

PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT – NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As of 5pm today, Wednesday 31 March, the following rules will apply to the local government areas of Tweed Shire Council, Ballina Shire Council, Byron Shire Council and Lismore City Council:

- Mask wearing will become compulsory on public transport, in retail stores, and in all public indoor settings
- the one person per 4 square metre rule will apply at all public indoor settings including hospitality venues
- the number of household visitors will be capped at 30 including holiday rental properties.

These restrictions will remain in place until 11:59pm on Monday 5 April, when the community will be updated.

These rules have minimal impact on school operations in these local government areas. The only additional considerations for schools are:

- Schools will need to ensure students 12 years and older and staff use a mask when using public transport to get to school organised events.
- For indoor events review existing COVID-19 Safety plans that involve parents/carers or other adult visitors to ensure it complies with the one person 4 square meter rule.

Let us all hope that the current situation eases over the holidays and that we can get things back on track. We will post SchoolStream alerts closer to the end of the holidays to advise of any necessary changes, but community members are urged to keep a close watch on NSW and Qld Health alerts in the coming days.

STRANGER DANGER

As a result of a report from a community member on Monday morning about a stranger sitting in our Kiss and Drop area, I have requested that teachers discuss the dangers of unknown adults approaching kids outside of school, and to remind them of the No Go Tell strategy they learn during Child Protection lessons each year. You may have seen me welcoming and chatting to kids as they entered school grounds on Tuesday as we are keeping our eyes open for anything strange. We urge all parents to have a similar discussion with your children about personal safety and what to do if they are approached by a stranger who may threaten them.

HOLIDAY TRAVELS AND SAFETY

As we are about to commence a welcome 2 week holiday break, commencing with the Easter long weekend, can I wish all community members a safe and happy holiday period. For those travelling away, please drive carefully and ensure that you take a break if driving long distances. The holidays are always a good time for families to share time together so enjoy this break. We look forward to seeing all of our smiling, happy little faces when they return to school for what will be a busy term 2.

END AND START OF SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 ends this Thursday 1 April 2021. **Students are to return for the commencement of Term 2 on Tuesday 20 April 2021.** Please note that staff will be returning to school for a school development day on Monday 19 April so we can engage in professional learning regarding our school improvement plan.

Our school office will be open during this time for any enquiries. We look forward to seeing you all again in a couple of weeks.

Jeff Robinson
Principal



WHAT A FUN TERM 1 5/6E HAVE HAD!

Wow, What a hectic and fun filled term! 5/6E began Term 1 learning about Lunar New Year and when researching their zodiac sign, most discovered that this was their year - 'Year of the Ox'. We concluded by celebrating with our own Lantern Festival, during which we learnt how to make dumplings and to write Chinese characters for wealth, ox and happy.

We have also been busy this term building relationships with our kindy buddies and buddy class, KK. Buddy reading each week has been a real hit and the benefits are already evident.

"The advantages of a buddy reading program for younger students include them feeling safe and happy, as well as demonstrating improved engagement in reading. For their older buddies, it can help them develop improved self-esteem, confidence in reading and increased cognitive awareness."

We were very fortunate to fit in our Science excursion to Brisbane before the latest COVID outbreak. 5/6E have been busy writing a newspaper report of their experience. A couple of samples from Zy & Olivia have been attached on the next page for you to enjoy.

Mrs Eddy and 5/6E



EXCURSION TO BRISBANE

Zy Crutchett

Stage 3 went on a science excursion to Brisbane on Friday, 19 of March. They visited fun places like Spark lab and Botanical Gardens.

In the Spark lab, there is a space and science exhibition with around 15 hands -on activities to explore. Some top activities were the Gravity Run where you can create your own marble courses, Science Bar where you can watch some cool science shows, and the Coloured Shadow which lets you make your own shadows on the wall.



Next, Stage 3 went to the Planetarium. They learnt about space in the observatory then went into the Cosmic Skydome. It is a fun place where space images are projected on the roof and they tell you about space and the milky way.

Joel Parkes said, "My favourite was the Cushion Stack because it shows you about physics." Abe Brady said, "My favourite is the Planetarium dome because I liked the pictures of the comets."

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE DAY

Olivia Baker

On Friday the 19 of March, Stage 3 students from Bilambil Public School travelled by bus to Brisbane.

Once they made it to Brisbane they got to eat their morning tea before walking to Spark Lab. Spark Lab is a fun and interactive place to learn about science. One of the interesting exhibits was the Plasma Ball. One person would place their finger on the top while another would slowly touch their hand, when you will get a strong electric charge. Stage 3 also enjoyed the Cushion Stack. There were 24 numbered cushions and they had to be stacked in order to create a bridge shape.

Next on the itinerary was the Planetarium and the Botanical Gardens. Students enjoyed their lunch admiring the gardens. They all played a quick game of Bob-Down tiggly while they waited for their session to start. Stage 3 got with a partner and completed a quiz about space. Next, they got to lay down on a chair watching a show about space on the 12.5 metre projection dome. They enjoyed feeling as if they were up in space exploring all the planets.

Lilli who went on the excursion said "I enjoyed Spark Lab the best and would definitely recommend the excursion.

Awesome work Zy and Olivia!





YEAR 5 & 6 ENJOYED A FUN FILLED DAY AT BRISBANE MUSEUM'S SPARKLAB AND PLANTARIUM

As a part of their unit on 'Earth's Place in Space,' students from Years 5 and 6 made their way up to Brisbane to visit the Brisbane Museum's Sparklab and Planetarium. In Sparklab, they got to have hands experiences investigating how different substances react to being in a vacuum, how certain wing shapes create lift and drag and how magnets can be used as brakes, as well as specialised talks on how Mars gets its red colour.

The students enjoyed eating and playing in the beautiful botanic gardens before being whisked away to another galaxy while still being inside of the planetarium. The spectacular show gave special insight into our place in the solar system and blew some minds with its incredible visuals.

Stage 3 Teachers





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 1

Week 8 & 9

KB	Leonard - Slowing down when finishing work Raffy - Improved efforts in all areas
KK	Jaxon - His consistent effort with his handwriting. London - Her fantastic efforts in maths groups.
KT	Spencer - Always trying his best in class. Being a kind and caring member of KT. Nimrit
1/2C	Kaden - Fantastic creative writing Katie - Fantastic effort in class.
1/2H	Harper - Her amazing computational and reasoning skills in mathematics. Brodie - Becoming more confident in all learning areas.
1/2P	Frank - Working hard in maths and consistent effort.
1/2T	Lily - A great attitude towards her learning. Adelaide - A fantastic effort towards her learning.
2/3B	Jasmine - Ongoing improvements in reading, well done!
3/4S	Delilah - Working hard in maths.
4/5B	Laylah - Extending her written responses in more details. Sienna - Creating fantastic artworks.
5/6B	Brock - Working hard in literacy. James - Great commitment to helping others.
5/6E	Cooper - Being a wonderful role model for his peers. Jazara - Being a strong independent worker.
5/6V	Marley - Consistently displaying the quality of a leader.

RF	Skye - A beautiful performance in music.
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BRONZE AWARD

Term 1 Week 9 & 10

1/2T	Ebony & Isabella
5/6B	Chloe, Malika & Aleigha

UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 1 & 2 2021

● **School items** ● **P&C Items**

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Thursday 1 April	● Hot Dog/Ice Cream Day
Thursday 1 April	● Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 19 April	● Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 April	● Students Return ● Canteen Closed
Wednesday 21 April	● Canteen Open
Thursday 22 April	● Canteen Open
Friday 23 April	● Canteen Open

Term 2 Week 2

Monday 26 April	● Canteen Open
Tuesday 27 April	● Canteen Closed
Wednesday 28 April	● Canteen Open
Thursday 29 April	● Canteen Open
Friday 30 April	● Canteen Open



Bilambil P.S saw some awesome costumes from our Muffin Day last week



Thank you so much for continuously supporting Bilambil PS, especially through fundraising. This term, we are joining in on our **School X-County** to raise money for big projects within our school. Projects like refurbishing the Library, a shade sail for the stage 3 courtyard, a new fridge for the canteen, a new electronic sign for the front of the school, maths resources, iPads for learning and new home readers.

Start fundraising today. Did you know students raise 3 times more when they fundraise online? Visit myprofilepage.com.au to create your child's cyber-safe online fundraising profile.

Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet.

Let the fundraising begin! You have until **Wednesday 21 April** to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking! You can also use your sponsorship booklet to collect cash donations. Please return your cash donations and sponsorship booklet to the office.



How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal! It's okay if they change their mind – you order their exact prizes later. You can order your child's prizes online at myprofilepage.com.au between now and Tuesday 20 April. Alternatively, complete the back page of your sponsorship booklet when you return your cash donations. Students can choose a prize based on the total amount of dollars raised or mix and match smaller prizes.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit!

Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By creating an avatar, sharing your page with friends and reaching milestone donations, they can share in up to \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Become a Fundraising MonSTAR!

Collect all virtual badges on your online profile page and receive your own Fundraising MonSTAR bag tag.

Class Reward Prizes.

Teamwork counts! If your class creates the most online profile pages each student will receive a Fundraising MonSTAR handball. If your class raises the most money they will win the Dominoes Pizza Party.

Top Student Award.

The student who raises the most money wins a \$25 school canteen voucher.

FundRazor of the Year Award.

Do you think you can top the national leader board? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$4,900! Cruising around with these awesome Razor prizes will make you the coolest family in town!

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENTS

The P&C are very happy to say that we are in the process of donating \$15,000 towards the Library upgrade project.

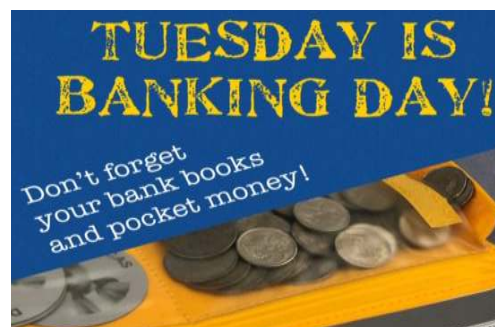
It is so great that we can contribute to bettering our school. Mr Menin is a very happy man, and all your children will be very happy too when the refurbishing is completed next term.



SCHOOL BANKING

We've had a great start to the year with a number of new bankers joining the program, including our friends at the Preschool. It's great to see younger siblings getting into the practice of saving too. Our school banking program raised \$460 last year, simply by kids depositing their pocket money into their bank account through school.

Tuesdays is school banking day so remember to bring in your Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver deposit books and your money. You can earn rewards by saving regularly, no matter how small the amount you save. Regular saving is what counts.



NEW CANTEN MENU COMING SOON!

We've removed all egg and shellfish products from our menu in support of the school's management plan relating to the health needs of one of our students, which means we have an exciting new menu coming for the start of Term 2! The majority of our menu (85%) is made fresh in our canteen and we exceed the expectations of the Health Canteen requirements. Our online ordering system trial has been a huge success and we hope to soon be able to offer all our menu items online. You can still place your lunch order via the old fashioned brown paper bag and cash, but for those who like the convenience of cashless online ordering please use the MySchoolConnect <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/login> platform. You can request specific changes in the comments section.



WANT TO HELP?

The quality of the food offered through our canteen does mean more work for our volunteers, but we believe fresh is best and the additional effort is well worth it for our kids. We are welcoming a couple of new canteen volunteers on board - thank you!! - but he could still do with a few more to lighten the load if you have a day to spare each week, fortnight or even month! Contact our canteen manager, Danelle, via the P&C Facebook page or leave a message with the office.

We're also looking for people to help out in our uniform shop for half an hour or so on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Our P&C Dollars Incentive Scheme provides a thank you to volunteers for every hour of their time they give by enabling them to redeem \$1 for every hour spent volunteering with the P&C.

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