

Inspiring 21st Century Learners

What a community!

After the heart wrenching weekend spent cleaning up following the senseless vandal attack we experienced, we are pleased that through the outrage and diligent efforts of our community along with the brilliant local police who have helped, we can confirm that there has been a positive ending. Thank you to everyone who played a part in ensuring something like this is not tolerated in our community! A sensational outcome!

Appreciate and enjoy the moment...

Bilambil PS is a great school! Please push back against some of the demands on your time to take a few minutes with your child to enjoy some of the gains and successes that they have made this year. If you can come along to any of our end of year activities, please do so to be a part of our awesome little community and celebrate 2017 coming to a close.

Bilambil School Swimming Program

It is that time of year again! This year, 42 lucky students are working hard over 9 days to develop their swimming skills, at Billabong Swimming Centre in Tweed Heads. Pool safety, safe entry in the water, kicking, floating and correct strokes are all being taught and practiced each lesson.

It is wonderful to see the progress the students make, particularly the group that start off not wanting to get their hair wet and after only a few lessons, are diving to the bottom of the pool to retrieve a pool toy!

Swimming is so much fun!



2018 Focus

School Staff have finalised their key strategic directions for us to implement in 2018-20. These match our perceived needs for growth and have the full support of school staff and your P&C. If you wish to discuss them further, please contact Mr Mostert at school. They are:

Strategic Direction 2018-2020	Focus Areas
1) Deeper learning for Today	Expand the progression of each student's explicit Literacy and Numeracy learning journey within the school...
	Staff collaboratively support each other to ensure individual and team growth from highly effective teaching practice in Literacy and Numeracy...
2) Deeper Learning for Tomorrow	Staff and students acquire new, and expand current Information Communication Technology (ICT) skills within their wider learning environment...
	Investigate, explore and engage in connected, cross curricular, alternative teaching frameworks to have teaching and learning driven by passion and innovation....
3) Deeper Wellbeing for us all	Expand and embed the many components of the Bilambil Wellbeing Umbrella and its impact on student, staff and parent's/carer's lives within our school...
	Enhance the connection between school and home leading to greater understanding and engagement of parents/carers within their child's specific learning journey...

Student Reports

Student's reports are currently being finalised by our teachers. Reports will be distributed to students on Thursday, 14 December after our class parties...

If you need access to your child's report prior to this, please contact the school office to make alternative arrangements.

Year 6 Informal!

Congratulations to our Year 6 who after seven years have made it!

As a highlight of the significance of this and the impact of Rites of Passage in young people's lives, staff have organised a Year 6 "Informal" on Wednesday, 13 December at 5:30pm. A note has gone home about this event and is also available attached to the website calendar.

Gold Excursion

After much evaluating and extensive student and parent input, the school has elected to maintain the current Bronze, Silver, Gold welfare system. Staff are maintaining the end of year Gold Recipient Excursion for those students who reach Gold Level.

Students will go to Coolangatta-Tweed Ten Pin Bowling Centre on Monday, 11 December 2017. Notes will go home shortly to those students who achieved their Gold Award this year.

UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2017

● School items

● P&C Items

TERM 4 WEEK 8	
Wednesday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Mates Concert • Newsletter
Thursday 30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Program
Friday 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Program
TERM 4 WEEK 9	
Monday 4 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Sushi Day • Last day Swimming Program
Tuesday 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student School Banking • 2018 Kindy Afternoon Tea 3.15pm • Tweed River HS Orientation Day
Wednesday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior & Senior Choir Performances at local Nursing Homes
Friday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Day • Thank you Morning Tea
Saturday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Choir Performance Seagulls at 6.30pm
TERM 4 WEEK 10	
Monday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Sushi Day • Ten Pin Bowling—Gold Award recipient students
Tuesday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student School Banking • School Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Concert • Newsletter • Year 6 Informal Evening 5.30pm
Thursday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Parties • Year 6 Big Day Out • Reports home
Friday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Farewell Arch/Shirt signing • Students last day for 2018
TERM 4 WEEK 11	
Mon 18 & Tues 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Development Days
UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 1 2018	
TERM 1 WEEK 1	
Monday 29 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Development Day
Tuesday 30 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students Yr 1 - Yr 6 resume school • Kindergarten Best Start appointments
Wednesday 31 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Best Start appointments
Thursday 1 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten Best Start appointments
TERM 1 WEEK 2	
Monday 5 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten commence school • Canteen Sushi Day
Tuesday 6 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Banking



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	Term 4 Week 7	Term 4 Week 8
KL	Seth	Koby
KN	Eden	Laylah Zara
K/1B	Hudson	Nicholas
1/2H	Lylah	Sienna
1/2M	Teeghan	Jesse
1/2P		
1/2R	Cody	Alyssia
3/4B	Jasco	Isabell
3/4C	Zac	Isaac
3/4T	Caitlin	Matilda
5/6B	Jack Jade	Sophie
5/6M		Chaya
5/6R	Brody 5/6R	
Library	Paige 3/4T	Lily 3/4B
Music	Michael 1/2M	Taylor 3/4C
Principal	Livinia 5/6M	Amelie 3/4T




Sporting Schools

Recently, Bilambil PS did gymnastics for our Term 4 Sporting Schools Program. As a gymnast I think that the program was fun and exciting. They had great equipment and we did lots of fun activities. I think that most people enjoyed it and liked learning new tricks. I also liked how it was challenging. We did forward rolls, backward rolls, cartwheels, handstands, strength and stretching. I think that it is a good program for kids to stay fit and healthy. The people who ran the program did a really good job.

Lauren 5/6M

 BRONZE AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 7 & 8	
3/4C	Lily

 SILVER AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 7 & 8	
KL	Charli, Cailin
KN	Ava, Holly, Maddison, Jeht, Hayley, Aston
1/2H	Zy, Quantan, Aysha, Rhiannon, Lewis
1/2M	Taj, Teeghan, Jaiden, Jackson
1/2R	Jazara, Gwen, Ava, Tyler, Joel, Destiny, Cody
3/4B	Juan, Alwin, Isaac, Annika
3/4C	Zak, Shelley, Kahlo
3/4T	Jaspar, Amelie, Seth, Sikari, Connor, Mateo, Daikin, Montana, Nate
5/6B	Anakin
5/6R	Jesse

 GOLD AWARD	
Term 4 - Weeks 7 & 8	
1/2H	Olivia
1/2M	Phoebe, Jacob, Hugo
3/4B	George, Phoebe, Autumn
3/4C	Roy, Lacey, Ben, Tayla, Elsie
3/4T	Caitlin, Georgie
5/6B	Maz, Lucien
5/6R	Siyah, Brody, Mathew

Ours Choirs are in Demand!

Miss Henry and Mrs McGlenn are very excited to be taking both of our choirs to perform at some of our local Nursing Homes on Wednesday 6 December! The Senior Choir will be traveling to Bangalor Retreat and Freedom Aged Care while the Infants Choir will be going to Darlington RSL Care and Raffles Nursing Home. They will be meeting the residents and spreading some Christmas cheer with their beautiful singing!

On Saturday night 9th December, the Senior Choir will again be performing a small selection of Christmas songs at Seagulls club. We will be joining another local school, starting at 6.30pm so feel free to come and sing along! Be on time though as we will only be on stage for 15 minutes...

Cyber Safety Community Evening

Thank you to Tweed Heads Police Youth Liaison Officer, Nathan, for coming along to Bilambil last night to speak to our community about cyber safety! This is an ever increasing issue for our young people and we were heartened to share the evening with those people who could make it. The biggest lesson we could take out of the night is to be vigilant and aware of what your child is doing online. Talk with them and make sure you have clear boundaries and protocols for internet use in your house. All the best!

The updated website

Thanks to Mrs Cherry, the school website is now a great back up tool for us all to use with school events. If you go to the website and click on the calendar, it will tell you all the upcoming school events. The site also has a copy of any permission or information notes which were sent home. So the old days of the dog ate my note, is no longer an option...



Leadership Program

This week our Year 5 students have been undertaking their Student Leadership Training Course. This is a part of our whole school initiative to empower our students to be positive active citizens in our school. Our formal Student Leader election process will take place later this week and the successful candidates for School Captain and School Vice-Captain will be announced at the Presentation Day Assembly on Friday, December 8.

Class Requests

The school will be organised by a similar structure in 2018 as it is this year. Staff will spend considerable time in Week 10 formulating classes for next year but parents have been invited to submit any considerations that they would like to share with the school staff. Consideration of social, emotional, physical or academic factors from parents will aid the knowledge that teachers have of each student. Teachers will form classes on a range of factors with the main aim of having your child have a happy and productive future year of learning. If you would like to have your thoughts considered, the only way that this will take place is if you write a letter addressed to The Principal of Bilambil PS. These can be delivered via the front office or email at bilambil-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au We know that you understand that staff, not parents, will ultimately determine where each child is placed, but we will genuinely consider any information forwarded on to us.

Go Eliza!

The school is delighted that one of its ex-students, Eliza Campbell, made her debut for the Australian Women's Soccer team last week in Melbourne against China.

She is now 22 and already achieving great things. We are so impressed Eliza and look forward to trying to get you back to Bilambil PS sometime to tell us all about your adventures as an international sportswoman!

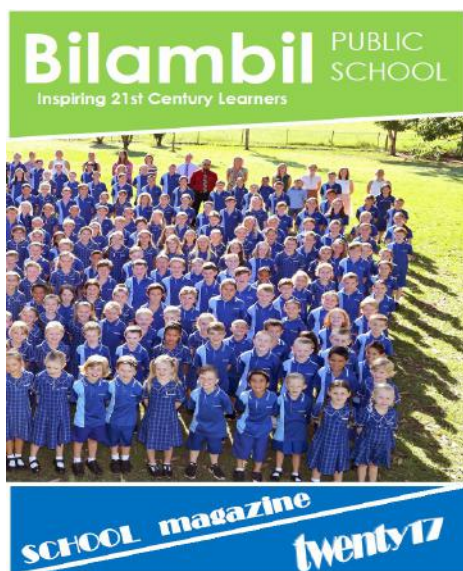
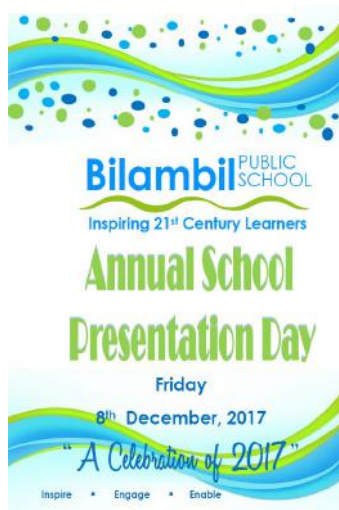


Kindergarten 2018 Information Afternoon Tea

Come and join us on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 3.15pm in KL Kindy classroom .

We have Melissa from Community Health discussing great healthy lunchbox ideas, P & C committee discussing uniforms, canteen and P&C committee. Our Kindergarten teachers will be there to give you suggestions on how to prepare your child for school and to answer any questions.

See you there!
Kindergarten Teacher



School Magazine

The 2017 School Magazine is selling well. If you would like a copy, please come along to the office or contact them and for \$15.00 your copy is secured!

Happy reading!

Presentation Day & Thank You Morning tea

All school staff and students really appreciate the large contribution many of our parents and community members make as volunteers to our school. As such, the school would like to invite you all to a Parent/Carer Helpers Thank You morning tea at 11.00am on Friday 8 December 2017. It will also double as our School Presentation Assembly morning tea to minimise the trips that we ask parents to make up to school during this busy period of year.



Concert 'The Jungle' full dress rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December is our Full Dress Rehearsal day for our end of year concert. All students will need to have their costumes in to class by then, fully labelled. Any extra groups, such as choir, dance, drama or instrumentalists, keep costumes in their own class.

End of Year Show

Our 2017 Annual School Concert, 'The Jungle', will be held on Wednesday, 13 December.

Due to a high number of people wishing to attend, we do two shows to accommodate everyone in the hall. The first show starts at 9.30 for K-2 parents with the second show at 11.30 for 3-6 parents. Please ensure you stay for the duration of the show and give ALL our students a chance to perform for a full audience.

If you have not yet received a note explaining costume needs, one should be coming home very shortly but check with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. This is an important day for students as it is the only chance for staff and peers to see each other's performance.

The following day will be the big day for students to showcase all their hard work to parents, carers relatives and friends to come along and watch the show!

'Crocodile Rock'



Early Stage One Excursion

After reading stories about possums, emus, wombats, dingoes and cockatoos, we thought we should see these fantastic Australian animals and birds up close. So, on Friday 17 November, we headed off to Fleays Fauna Centre at West Burleigh.

Here we were met by Ranger Bindi and Lisa, our volunteer guide for the day. After meeting a Shingle-Back Lizard (that looked like it had two heads) called Rosie, we learnt about the park and animal habitats. Bindi had eggs, a fur and a snake skin for us to feel and discuss, before we headed out to explore the park.

Kindergarten showed amazing skill at spotting camouflaged animals and excitedly pointed out a Cassowary egg and a Tree-Kangaroo that weren't very easy to see.

We loved the presentation where we got to meet a Tawny Frogmouth, a Ring-Tailed Possum and a Feather-Tailed Glider. The creatures in the nocturnal house were very hard to see, except the Hopping Mice, which we all agreed would be very cute pets!

Thankfully the enormous crocodile was very well fed and very quiet. We loved looking at the Dingoes, Brolgas, Emus, mother and joey Koala, Kangaroos, Wallabies and Cassowaries.

What a fantastic day of learning and fun!

Flo Borra
Teacher

'Now I can't fly but I'm tellin' you, I can run the pants off a kangaroo'



A day at Fleays



ExtendArt Acrylic Flow 'Dirty Pour' Project

On Friday 17th November the ExtendArt students produced a collaborative 'Dirty Pour' painting to conclude the year. This type of artistic technique is different to anything we have done before, as the paint is applied through pouring and swirling it onto the canvas using a plastic cup. Even Mr Mostert added his artistic flare at the end! It creates an abstract marbling effect which Sikari said "It looks so good, I'm going to try this at home!" The only downside is that it can take several weeks to dry. Hopefully, it will dry in time for us to present the masterpiece to the school on Monday 4th December and we will work out on a suitable place to display it.

Many thanks must go out to the local artists Bob and Donna Santilli who have been responsible for providing this unique extension art opportunity for these students.

George Glasson
ExtendArt Coordinator





Friendly Parenting Tips

Tip #15

Support your child to consider different ideas and experiences and to learn from them.

Why is this good for your child?

Independent thought and reflection develops self-confidence as your child learns to trust themselves.

Try this...

Use simple questions to support your child to reflect on real-life situations.

Children's Book Launch

Join local author/illustrator **LISA TIFFEN** for the launch of her whimsical children's book – **GRUMPS** with guest speaker, award winning author/illustrator **MATT OTTLEY**.

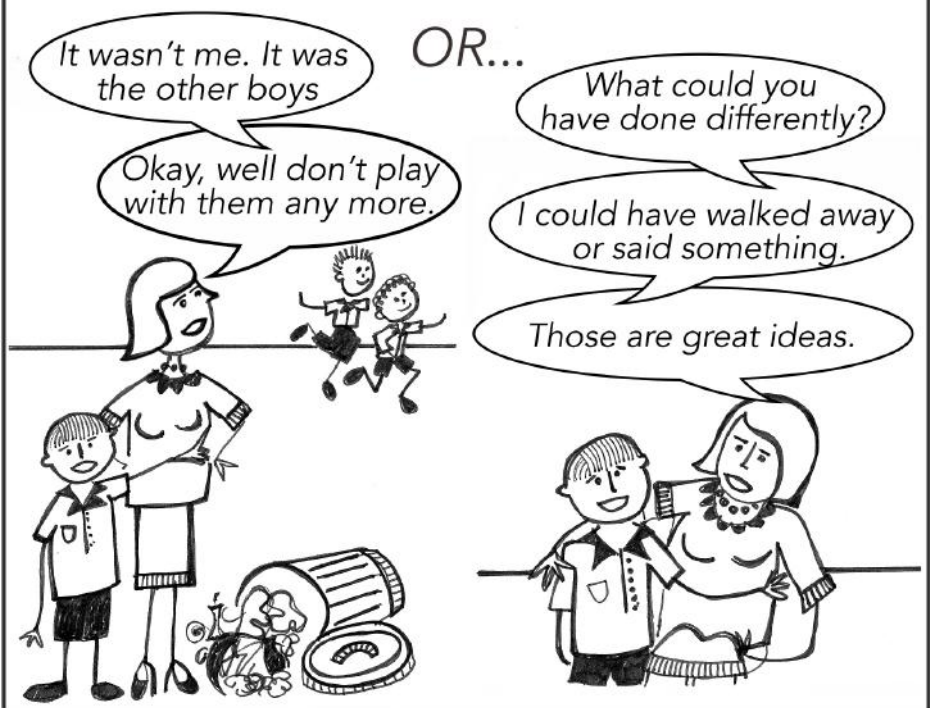
FOOD FUN PRIZES

GRUMPS
LISA TIFFEN

FREE EVENT

Purchase a signed copy of Grumps \$25 (cash only)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd
 @ The Citadel, 21 "Queen St, Murwillumbah
 10:30-12 noon



Oh the places you'll go!

School holidays are great for ditching the car and getting outside. Opting to walk or cycle to the shops or park is far more fun and interesting than sitting in a hot car.

Research has shown that if children see the significant adults in their lives walking or cycling to places, or using public transport, they are more likely to learn that this is normal/acceptable behaviour and learn the skills associated with it (eg putting on a bicycle helmet, reading a bus timetable).

There's also so many more opportunities to connect with your local community or see things that you would have never seen if you were sitting in your car.





CHRISTMAS DINNER – ALL WELCOME

We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can tonight at Seagulls to celebrate the end of the year with our fabulous school community.

It starts at 6pm with dinner planned for 7pm. Children welcome.

If you can't make it, thank you all for a great year and for supporting the P&C's fundraising efforts through all sorts of ways – selling our raffle tickets, using our uniform shop, ordering lunches from the canteen, donating prizes to our trivia night, baking for our cake stalls and buying our coffee or sausage sizzles.

Big or small, we appreciate all of your efforts. Thank you.

CONCERT DVDs

Don't forget to order your DVD of our end of year show. For just \$20.00 you can sit back and enjoy the show, knowing your child and other family members will enjoy watching it on the DVD.

DVDs are filmed and edited by professionals and they will be delivered before the end of the school year.

BOOK CLUB

This is your last chance to get some great presents for Christmas. Don't forget to get your orders in by today Wednesday 29 November 2017.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

We do our best to keep you aware of all the great things happening at our school by posting them on our Facebook page. Follow us to stay informed! Look us up at Bilambil Public School P&C.

VOLUNTEER DOLLARS EXPIRE IN MARCH

If you have given us any of your time throughout the year you will have earned P&C dollars. Please be aware you need to use these before the AGM in March next year when they will expire. With the busy end of year, why not use them to save yourself from making lunch!, or grab a fresh shirt for the presentation day. The choice is yours, just remember to claim what you deserve.

We do appreciate every bit of help you have given us.

LET'S CELEBRATE 2017!

All Parents of Bilambil Public School and friends in our community are invited to attend a casual end of year get together with dinner and/or drinks at Seagulls Club.

Wednesday 29 November

6pm Drinks 7pm Dinner
RSVP: 27/11/17

via email bilambilpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or the event on Bilambil Public School P&C Facebook Page.

For prices and menu options visit www.seagullsclub.com.au



DON'T FORGET!

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

Wednesday

29 November 2017

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON Google play
Download on the App Store



P&C PLANNING for 2018!

TRIVIA NIGHT WILL BE BACK in 2018!

After the success of our trivia night, we're going to hold another one in 2018!

We've decided not to hold a Community Fair next year because of the huge amount of time and work involved for our small committee but the Trivia Night has already proven to be a great community event. Start swatting up on random and useless facts now!

We'll also be looking for fabulous raffle prizes so if you know any businesses who would like to donate, or you get any unwanted Christmas presents you'd like to re-gift, please remember your school P&C!

Donations welcome any time.

SAVE THE DATE - BUNNINGS BBQ

We're lucky to have secured a Bunnings BBQ slot on Saturday 17 February 2018.

We'll be looking for volunteers to come down for an hour or two to help turn a sausage or take orders so save the date and come along and join us. It's a great money earner so all helpers very much appreciated!

We'll thank you by paying you a P&C dollar for every hour you are there - which you can redeem in the uniform shop or at the canteen.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY DAY THE FIRST WEEK BACK 2018

We'll be having some extended opening hours at the start of next year for all our new Kinder and any existing students needing to upsize or refresh their uniforms.

It is usually a very busy week so please bring your patience with you as we are all volunteers.

Don't forget you can save time by ordering online at <http://www.bilambilpc.org/> and we'll have it ready for you to pick up or send it home with your child. If the size isn't right you can bring it back for a refund or exchange.

The uniform shop is located inside the canteen.

SPECIAL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

Monday 29 January	9.00am - 1.00pm	School Development Day
Tuesday 30 January	8.30am - 1.00pm	Year 1 to Year 6 start
Wednesday 31 January	8.30am - 1.00pm	
Thursday 1 February	8.30am - 1.00pm	
Friday 2 February	8.30am - 1.00pm	

BACK TO NORMAL TIMES

Monday 5 February	8.30am - 9.00am	Kindergarten start
Wednesday 7 February	8.30am - 9.00am	
Friday 9 February	8.30am - 9.00am	

If you have any old uniforms you don't need, please consider donating them to our second-hand supply.

SECOND HAND DRESSES


We know a few people have been looking for second hand dresses. We do have a few in stock at the moment - some size 12 and a couple of size 6 \$25.00 cash only. No holds.


Bilambil Community Preschool & OOSH
(next to Bilambil Public School)

Out of School Hours (OOSH) and Vacation Care for your family
Monday to Friday 6.30am - 6.30pm
VACATION CARE also available on pupil free days

Preschool 9am-3pm for 3-5yr olds
Waiting list for 2017 & 2018 NOW OPEN

Please phone or pop in to discuss enrolling your family

Ph: 5590 7722  Find us on Facebook

 kelly@bilambilpreschooloosh.org
bilambilpreschooloosh.org



CANTEEN NEWS

How great has our canteen run this year under the amazing direction of our canteen manager Danelle?! There are now lots of fresh and healthy options that the kids love. Thanks Danelle.

Canteen will be open right up to the last day of the year.

Our volunteers will be trying to get through as much of the stocktake they can on the Friday (15 December) school finishes, so if you are able to give them a hand that will be much appreciated to cut down what they have to do on the Monday (18 December).

CANTEEN'S NEW OPERATING HOURS for Term 4

MONDAY open 8.00am to 1.30pm	TUESDAY open 8.00am to 12.00pm	WEDNESDAY open 8.00am to 1.30pm	THURSDAY open 8.00am to 12.00pm	FRIDAY open 8.00am to 1.30pm
Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club	Brekkie Club
Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
Lunch	Closed	Lunch	Closed	Lunch

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER ROSTER

If you have some spare time and would like to assist in the canteen on this roster, please email the P&C with your preferred day bilambilschool.pc@gmail.com

Date	Volunteer 1	Volunteer 2	Volunteer 3	What's on!
Wednesday 29 November	Lynn	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Thursday 30 November	Danelle		½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS	
Friday 1 December	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Monday 4 December	Lynn	Gay	HELP NEEDED	Sushi day
Tuesday 5 December	Lauren		½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS	
Wednesday 6 December	Lynn	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Thursday 7 December	Danelle		½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS	
Friday 8 December	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Monday 11 December	Lynn	Gay	HELP NEEDED	Sushi day
Tuesday 12 December	Lauren		½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS	
Wednesday 13 December	Lynn	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	
Thursday 14 December	Danelle		½ day only NO LUNCH ORDERS	
Friday 15 December	Erin	Lauren	HELP NEEDED	STOCKTAKE

CONTACT CANTEEN MANAGER **DANELLE CARROL** ON **0414 444 268**

TO JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM OF HELPERS

DON'T FORGET – You get P&C Dollars for every hour volunteered in the canteen. These dollars can be used in the canteen or towards uniform purchases (limits apply).