



Bilambil's on their way!

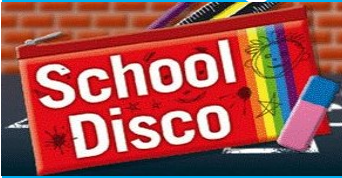
WOW! Our dancers had an amazing time in Sydney at Schools Spectacular— full report on page 4.



2015 School Magazine

The school has produced an end of year magazine in 2015 for parents, carers and students to keep as a memento of the great year the students and staff enjoyed. The magazine are on sale for \$10.00 each from the school office.

Don't forget



today!

The P&C end of year Disco will be held today, Tuesday 8th December, 2015.

- Kindergarten-Yr 2
4.30 to 6.00pm
- Year 3—6
6.30 to 8.00pm
- THEME: Christmas
- \$3.00 per student or \$5.00 per family.
- Glow sticks 50c each or 5 for \$2.00
- Pizza - \$2.50 and Popper - \$1.50

2015 Wrap

With the hustle and bustle of this time of year it is very easy to be caught up in the moment and not stop to reflect on what a great school year we have had in so many ways. The positive buzz around our playground is a constant reminder of the little community that we are all a part of. There are extensive daily examples of the small steps our students are taking along their learning pathway and as reports come out, please take the time to consider these and share in your child's success. Whilst there is always that next thing to work on, please enjoy the end of this year and celebrate a special family time together over the Christmas and January break. We look forward to resuming the primary school journey with each one of our school members in January when we return for 2016.

School Plans and Class Structures for 2016

Our projected enrolment numbers are rising slightly next year (approximately 312) and if this remains the case we will be growing another class and teacher. Students will return for the first day in 2016 in their 2015 class whilst we check and contact all students who will be a part of our school in 2016 before we move into our new classes as soon as is possible. Classes will be formed with the aim of matching students to peers that staff believe will work most effectively together, and with the teacher whose teaching style best matches the learning style of the children in it. The composition of staff for next year will be changing slightly as we formally farewell Mrs Christine Hassall who is retiring next week. She has been a long mainstay of the Bilambil staff team and has added enormous value to the lives of the young people in our school over many years. We wish her the best for her other passions in life; namely her grandchildren and her garden.



UP AND COMING EVENTS 2015

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Thursday 10 December	Presentation Day & Volunteers "Thank you" morning tea Reports go home
Friday 11 December	5/6M Assembly 1.30pm Canteen Sushi Friday

TERM 4 WEEK 11

Monday 14 December	Class Parties Year 6 Big Day Out
Tuesday 15 December	Gold Assembly Day
Wednesday 16 December	Year 6 Tunnel Last Canteen Day for 2015 Last Day for students in 2015
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December	School Development Days



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2016

TERM 1 WEEK 1

Tuesday 26 January	Public Holiday—Australia Day
Wednesday 27 January	School Development Day
Thursday 28 January	School resumes for 2016 for Year 1—6 students

TERM 1 WEEK 2

Tuesday 2 February	Newsletter
Wednesday 3 February	Kindergarten start school

SILVER AWARD

Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10	KB	Ella W
	KM	Jean P
	K/1L	Natasha B, Amelie D, Lacey E, Mateo M, Reuben O, Serenity R, Hugo W, Allyarna W
	1/2H	Daisy C, Ethan E, Malachy F, Sunny G, Charlee K, Lily P
	1/2P	Jack B, Roslin M
	3/4B	James F, Deaglan J, Caelem R, Kade R
	3/4H	Alyssa H, Grace M, Chaya M, Jade W
	3/4W	Jesse S
	5/6B	Nathan H, Azquith R
	5/6M	Jayden A, Tylor H, Beau J, Lillyana S, Madison T

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Term 4 Week 9	Term 4 Week 10
KB		Mia L
KM	Jude P	Ava B
K/1L		Natasha B
1/2B	Paige S	
1/2H	Keilani F	
1/2P	Michael H	
3/4B		Lucien A
3/4H	Keeli K	
3/4W	Oliver O	Elyse R
5/6B	Luke J	Hunter B
5/6J	Joshua C	
5/6M	Kai M	Lilly C
Principal		Cooper M
RFF—Choir		

GOLD AWARD



Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10	KB	Sonny A
	KM	Ava B, Tyler M, Sienna R
	K/1L	Jago A, Myah G
	1/2H	Mia A, Tanna C, Jarah I, Mia-Elise T
	1/2P	Caitlin A, Phoebe B, Amelia H, Sikari K, Adriana R, Sam W
	3/4B	Lucien A, Kyne D, Dylan O, Ruby O, Taji V
	3/4H	Zachary H, Adam M
	3/4W	Thomas B, Tiani B, Harry C, Zoe D, Elyse R, Jace T, Marija Z
	5/6B	Eliza B, Milly D, Luke J, Zahli M, Jasmin R, Stella R, Lilly R
	5/6J	Mackenzie J, Kiarni K, Brianna O, Clair S, Jacob T
5/6M	Joseph B, Eliza H, Shay L, Jade M, Kai M, Sarah M, Sharn S, Abi W	

BRONZE AWARD



Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10	KB	Kahu J
	1/2H	Seth F, Juan J
	1/2P	Mylie I

School Calendar Dates

The final school day for students is next Wednesday 16 December, 2015. Staff will then attend the next two days as School Development Days where we will focus on using appropriate technology into our literacy and numeracy teaching, establishing our schedule for class and school based assessment, plotting our students on the Literacy and Numeracy continuums, reviewing our implementation of the PBL program

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and undertaking stage based planning for next year. After an incredible summer staff will return on Wednesday 27 January 2016. Our Year 1-6 Students will return on Thursday 28 January 2016 before our new Kindergarten students will commence their formal schooling on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

Sporting Schools Gymnastics

We are really pleased that we have been able to coordinate a focussed learning program for this week at school. Gold Coast Gymnastics are at school till Wednesday as part of the Sporting School's program and enabling our students to develop some skills which are not readily taught by school staff.

Year 5 Leadership Training

On Monday 30th November, all year five students began an intensive Leadership training course, to prepare them for roles and responsibilities in 2016. All students tackled the course and associated activities with enthusiasm and learnt a range of new skills for future endeavours. Well done Year 5!

Mrs Brazel



Canteen powering through

Our canteen will remain open right up to the last day of term for those who wish to use it. Thanks again to all the different people who have supported the P&C to run a canteen in our school. It's been a big year for all involved and we're looking forward to seeing what 2016 brings next to the menu...

Gold Day Celebration

After a welfare committee review and with agreement by the P&C, the traditional presentation of a medal to students who have reached their Gold level has been removed with the sole focus to be the Gold Day Celebration Excursion which will be held on Tuesday 15 December, 2015. There will be activities held at school for all of our Bronze and Silver level recipients as all students have worked hard to make good choices and have a wonderful year at school.

Thank You Morning Tea

School staff and students appreciate the contribution many of our parents and community members make as volunteers to our school. We'd like to show our thanks to all these people by putting on a "Thank You Morning Tea". It will be on December 11 at 11:00am. This will be directly after the Annual Presentation Day assembly. We hope that you can all join us then to celebrate our terrific volunteers.

5/6M Assembly

Due to the jammed calendar this term, the 5/6M assembly is scheduled for this Friday 11 December, 2015.



Schools Spectacular 2015

Mrs Mostert and Mrs Butler had the pleasure of spending 5 days in Sydney with sixteen, Year 5 and 6 dancers. They were part of a segment called "Looking through a Child's eyes" and their character was Inspector Gadget. Along with Terranora and Brunswick Heads, (the only primary schools from the North Coast), they rehearsed for 2 whole days and performed 4 shows at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The accommodation was right in the centre of the city and they experienced city life at its busiest! It was an amazing experience performing at the Schools Spectacular and the finale featured over 3600 students all together, singing, dancing and playing instruments.

The girls represented Bilambil superbly with exemplary behaviour – they can be extremely proud of themselves, as are their teachers. It was a special treat to meet up with some parents in between shows for dinner at Chinatown. The trip could not have happened without the incredible support of parents and the school community. Enormous thanks goes also to the fantastic mums who accompanied the group- Tia, Janelle and Kay-Louise. They worked tirelessly to help and support everyone throughout the trip.

If you weren't able to see the show last Saturday night, it will be aired again this Saturday 12 December, from 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm, on GEM. The entire show will also be available to view via catch-up TV at Jump-in from Sunday 13 December 2015. This is a free, downloadable app. For details please see www.jump-in.com.au

A memorable trip was had by all and congratulations to a wonderful, talented group of dancers.



"Well we're movin on up"

Farewell Year 6!

The whole school community would like to congratulate and wish all the very best for all of our Year 6 students who are moving into the next exciting phase of their schooling into 2016 – high school! The next week is special for Year 6 with the disco, Presentation Day, Year 6 Big Day Out and Farewell Arch all ahead of them. We hope it's a special time for all of them!



Excursions



Thank you Bilambil for a year to remember!

P&C Disco

Thank you to the P&C and especially Madonna for again hosting tonight's end of year disco. Thanks also to staff for supporting this event to be another of the vibrant end of year events that students experience.

Presentation Day

This Thursday 10 December is our School Presentation Assembly. Congratulations to our class and whole school award recipients.

Reminder to Band Members with hired instruments

Please remember to return your hired instrument by Friday 11 December 2015 or alternatively you can pay a \$20.00 fee for the Christmas holidays.
Thank you!

"Marvellous Memories"

What a show it was last Friday 4 December when all 300 Bilambil students led by Mrs McGlenn and their teachers performed their way to acclaim.

It was a fantastic show in front of two full houses as our parents and friends all joined in the fun!

*Happy holidays
enjoy your break
and look forward
to seeing you back
in the New Year.*

Student Reports

Student's Semester 2 Reports will go home with each child on Thursday 10 December, 2015. Your child will receive a report, a letter providing an overview of the new curriculum and a Bilambil Public School bumper sticker.

A reminder that our school system reports differently to what we grew up with or commonly see on American movies or TV shows. If your child has met the expectations of the learning outcomes related to their age, they will get a "Sound" mark, which is where they are expected to be at. If they are working ahead of or are yet to reach the expectations, their mark will vary accordingly.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like any clarification on any comments or ratings that your child receives.

Christmas is a time for caring and sharing, please help!



Donations to Oxfam Unwrapped



Dear community of Bilambil, as Christmas approaches it is a time to reflect on how lucky we are in Australia. Traditionally this is a time of giving. Last Christmas we introduced an opportunity to make a donation to Oxfam unwrapped who fund life - changing projects to needy families and communities all over the world. We raised an amazing \$290 between students, staff, friends and families in our community. With this money we put a clean water supply into a whole school in South Africa which meant not only clean safe water for the students to drink, but it enabled them to have a veg garden which feeds the students and surplus could be sold at markets. We also bought 2 chickens to families in Bangladesh, in Sri Lanka 3 families received Veg seed kits and 2 more families manure to help grow veg garden and a clean water kit went to a family in Papua New Guinea.

If you would like to donate again this year and care spare even a \$1 please send into the front office (we have a donation box) or make a payment online via our school website to Oxfam Unwrapped. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible so please ask for a receipt if you require one.

Who is Oxfam Australia? (We have pamphlets and information in our front office).

Oxfam Australia is part of a global movement of dedicated people working hard to fight poverty and injustice around the world. Find out more at Oxfam.org.au

Thank you in advance for your generous support
Claire Lawson
Admin Manager



**EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EAT,
DRINK, EARN AND LEARN.**



CANTEEN NEWS and SPECIALS

There are no further Wednesday specials for 2015.

Don't forget Sushi Friday on the 11th December.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out this year and a reminder the canteen is recruiting volunteers for next year! If you know of any new parents or carers who are starting at the school next year, please let them know! We are still needing volunteers to get us through to the end of term, so if you have free time, we'd love to see you at the Canteen!

LAST CHANCE To purchase School Concert – DVD "Marvellous Memories"

DVD's can still be purchased this year for \$20/DVD. Orders will be filled prior to Christmas holiday break up.

ORDERS CLOSE: Thursday, 10th December, 2015.

Payment can be made (cash or cheque only) at the office or via www.bilambilpc.org



2016 Bilambil Community Fair

We are proud to announce that we will be hosting a Community Fair is November 2016!

The White Elephant Stall will be back with the many other community stalls, markets stalls, rides, animal farm & ponies, wildlife show, show bags, face painting & many more exciting activities for all the family members to enjoy. If you have a spring clean over summer holidays remember to box up all your unwanted items & send

into the school next year. Donations of Lucky Bottles, Second Hand Items, Plants & Food items can be donated early next year!

If anyone is interested in helping with the fete in any way, can volunteer an hour or two on the day, or know anyone that can donate or sponsor the Fair please contact Fair Coordinator, Anita Johnson on 0422 369 276 or email us bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com!

SUSHI FRIDAY

Remember to get your order in for Sushi this Friday the 11 December. Not sure what you want check out the menu on the school's website.

SAVE THE DATE P&C AGM

Wednesday, 10 February 2016 starting at 7.00pm in the School's Staff Room.



Share our tavel's

Friends of Tanna and Samara who wish to follow the girls on our trip around Australian in 2016. Message and follow "Our Aussie Dream" on facebook. Thank you!



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