

Inspiring 21st Century Learners

School Zone and Parking

Parking in and around schools is always tricky, therefore please be reminded that "School Zone Rules" are put in place for the safety of children and for anyone using or passing through a school zone.

If everyone can comply with our school zone rules it will make a safer place for all. A few things to remember when entering a school zone:



The kiss and drop off zone is a NO PARKING area.



There is NO PARKING or collecting children from the top and bottom staff carparks.



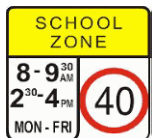
NO RIGHT TURN from the kiss and drop area.



DON'T PARK in the bus zones between the hours of 8.00 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4.00pm school days.



Give way to buses.



Please obey the street signs and speed limits.



By simply taking care, we can all help to make our school zone safe for all.
Thank you!

Reports

Our teachers use a variety of strategies to assess student learning. These include observing work in class and looking closely at tasks throughout the year.

Twice a year, teachers formally assess a student's achievement based on the outcomes described in the syllabus of each subject. A written report is sent home near the end of Term 2, and again in Term 4. This gives a clear picture of your child's learning. You can discuss your child's progress with the classroom teacher at any time during the year simply by calling the office and making an appointment.

Are your circumstances changing for 2020 school year - Is anyone coming/ leaving?

As the end of the year is fast approaching, our school's teaching staff are currently configuring the class structure that they think will best suit our school in 2020. If you are aware of anyone you know who may be coming or leaving our school for the start of 2020, please contact the school office and let us know.

Thank you to our Scripture volunteers!

With our scripture lessons now finished for 2019, we would like to thank our Catholic, Christian and Non-denominational scripture volunteers who have helped in making our scripture program successful for another year.

We had a great day at the Year 5 Leadership Camp!



School Magazine 2019

Once again our school magazine will be printed onsite this year.

Copies will be available for pre-order in the coming weeks. A note will go home at a later date if you wish to order one.

The magazine is being created by a talented group of Stage 3 students who are giving up their lunch breaks to create this masterpiece!

Each class will have a feature page.

Please note, students who do not have permission to be published will not feature in this magazine.

Copies will go on sale for \$8.00 each.

Simone Henry
Teacher
School Magazine Committee

2020 Classes

Over the next few weeks we will begin the consultation process for forming classes for 2020. The principal will consult with the assistant principals, classroom teachers and learning support teachers before making a final decision.

The following criteria are considered when classes are formed so that the best interests of ALL students are taken into account:

- Specific medical needs or disabilities
- Behaviour
- Individual student learning needs
- Interpersonal and intrapersonal characteristics
- Leadership qualities
- Friendship groups
- School resources and space
- Special considerations - parents

Parental requests for special consideration are to be made in writing and addressed to the principal by Friday 22 November, 2019.

Please note:

- Requests for special considerations should focus on the learning needs of the student.
- Selection of a teacher is not an option.
- Due to the complexity of the placement process, there is no guarantee that the school will be able to accommodate parental requests.
- Requests will not be considered at the beginning of Term 1 2020.

Brad Davis
Principal

CAPTAIN COLOSSAL - *A tale of a smart student overcoming a gang of bullies, with a little bit of magic to help...*

A group of our talented young actors have been working throughout the year on a play and they are ready to perform!

So please come along next Thursday 14 November at 2.00 pm to be entertained in the hall!

Donna McGlinn
Teacher



Lost Property

Missing items is an issue in every school. Has your child lost one (or a few) jumpers? hats? water bottles? lunchboxes? The lost property box is usually overflowing this time of year.

What the teachers do to help:

- The teachers teach children at the beginning of the year how to take care of their belongings.
- The school has a lost property box outside the music room.
- Teachers routinely try to connect missing items with their owners. They first check for a name written on the item. If there is no name on the item, a teacher may ask the class, "Whose jacket is this?"

What parents can do to help:

- Create a place at home for your child's belongings and remain consistent that they are hung or placed there daily.
- Develop routines to teach children how and where to store small items such as hats, lunch boxes and pencil cases.
- Buy LESS. This may seem counter-intuitive, but when your child has just one hat, they are more likely to take responsibility for it and keep tabs on where it is.
- LABEL LABEL LABEL! A name written in permanent marker on the tag of a hat or jumper solves a lot of problems.



SRC Disco details

Date: **Monday 18 November 2019**

Times: **Kinder - Year 2 from 11.30am to 12.30pm**

Years 3 - 6 from 1.30 to 2.30pm

Theme: **Rock Stars!**

Come to school dressed as a Rock Star. Please bring a gold coin for disco entry. A note will be sent home shortly with more disco details.

Technology News

As a part of continuing drive to enhance teaching and learning, we are excited to announce the purchase and setup of 52 new laptops and two new laptop trolleys. This means that we now have a class set of laptops that can be shared among every stage in the school.

On top of this, every classroom in the school has now been outfitted with a brand new SMART Board to ensure maximum visibility and accessibility of technology for students and teachers. We also recently acquired a grant from Salesforce and in collaboration with Schools Plus, staff will be attending a full day training session on how to best utilise the SMART hardware and software in the classroom.

Library News

Library staff will be undertaking a student resources stock-take this year and require all books to be returned no later than Friday 22 November 2019 (Week 6).

We expect one more issue of the Scholastic Book Club brochure, which will include the final dates for ordering.

Library Key Dates

Last Day of library borrowing

Week 5 - Friday 15 November 2019

All library books need to be returned

Week 6 - Friday 22 November 2019

Library stock-take of student resources begins

Week 8 - Monday 2 December

Ryan Thomas
Teacher/Librarian

UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2019

● School items

● P&C Items

TERM 4 WEEK 5

- Monday 11 November
- Canteen Sushi Day
 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Kinder 2020 Teddy Bears Picnic 1.45—2.30pm

- Tuesday 12 November
- Student School Banking

- Wednesday 13 November
- S1 (Yrs 1/2) Dinosaur Showcase

- Sunday 17 November
- Snr Choir Performance Piggabeen Markets from 11.00 to 11.40am

TERM 4 WEEK 6

- Monday 18 November
- Canteen Sushi Day
 - SRC Daytime Disco

- Tuesday 19 November
- Student School Banking

TERM 4 WEEK 7

- Monday 25 November
- Canteen Sushi Day
 - Snr Choir Nursing Home visits

- Tuesday 26 November
- Student School Banking
 - S2 (Yrs 3/4) Fingal Head Cultural Excursion

- Wednesday 27 November
- Snr Choir Seagulls Raffle Night Performance from 5.30pm

- Thursday 28 November
- ES1 (Kinder) Assembly

- Friday 29 November
- Yr 6 Mini Fete

TERM 4 WEEK 8

- Monday 2 December
- Canteen Sushi Day
 - School Swimming Program Starts
 - S3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Interrelate Program
 - P&C Meeting 3.15pm

- Tuesday 3 December
- Student School Banking
 - Music Mates Rock Orchestra Concert
 - TRHS Yr 7 2020 Orientation Day
 - School Swimming Program

- Wednesday 4 December
- School Swimming Program

- Thursday 5 December
- School Swimming Program
 - Music Mates Percussion & Ukulele Concert
 - ES1 (Kinder) Assembly

- Friday 6 December
- School Swimming Program

- Saturday 7 December
- Snr Choir Seagulls Christmas Celebration Night Performance from 6.20 to 6.40pm



BRONZE WARD

Term 4
Weeks 3 & 4

5/6E	Luka, Jake, Thomas, Alwin
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SILVER AWARD

Term 4
Weeks 3 & 4

KH	Mireille, Brodie
KT	Braxon, Joseph, Holly
1/2G	Frankie
1/2H	Kai, Caleb, Hayden
1/2P	Trinity, Candice, Lily
2/3C	Annie, Henry, Seth, Mason, Arjay, Joshua
3/4M	Ellidy, Lara, Ethan, Ella, Shaliyse,
3/4S	Quentan, Sienna, Seth, Hudson, Jackson, Finn
3/4T	Isla, Amy, Pearl
5/6B	Taj, Ruby
5/6S	Madison, Heaven, Lacey, Chloe, Tayla, Chelsea



GOLD AWARD

Term 4
Weeks 3 & 4

KB	Cash
1/2G	Asher, Jazmyn
3/4T	Marley
5/6B	Summer



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Weeks 3 & 4

KB	Jett
KH	Cheyenne, Brodie
KT	Alice, Emma
1/2B	Zoe, Taj
1/2G	Jazmyn, Alexander
1/2H	Arlie, Akira
1/2P	Kalumb, Marli
2/3C	Charlotte, Connor
3/4M	Destiny, Dempsey
3/4S	Joel
3/4T	Ivy, Allan
5/6B	Autumn, Jasco
5/6E	Taj
5/6S	Chloe, Matilda
RFF	Hugo 3/4T Summer 1/2B

Mr Davis's

FUNNIES



Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot.

A: A carrot!

Q: Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?

A: He was just going through a stage.



Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Dinosaur Showcase

Stage 1 have been looking at Dinosaurs this semester and would like to invite you to view our great work next Wednesday 13 November 2019.

9.30am - Open classrooms and Dinosaur activities in the Top Playground

11.00am - Prehistoric Morning Tea

Please don't forget to RSVP by this Friday 8 November with how many people will be attending your child's dinosaur showcase.

We hope you can join us, the children are very excited at the opportunity of showcasing their work to you.

UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 4 2019

School items

P&C Items

TERM 4 WEEK 9

Monday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Sushi Day School Swimming Program S3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Interrelate Program
Tuesday 10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student School Banking School Swimming Program
Wednesday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Program Community Carols 5.30—8.00pm Snr Choir Bilambil Community Carols Performance
Thursday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Swimming Program last day
Friday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Day Volunteers' Thankyou Morning Tea

TERM 4 WEEK 10

Monday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Sushi Day Gold Day Year 6 Informal 5.30—7.30pm
Tuesday 17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student School Banking Class Parties Yr 6 Big Day Out—Dreamworld Reports Home
Wednesday 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Yr 6 Tunnel & Shirt signing 2.15pm Students Last Day for 2019
Thursday 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day
Friday 20 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Development Day

Look what we've been doing in 3/4M with Mrs Calleja



It's been a fabulous start to the term for 3/4 M! We are finishing off our fantastic English unit based on the book, *The Tin Forest* and have completed our artwork wall with some of the amazing creatures from the book.



This term in Science we are performing an experiment where we look at the growth of sunflowers under differing conditions such as contaminated water, soil or both. The students have enjoyed using their green thumbs and starting this experiment.

We have been focusing on Sunflowers as our theme for art this term including Van Gogh's amazing Sunflower art, and some special origami sunflowers as well. We have more exciting learning events coming up, so don't forget to ask our amazing learners for updates.



Sunflower seeds.

The seed starting to transform into a sunflower.



We are hoping to produce a crop of sunflowers just like this one.





All Bilambil Community members are invited to bring a picnic and a blanket and relax as they enjoy the Bilambil Public School carols.



Two food vans and a slushie machine will cater for all tastes.



P&C raffles will be drawn on the night to win some fantastic prizes.



Santa will also be visiting.



We hope you can join us for a fun

Community Carols on the green



Free family

Event

YOU'RE INVITED



Wednesday 11 December 2019



5.30pm gates open. 6.00pm start til 8.00pm



Bilambil Public School Top Playground out the front of KB's Classroom

Our talented Senior Bilambil Choir in high demand!

Our beautiful Senior Choir is in high demand and with only seven weeks before Christmas, they have a very busy time ahead in this term.

Please note in your diaries on these dates and a permission note will be sent home shortly for you to complete and return to the office.

Performances outside of school time are not compulsory but to perform with confidence, our choir needs the support of their team and require as many students as possible to attend please.

Parental supervision is required at the events highlighted.

Date	Time	Venue	What to Wear	Extras information
Sunday 17 November	11.00 -11.40am	Piggabeen Markets	Own choice but it is a Christmas themed market.	Singing a mix of songs from throughout the year, finishing with Christmas tunes. Private transport required.
Monday 25 November	9.00am -1.00pm	Bangalor Retreat & BUPA Nursing Homes	School uniform.	Spreading some Christmas cheer! Morning tea will be provided. Transport is by mini bus. There will be a cost for bus hire with this event.
Wednesday 27 November	5.30pm (15mins) Time to be confirmed.	Seagulls Club	School uniform	Raffle night at the club. Pizza will be provided for choir students. Private transport required.
Saturday 7 December	6.20 – 6.40pm	Seagulls Club	Christmas clothes	Seagulls Christmas celebration night. Private transport required.
Wednesday 11 December	5.30 – 8.00pm	Bilambil Community Carols Evening	Christmas clothes	Bilambil Community Carols Evening. Private transport required.
Friday 13 December	9.00 -11.00am	Bilambil PS Presentation Day	School uniform	Presentation Morning – 1 song from choir.

Thank you

Donna McGlinn
Organising Teacher



On Friday 25th November, Bilambil PS students were fortunate enough to have a visit from Ghost, Elmo and their trainer Jackie who talked to students about the responsibilities of owning a pet.

Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program

Students were informed about the importance of asking owners of dogs, if it is OK to pat their dog and also learnt how to approach and pat a dog if the owner lets them.

Kindergarten loved the stickers and colouring in activity that they were given at the end of the show.

We are so fortunate to have travelling shows like this visit our school at no cost.

If you wish to go online and engage in animated interactive tools please visit <http://www.pets.nsw.gov.au>

This online tool reiterates the safety messages around dogs and cats.

Simone Henry
Teacher



'Oh the Places We Go in Wellbeing!'

This term in Wellbeing we have been talking about dreams and aspirations! We have been reading and exploring Dr Seuss' magical story, 'Oh The Places You'll Go'. This has sparked the conversation about hardships and 'slumps' you may face in life. It has made students think about ways to overcome these times by never giving up and staying strong. They understand that friends and family can be there for you, however YOU are in charge of your own happiness.

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

Inspirational quote of the week:

"KID- YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!"

When I asked Kindergarten, "What do you think Dr Seuss means by this?"

A student replied and said "It's when you move houses!" It was really interesting to hear students' ideas about the story because it has so many layers and complex meanings. Students then thought about their dreams and who they want to be when they grow up. Some students wrote simple things like 'to be happy' or 'to have a family'. Students at Bilambil have big dreams from youtubers to vets and parasailers to artists.

Regardless, it is important for students to have dreams and to believe in themselves.

Elle Ninness
Teacher



Year 5 Leadership Day

On the leadership day it was the best. I had the best time EVER! It was so much fun.

First we went on the crate stack. It was so much fun. You get attached to a harness and stack crates under yourself.

Second we did team pursuits, that's when you have a team and you go against the other team to try and finish all of the twisted obstacles.

Third we did indoor rock climbing, which is when you strap yourself into a harness, choose your level then start climbing. It is as simple as that!

I had such an amazing experience. Thanks teachers.

Matilda 5/6S

Leadership Day

The leadership day was the most fun thing I had ever done in my whole life.

The first thing we did was crate stack. Crate stack is where you have crates and you stack them.

Second we did team pursuits. Team pursuits is where you have two teams and you do obstacle courses. Third we did indoor rock climbing. Indoor rock climbing is pretty much rock climbing inside.

It was so much fun. I loved it!

Lacey 5/6S



Early Stage 1 (Kinder) Dinosaur Inursion

Last Friday 1 November, Kindergarten went on a fossil dig and discovered many dinosaur fossils from a T-Rex skull to a Raptor claw and lots of teeth.

Karen Baird
Stage AP



WOW! Look what we found.



Kindergarten 2020 Transition

Over the last few weeks our 2020 Kindergarten students have visited the current Kindergarten teachers and students and engaged in lots of play based learning, as well as having a play in the playground.

Some of the Year 5 students also came down to help. It was wonderful to meet the new families and students and we are looking forward to getting to know them better next year.

Karen Baird
Stage AP





LAST CHANCE FOR MANGOES

We've spoken with the suppliers and they have agreed to extend our order process until **THIS FRIDAY, 8 November**.

If you can't find your order form you can pop online to the Bilambil Public School P&C Uniform Shop page at www.bilambilpc.org and you'll find one under the UNIFORMS tab.

You can pay there too or direct debit into our P&C account BSB: 032 563 Account No: 255206.

Don't forget to put your child's name and the word mangoes as the reference. Trays are \$27.00 each. Pick up will be the last week in November.

BUNNINGS BARBIE FOR BILAMBIL

We've managed to secure one of the very popular Bunnings BBQ fundraiser opportunities and all help would be gratefully appreciated. We need volunteers to help us on the stall on Saturday, 30 November.

Can you join us? Please let us know on our Facebook page. If you can't be there in person, perhaps you could consider donating a carton of soft drink to help us with costs? Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite and Fanta are all needed.

Thank you!

RAFFLE PRIZES

We're still searching for a major prize for our end-of-year raffle at the School's Christmas Carols evening on Wednesday, 11 December.

Thank you so much to the people and businesses who have already kindly donated prizes, our raffle baskets are starting to look fabulous. There are lots of awesome things to be won. Donations are still being accepted.

It's a community carols so bring all your family and friends along on the night to get the festive feeling happening.

LAST MEETING FOR 2019

There's only one more P&C meeting this year but it's not too late, why not come along and hear what we are planning for 2020!

Join us in the staff room on Monday, 2 December at 3.15pm.

