

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION SESSIONS TO COMMENCE

Our first Kindergarten transition session is almost here. This will be held next Wednesday, 3 November commencing at 9.30am and running through to 12.30pm in our Kindergarten classrooms. Our Kindergarten Transition Program aims to ensure that our starting students next year will be prepared for 'big' school.

The transition program will involve the kids coming into our beautiful school for a 3 session half day program on Wednesday 3/10/17 November, 2021, from 9.30am – 12.30pm each session.

Parents are unfortunately unable to attend due to current restrictions, so are asked to deliver new students to our Kiss and Drop area where they will meet our smiling teachers who will escort them into each session. Participating students will only need to bring their morning tea and lunch, a drink bottle, and a hat.

The kids will get to experience all that school offers and get a chance to really familiarise themselves with how a school day runs and participate in a huge range of wonderful activities. This transition program is aimed to better prepare the kids for their start in Kindergarten in 2022, to alleviate any nerves and ensure they get the best start to their education. Information sessions for parents will have to be delivered virtually, with information to be sent home via email soon.

Please make sure you contact our school office on 07 5590 7210 to register your child to be included in this free transition program as numbers are filling fast.

We can't wait to meet our new students who will be starting next year.

TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2022

Please contact the school office immediately to let us know of details of new students planning to enrol at Bilambil PS for Kindergarten in 2022 and enrolments in other grades. Make sure you talk to all of your friends and neighbours about the wonderful things that happen here in our school. Please call us on 07 5590 7210 if you are aware of any possible new enrolments for next year.

STAFFING CHANGES

We have had to make a few changes to our staff list due to teaching and non-teaching staff accessing leave options for different reasons. The following changes have had to be made to fill these vacancies:

Mrs Tara Prichard replacing Mrs Kelly Love (1/2C - SLSO) until Monday 8 November.

Mrs Amy Calleja replacing Mrs Rebecca Harvey (1/2H) for the remainder of 2021.

Mrs Aylin Baydar replacing Mrs Jodie Colwell (1/2C) for the remainder of 2021.

Miss Wilson replacing Ms Snow (3/4S) for the remainder of 2021.

Mrs Tara Prichard replacing Ms Michele Hemmings (1/2H - SLSO) from 9 November for remainder of 2021.

We will also have some changes to our Learning Support positions coming up that are yet to be finalised.

We understand that mid-year changes to staffing can often be disruptive to the continuity of learning programs, but please be assured that we are doing our best to ensure every student feels supported with regards to their learning needs. We thank you for your understanding if your child is affected by these changes.

Thank you

Jeff Robinson
Principal



1/2T HAVE GONE BUGGY

Did you know that for every human being there are over two hundred million insects?

Wow!

It's exciting times in our classroom as we are learning all about insects! As you can see in our photos, insects are being included in lots of things that we are engaging in, including Visual Arts and Literacy activities.

We also have a number of bug boxes in our room where we can look after, observe and learn about a variety of insects, including spiny leaf insects!

Mrs Bec Taylor
Classroom Teacher



OUR BUG LITTLE KEEPERS





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 2 & 3

KB	Leonard Ayda Renya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amazing efforts in reading. - Awesome work with numbers in maths. - Awesome efforts in reading groups.
KK	Dhamma Tex Emily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For always being kind and considerate of others. - For his persistence and effort in all learning. - Her amazing efforts in writing.
KT	Maisie Akira Maisie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For her improvements in reading. - Working hard in all areas of learning - Working hard in maths this week.
1/2C	Red Joseph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fantastic effort in class. - Fantastic effort in class.
1/2H	Jacobi Lulu Lulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being an amazing role model for others. - Being an amazing role model for others. - Winning a gold medal in typing.
1/2P	Ayla Paige	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued hard work in all of her learning. - Caring friend.
1/2T	Duke Remi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being a courteous + cooperative student - Well done! - Being an enthusiastic participant in our Bugs Unit.
2/3B	Aileen Maui	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An excellent attitude towards all learning tasks. - Positive mindset towards learning tasks.
3/4S	Jonathon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outstanding effort in maths.
3/4T	Kai Mariah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent contributions to all class discussions. - Excellent focus and hard work in maths.
4/5B	Sean Frankie Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Always trying his absolute best. - Having beautiful manners. - Focus and brilliant effort this term.
5/6B	Ellidy Quentan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent effort in handwriting and bookwork. - Terrific effort in literacy.
5/6E	Lili	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great effort in mathematics.
5/6V	Daniel Alice Shailyse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating imitative text and ideas. - Understanding how to convert fractions. - Improvement in mental computations.
Music	Hayley 3/4S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Always completing her music tasks well.
RFF	Mirielle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent effort in music and drama

Great News!!

The Great Book Swap is to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Please continue to donate your preloved (in good condition) books for children and upper primary.

The event will be held on Wednesday, 17 November, 2021 (week 7). More details will follow. Happy reading!

Mrs Eddy & the amazing 5/6E

BRONZE AWARD

Term 4 Week 2 & 3

3/4T	Felix
5/6B	Chloe

SILVER AWARD

Term 4 Week 2 & 3

KB	Renya, Makayla, Tex, Dhamma
KK	Kai, Macie, Jessa
KT	Jaya
1/2C	Archie, Izac
1/2H	Mireille, Alice, Hugh, Elle
1/2P	Gianna
1/2T	Adelaide
2/3B	Brodie, Akira, Jazmyn, Cruze, Charlie, Dexter
3/4S	Bodhie
4/5B	Sean, Violet, Grace
5/6B	Hugo

GOLD AWARD

Term 4 Week 2 & 3

KB	Frankie
1/2C	Gemma, Eve, Summer, Kaden
1/2T	Sienna, Ruby, Duke, Charlotte, Lexi
5/6B	Chloe

DISCO

All students are invited to participate in an in-school disco next Tuesday, 2 November. We know how much the kids love a good disco and are unable to run our usual night time disco due to Covid restrictions at the moment, but we are still able to run school organised activities in stage groups. So, we will be staging a Year 6 fundraising mufiti day and disco next week with the theme of "Summer Fun" for kids to come dressed in sun safe summer clothing for mufiti. The cost of this disco will be \$5.00 to cover entry cost for the disco, mufiti dress, a popper drink, and a zooper dooper ice stick. For students who do not wish to dance, a gold coin donation would be appreciated to be able to wear mufiti clothing. We hope that the kids all have a great time dancing and enjoying the music.



JETS CAR PARK OPEN FOR PARENTS/VISITORS

Due to ongoing traffic congestion at our Kiss and Drop area each afternoon, our P&C reps discussed possible options, and we have decided to re-open the Jets car park to allow parents to park and walk across the road.

We just need parents to be very mindful of social distancing regulations at the moment to avoid the area becoming a big meeting place for adults and students. Please exit the area once you have collected your child/ren to enable us to do what is required according to Level 3 regulations.

We hope that opening up the car park again reduces some of the traffic congestion.

YEAR 4 CAMP CANCELLATION

Students in Year 4 will be bringing home a note to let families know that we have sadly had to make the decision to cancel our planned excursion to Camp Goodenough as it does not fit within current Covid guidelines. We are sad the kids will miss out on this opportunity, but it is unfortunately out of our hands.

5/6E IS SEEKING YOUR TRASH!

We are sourcing a particular type of trash such as ...

- Unwanted Legos (all sizes)
- Buttons
- Small shells
- Milk bottle lids
- Soft drink lids
- Mini farm animals the kids don't play with anymore
- Mini McDonald's toys, any toy that is tiny, no matter how obscure!
- Hair ties with baubles.
- Small broken toys

Things parent might want to get rid of:

- beaded necklaces you no longer wear or costume jewelry
- small caps of beauty products
- DIY acrylic nails that don't fit
- small caps of medicine bottles
- Old nuts and bolts
- Anything small/tiny and plastic tiny tubing
- Plastic straws

Thank you for your support

Mrs Michelle Eddy
Teacher



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MANGOS ARE BACK!

Our annual mango fundraiser is starting to get quite the following with many satisfied customers asking if we are selling again this year. We're delighted to be able to say yes! Mango orders are now being taken. Order forms have been sent home with your child.

Due to limited mangos this season, the trays will be smaller in size at 4.5kg compared to the usual 7kg, to make sure there is enough to go around. They're available at \$20 a tray and you'll need to be able to collect them from Bilambil Hall in mid-December (date to be advised.) Sell to your family, ask your neighbours, pop it up on your social media and get as many orders as you can. Our opportunities to fundraise have been limited this year so we're happy to be able to bring in some funds again to enhance our school. Get your orders in by the end of next week, November 5.

CANTEEN CAMPAIGN

This term we're focusing on fresh and healthy window food, with the occasional special thrown in when we have the time. The kids are loving it and we appreciate the feedback from parents too! We've introduced Meatless Monday at the recess window and it is going well with everything available at low prices to encourage the children to try new dishes.

We are also running a new campaign aimed at rewarding kids for their healthy choices. This is proving very popular and the kids will always try a veggie if it means a prize!

VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare any time at all to assist in our canteen or uniform shop? Our current volunteers are stretched to capacity and we're having to limit the number of birthdays we can cater for as we still need to provide recess and lunch for all the other students who have orders in that day. We're so proud of the nutritious – and delicious – menu at our canteen, we just need a few more helpers to ensure we can keep up with the demand.

There's very few reasons parents and grandparents can come on site at the moment, but this is one of them and the kids just love seeing someone they know at the canteen window.

The start of the year is also really busy for our uniform shop as we get the kindy kids and any other new students ready for school. We'd love to have a couple more people trained up ready for the new year rush.

Let us know your availability by sending us a message via Facebook, call the school and ask to be put through to the canteen or contact Belinda on 0404 013 085.

WE WANT YOUR OLD UNIFORMS

Has your child had a growth spurt? Are they moving on to high school and won't be needing their Bilambil School uniform any more? Please consider donating any unwanted uniforms to our second-hand supplies. Send them in with your child and leave it at the canteen.

Remember to also check out our lost property box if you are missing any items! We have a mountain of lost property with no names!

CAR PARK HAPPINESS

Many of us are very happy to see the Jets car park is now open for school pick up and drop off. It's been a decision of the school to close the car park as part of its covid-safe plan to minimise people congregating in groups and supporting social distancing requirements.

Mr Robinson is aware of the delays and traffic congestion around the Kiss and Drop area so has opened the car park again. Please continue to social distance and show patience at the school gates so we can keep the car park open.

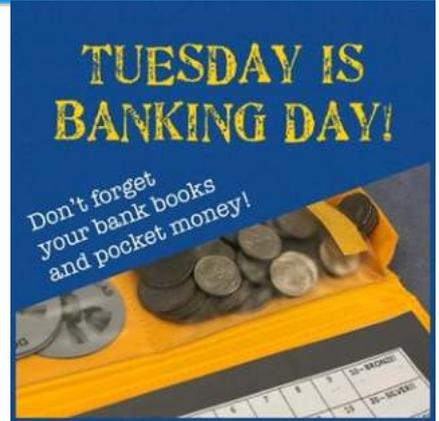


LAST CHANCE FOR BANKING

After 90 years the Commonwealth Bank will be ending its School Banking program.

This means you only have until the end of this year to count your pocket money and build your savings using the school banking service through our school.

Our fantastic banking volunteers – Bronny, Janelle and Jody, will keep on depositing your money into your accounts every Tuesday until the end of this year. So it's more important than ever to remember to bring in your bank books!



NEXT P&C MEETING:

P&C Meetings are a great way to keep informed about what's happening at our school. Please come along and add your voice to our discussions.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 23 November at 3.45pm via Zoom. Send your email address to bilambilpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au and we'll send you the link to our meeting.



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