Week 3	Term 4 Week 4
KB	Reuben J	Heaven B
KS	Jayden W	Kobi T
K/1L	Jarah I	Michael H
1/2B	Zoe B	
1/2H	Thomas G	Darren H
1/2P	Alwin M & Shailer C	Tanna C
3/4B	Drew M	Nicholas G
3/4M		Jacob D
3/4S	Kyane C	Kyane C
5/6B	Jack S	Nicolas S
5/6C	Indi V	Madison T
5/6M	Shay L	Maille W
Principal		
Library		
Band/Guitar	Aiden C	
RFF/LAST	Allyarna W	Chloe C

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - BRONZE

Term 4 Week 3 & 4	KS	Dash M
	1/2H	Ruby O
	3/4M	Nicholas C
	3/4S	Markus G
	5/6M	Kayla T

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - SILVER

Term 4 Week 3 & 4	K/1L	Samara C, Ethan E, Zachery T
	1/2B	Sunny A, Kirrah-Lily B, Maddix M, Dylan O
	1/2H	Jackson C, Caillie E, Stephanie H, Oliver O, Anakin S, Jasco W
	1/2P	Ella C, Deaglan J, Zachariah S
	3/4B	Joshua C
	3/4M	Jade B, Olivia P, Jascha R
	3/4S	Grace B
	5/6B	Takisha B, Diddi B, Kai M
	5/6C	Eliza B, Madison T, Indi V
5/6M	Cody C, Shenaye J	

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - GOLD

Term 4 Week 3 & 4	1/2H	Mania H
	5/6C	Jade M, Amy R

Bilambil loves Student Teachers

Bilambil has a strong student teacher program. We have a large number of student teachers each year who come to us from various universities. They range from first year students to fourth year students and we very much enjoy having them. Student teachers are allocated to classroom teachers who are known as mentor teachers. The mentors work closely with the university advisors to support student teachers throughout their time here.

As teachers, we enjoy the enthusiasm that student teachers bring and we try to provide rich teaching experiences that help to develop their professional growth. As you can see from the comments, our students love student teachers and it is even more special when they do come back to us as graduate teachers. So thank you student teachers for coming to our school and we hope you enjoy your time with us as much as we love to have you.

Sharon Butler AP



Miss Mills 3/4S

I think Miss Mills is a lovely person who is funny and sweet - **Clair**

Miss Mills is nice and listens to everybody's answers. She makes the work at the right level for me and she knows what she is talking about. I hope she will be my teacher one day - **Grace**

She helps me with my work and is nice and helpful - **Natalie**

Miss Mills plays games with us and helps me with my work and she is funny - **Jaylen**

Good luck with your endeavours of becoming a teacher in the future.

Term 4 - Week 4, 28 October 2014



Miss Seemann 1/2B

We love having student teachers - **Grace**

My favourite lesson with Miss Seemann is Maths - **Ruby**

We have lots of fun with Miss Seemann - **Nate**

I love Writing with Miss Seemann - **Harlen**



Mr Thomas 1/2P

I like doing Art with Mr Thomas - **Adriana**

My favourite time with Mr Thomas is when he counts with me - **Ella**

I love Maths with Mr Thomas - **Deaglan**

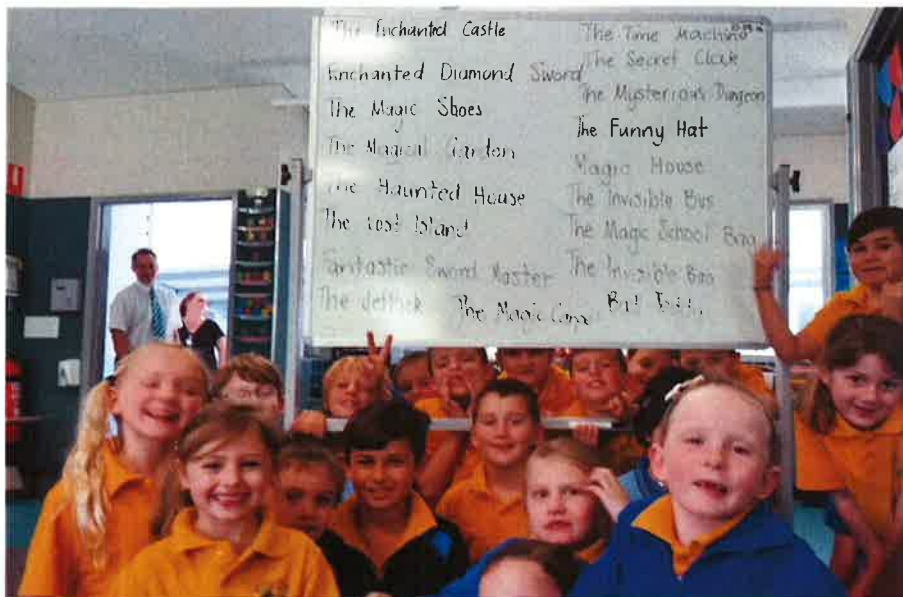
I love having Mr Thomas as our student teacher - **Kegan**

Getting our learning on in 1/2B!

Brain storming together 1/2B style!



Buddy Reading with 3/4M



How high can they go!



Craft Time



Having fun with the fundamentals of symmetry and design



Construction time

Bilambil's World of Imagination!

The time is once again approaching! Free your diary for Friday 5th December, 2014 to come along to watch all children perform in our end of year concert. It will run in a similar manner to the past few years with 2 performances of a variety of acts, ensuring participation from all!

More details will come your way as the time draws nearer. Teachers will update you on any individual or costume requirements as we get closer and I will get a list in future newsletters in case some can loan costumes for others. Watch this space...

Donna McGlinn

Bilambil's Wide World of Sports

During term four, our Bilambil students have been very busy with various sporting activities. We have been very fortunate as our stage three students are currently engaged in skills coaching clinics with both AFL Queensland and Junior NRL. This fantastic opportunity has been offered to our students, free of charge and we are extremely grateful to both the AFL and NRL for their time. Also, a big thank you must go to the Bilambil Jets Football Club for their ongoing support as they let us continue to use their wonderful facilities.

Also, every Friday, all of our Primary students from Years 3 -6 are participating in a variety of sports that include Surf Groms at Greenmount beach, Tennis with Marcus from the Terranora Tennis Academy, expert dance tuition in the hall with Mrs Mostert, Orienteering and various ball games.

Jarrod Menin AP

Fees

As a NSW public school, Bilambil receives funding from state and federal governments. Unfortunately this funding does not cover the breadth of what learning experiences we hope to cover throughout the school year. As a result we top up these funds by asking for school fees to directly cover the Maths text that we use and a proportion of the photocopying, paper and stationery which is allocated to classrooms for student's use. We would like to thank the 67% of student's families who have paid their school fees this year and request any unpaid fees be paid if financially possible. In addition we are pleased that 56% of families have made a voluntary contribution to the school. These annual donations by people to our school allow for us to run some of the extra-curricular activities that we do. Our ability to offer the resources and experiences we do would be compromised without these dollars. Thank you to all fee and contribution payers and a reminder that we are still accepting all school, music or other contributions through the office.

Terranora Tennis are Champs!

A big thank you to Terranora Tennis for their generous gift to our school. To thank us for the many times our choir have supported them in the past, Graham and Joan donated a Yamaha guitar to our music program. A big thanks to them and we look forward to continuing our musical partnership with them next year.

Donna McGlinn





Massive reductions in old School Uniform prices!

The old uniform prices have been reduced to move stock. Please be aware there will be a transition period of 12 months for students to wear the out going uniforms. These are the only items reduced.

Blue Polo	\$10.00
Yellow Polo	\$10.00
Blue Unisex Shorts	\$10.00
Blue Skorts	\$10.00
School Logo Hats	\$10.00
Surf Hats	\$10.00

Regards
Nikki Clifford
P&C Secretary

P&C are very excited to introduce the new Online Uniform Shop.

www.bilambilpc.org

2014 Uniform Shop Hours

Monday	8.30am – 9.00am
Wednesday	2.30pm – 3.00pm
Friday	8.30am – 9.00am

Please Note: **Sizes are different to our current uniform.**

Please bring your child to Uniform Shop to try on sizes before ordering the new uniform online.



Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH Inc. After School Sports

OOSH provides different after school sport each term.

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If your child doesn't come to OOSH, we have 8 dedicated places for Bilambil Public School children to participate in after school sport for just \$10.00 per session.

Just fill in an enrolment form and pay insurance of \$35.00 for one child or \$45.00 per family.

Term 3 After School Sport

- Mondays** - *Siba Soccer*
- Wednesdays** - *Hip Hop*
- Thursdays** - *Cricket with Terranora Cricket Club*



If you want your child to come to OOSH, our fees are \$19.00 per day permanent and \$20.00 per day casual.

However, you may not have to pay that much!

Most families are eligible for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR). These can be paid directly to OOSH to reduce your fees.

Example: A child coming 3 days per week with 100% CCB and CCR, will only pay \$4.27 per day!

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News from the



Remember its Canteen Sushi Day on Friday 31st October, 2014. Don't forget to place your order.

The last day for canteen for 2014 will be Friday 12th December and this will also be a Canteen Sushi Day.



From the School Banking Team

The last school student banking day for 2014 will be Tuesday 9th December. Thank you to all students who have used school banking making it another successful year. Belinda, Brook and Tamara would the personally thank all new the volunteers for getting involved.

Bilambil Public School P&C are on Facebook.

Please like our P&C Facebook page. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening with your P&C at school.

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

The secret to raising happy, confident kids

Despite what you may think, the fundamental job of the parent has not changed since the dawn of time. And it's never too early to start.

The first habit from Stephen Covey's wonderful book *The 7 habits of highly effective people* states that we should start every project or undertaking with the end in mind.

This principle holds true for any activity whether it's planting a veggie patch, renovating a house or raising children. When you know what you are trying to achieve then choosing the right strategies becomes easy.

The end game or goal for parents is redundancy. Yep, you read it right. Your job is to make yourself redundant as a parent from your child's earliest possible age. It always has been and always should be.

When redundancy is your aim most of your time, effort and energy will go into promoting independence. You'll stop doing things for kids and start giving them opportunities to do things themselves. You'll spend most of your active parenting time teaching, explaining and prodding your child toward independence.

INDEPENDENCE LEADS TO THE 4 CS

When independence becomes your priority, suddenly will reveal a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children. These include the key four: confidence, competence, creativity and character. Here's how:

Confidence comes from facing your fears and doing things for yourself.

Competence comes from the opportunity to develop self-mastery that independence offers.

Creativity is developed when kids solve problems themselves as opposed to someone solving them on their behalf or, worse, sheltering them from any risk of harm.

It's amazing how resourceful kids can be when they are given the chance to resolve their own problems.

Character, which is essential for success, is forged under hardship and is needed if kids are to live a sturdy life. Kids need to be exposed to disappointment, failure and conflict if character strengths such as grit and perseverance are to be forged.

INDEPENDENCE TAKES MANY FORMS

Independence has many guises and can be developed in many ways, though in the end it is adults who are the gatekeepers for their children's independence.

On a basic level developing independence is about developing children's **autonomy**. Without realising it, many parents make choices on their children's behalf. Kids build self-confidence when they do things for themselves, and make their own decisions.

Independence is built when children spend time in **unpredictable circumstances** and environments such as the bush, and also have the opportunity to navigate their neighbourhoods on their own. There may be some risk involved but that is where the learning lies. Eliminate the risk and you eliminate the learning.

Allowing kids to **follow their own impulses** even if they are different to your own is the key to gaining independence. This may mean that your children choose healthy interests and pursuits that you are unfamiliar with, or even swim against the tide of your wishes.

Allowing kids to take **responsibility** and own their own problems builds confidence and competence. Start by expecting kids to help at home. Look for ways to develop self-help skills and don't take their problems on as your problems.

MANAGE VISUALLY

When your end game is redundancy and your priority is independence building then managing your kids in a visual way becomes your most obvious strategy. Management by mouth, in contrast, is a dependency strategy. So talk less, use signs, lists and rosters backed up by consequences to develop independence and responsibility in your children.

CREATE JUNIOR VERSIONS OF INDEPENDENCE

It can be scary and also difficult developing independence in one big step. So smart parents intuitively develop junior versions of independence by breaking up big activities into digestible bits. Want your three-year-old to make the bed? Then start by arranging the teddies and the pillows (a junior version of making the bed) and let them work their way up from there. Similarly, if you want your five-year-old to walk to school on his own but it's currently beyond him, then accompany him most of the way and let him walk the last 200 metres on his own. That's a junior version of walking to school.

In all the noise and commotion about raising kids today it's easy to forget that the job description for parents hasn't changed since the dawn of time. Love them, bond with them, teach them and spend time with them. But also work like mad to develop their real independence so they become capable of handling what life will throw their way.

Then you'll know your job as a parent is done! It doesn't mean you won't stop worrying about them ... that's a story for another time. But it does mean you've finished the main task of parenting, that is, to make yourself redundant at the earliest possible age.



Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael's **NEW Parentingideas Club** today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You'll be so glad you did.





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