

**YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2021**

Students from our school have recently undertaken, an education tour of our national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government has contributed funding of \$90 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Upon our return, students were asked to reflect on the highlights and what they have learned from their trip to Canberra.

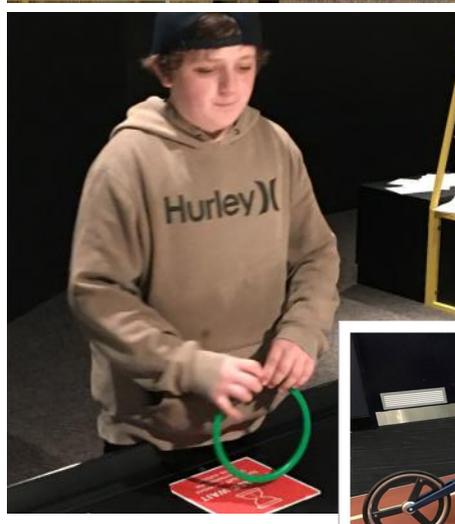
The best part of the Canberra excursion was:

- ▶ We got to go to Parliament House and watch Question Time, where all the politicians come together and ask questions about current issues in Australia. **Jessica 5/6B**
- ▶ The War Memorial because I liked the tomb of the unknown soldier and the wall with all the names, because it remembers the soldiers that fought for our country. **Cooper 5/6E**
- ▶ Going to Questacon because it was fun to play and learn! **Malika 5/6B**
- ▶ seeing the lego model of Parliament House because it was very detailed and realistic. There was even a Senate and a House of Representatives. **Chloe 5/6B**
- ▶ The bike ride along the lake because it was really fun and we got to see lots of places in Canberra. **Ruby 5/6B**
- ▶ The Dinosaur Museum because I liked learning about the different types of dinosaurs. **Rhiannon 5/6B**
- ▶ The War Memorial because it was interesting seeing the things our soldiers used, what they lived through and learning about the tomb of the unknown soldier. **Joel 5/6E**
- ▶ The Dinosaur Museum because it had so many fossils and sculptures. It was so awesome! **Kahali 5/6E**
- ▶ The War Memorial because it was interesting to see who fought for us in all the wars. **Sienna 5/6V**
- ▶ The Parliament House because we got to see Scott Morrison on Question Time. **Sooke 5/6V**

Sharon Butler  
Gavin Irvine  
Zane Vockler



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## YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA

Year 6 students and families would like to express their thanks to our school community for their generous support of our raffle and jelly bean guessing competition.

The lucky winners are:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize:** Skateboard from Pharside Skate shop - **Kelly Willems**

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize:** \$100 gift voucher for Pharside Skate shop - **Hayley Selfe**

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize:** Handmade Indian summer blanket - **J Woodall**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Really Board cap and t- shirt from Pharside Skate shop - **Sooke from Year 6.**

The jelly bean guessing competition winner was Adelaide from Year 1, who guessed the closest to 4626 jellybeans. She is very lucky to have taken home this huge amount of jellybeans! Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the Year 6 fundraising, by donating prizes, buying raffle tickets, supporting the cake stall, and guessing the number of jellybeans. Every child who attended the excursion was able to receive \$43.20 as credit or fees in advance as a result, which is a great effort.

Thank you  
Year 6 teachers



## FRONT OFFICE UPGRADE

Visitors to our school office would have noticed that it is starting to look a little bare. As I have mentioned at P&C and in a previous newsletter, we are getting a fairly major upgrade to our front office facilities with the front half of the office being completely re-modelled that will include an entirely new front office waiting area and reconfigured larger office spaces. We are very excited to have had work commence a week ago in installing a wall in our staff room to enable us to set up a temporary "front office" while construction takes place. This upgrade will obviously inconvenience many from time to time as we will have to deal with noise and mess and being temporarily relocated, but we hope that community will understand as we aim to upgrade our facilities to enable a better experience for visitors to our school office. Our front office will re-open at the commencement of next term in our new temporary office, a short walk down the pathway to the second door access to our admin office, usually reserved for teachers only. This area will be clearly labelled with signs at the commencement of next term.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during construction work, which is expected to take up most of term 3. Construction fencing will be installed in critical areas, including a small section of the staff carpark, for the safety of students, staff and community.

## LIBRARY UPGRADE

Our office area isn't the only area to experience an upgrade at the moment. We have been busy planning extensive changes to the library to make it more engaging for students. Over the holiday period, our library will experience a facelift that will involve a fresh coat of paint and new carpets being laid. We will then be waiting for the arrival of our new library furniture, which won't be likely until week 2 or 3 of next term. Our library will be transformed with this upgrade into a wonderful place of learning. We look forward to welcoming families to have a look once everything has been completed. We thank our P&C for contributing \$15,000 towards the cost of the furniture.

## RELIEVING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

It was very remiss of me to have not alerted community to a change in our office personnel. We said goodbye to Mrs Sharyn Currant at the end of week 5 this term after taking over the reins of our office back in January. Mrs Currant did a wonderful job for 17 weeks of managing our office and supporting students.

Unfortunately, Mrs Currant needed to return to her substantive position back at Murwillumbah East PS. We were very sad to see her leave.

However, when one door closes, another always opens, and I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Jasmine Curby to our School Administrative Manager position.

Mrs Curby comes to us from her substantive position working at Murwillumbah PS for many years. Mrs Curby has already done a wonderful job of settling into our school setting and already feels very much a part of our team. We know you will make her feel welcome should you have the chance or need to speak to her.

The process to fill our SAM role with a permanent staff member is currently underway and we hope to be able to make an announcement early next term regarding the successful candidate.

## COVID-19 SIGNING INTO SCHOOL

All community are reminded that it is critical for all visitors to our school site ensure they have used phones and the Services NSW App to sign in using the QR Code situated on the entry gates at the bus zone and the kiss and drop zone. Your support of this is appreciated. The better we get at checking-in to venues using this app, the better chance we have to stay ahead of the spread of COVID-19.

★ ★ ★ MUSIC MATES ★ ★ ★

# WE'RE BACK!

## ROCK ORCHESTRA

OPEN TO ALL YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS



LOADS OF FUN | EDUCATIONAL | GREAT MUSIC | INSPIRING

SUBMIT YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS TODAY TO GET STARTED!

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY MUSIC MATES AUSTRALIA

WARNING: THESE CLASSES MAY CAUSE FEELINGS OF EXCITEMENT AND HAPPINESS

### MUSIC MATES RETURNING

I am very excited to welcome back Scott and Josh and the team from Music Mates. We will welcome the Rock Orchestra program back into our school curriculum for the next two terms for stage 3 students (those in Years 5 and 6), with some modifications to how it will run. Students will take home a note regarding this wonderful opportunity very soon that will outline this program and how our school is looking to subsidise the cost of the program to ensure that every child in Years 5 and 6 will participate.

Normal music programming will continue with Mrs McGlenn for all students in Kindergarten through to Year 4. Please note that there will be no offering with the Music Mates program for students in these grades.



### HOLIDAY TRAVELS AND SAFETY

As we are about to commence a holiday break for two weeks, 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 time. We look forward to seeing all of our smiling, happy little faces when they return to school for what will be a busy term 3.

### END AND START OF SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 2 ends this Friday 25 June 2021. Students are to return for the commencement of Term 3 on Tuesday 13 July 2021. Please note that staff will be returning to school for a School Development Day on Monday 12 July so we can engage in professional learning regarding the new English curriculum. 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

# 2/3B HAVE BEEN BUSY BEES

2/3B are having a fantastic year so far. Our days are busy learning and having lots of fun at the same time.

In Science this semester, we have been learning about living things. We have looked at the life cycles of many animals.

In English we focused on the book "Where The Forest Meets The Sea". We researched animals that live in the Daintree Rainforest. We were able to find information such as their habitat, diet, and any other interesting facts regarding that animal using our laptops.

We were lucky enough to observe the process of Metamorphosis with our very own classroom tadpole family!!

In mathematics we have been practising our skills and thinking strategies on number. We are getting super-fast at writing and knowing our times tables and number facts.

2/3B participates in daily relaxation, silent reading and journal writing. Each week we complete activities related to Growing Strong Minds. We particularly enjoyed our Kindness activity in giving each other warm and fuzzy notes, or completing an act of kindness.

In sport, we have been practising our shot put, discus, long jump and high jump skills in preparation for our athletics carnival.

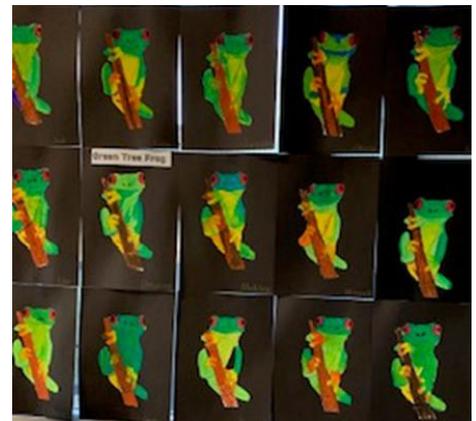
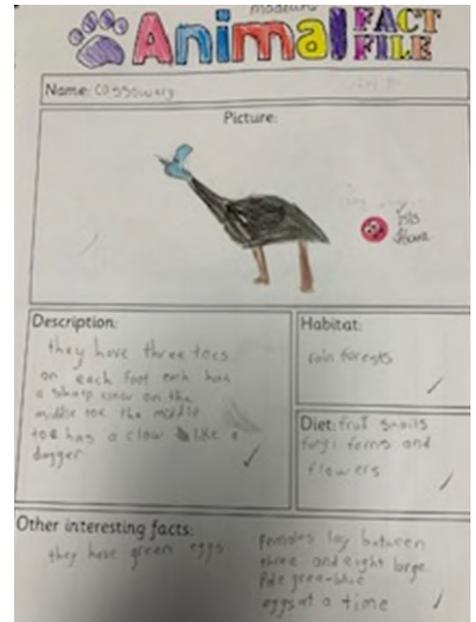
Flo Borra  
Classroom Teacher

## LUNCH ART GROUPS WITH MRS BORRA

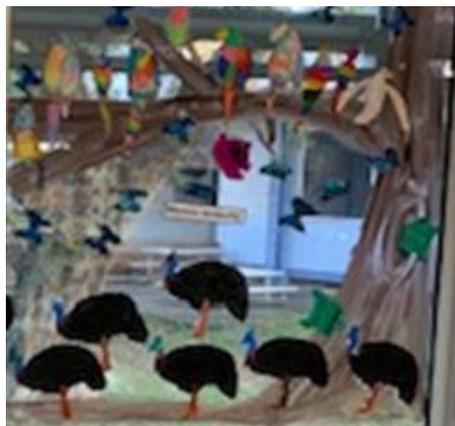
Monday and Thursday lunchtime art groups have been extremely busy this term.

Here are some items that we have created.

Junior art group have been drawing frogs and princesses



Senior art group have been busy making macram'e rainbows.



# MORE AWESOME PICTURES

FROM OUR **BUSY BEES** IN 2/3B



## UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 2 & Term 3 2021

### School items

### P&C Items

#### Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 24 June	● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Friday 25 June	● <b>Canteen Open</b> ● Last day of term 2 for students & staff

#### Term 3 Week 1

Monday 12 July	● Staff development day
Tuesday 13 July	● Students K - 6 return to commence Term 3 ● <b>School Banking Day</b> ● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Wednesday 14 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>
Thursday 15 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>
Friday 16 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>

#### Term 3 Week 2

Monday 19 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>
Tuesday 20 July	● <b>Canteen Closed</b> ● <b>School Banking Day</b>
Wednesday 21 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>
Thursday 22 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>
Friday 23 July	● <b>Canteen Open</b>

## SPORTS DESK

Well, what a term it has been for sport. AND, there's more to come!

Congratulations to our Netball and Rugby League teams. Both teams played in their respective PSSA Knockout competitions in week 8. Our netball girls played with passion and flare to win their first round game, while our league lads fought hard to win their first two rounds. Unfortunately, neither side will advance further on the PSSA Knockout competition. Well done to both teams for representing the school with pride and honour.

Last week Joel (5/6E) and Sunny (5/6V) travelled to wintry Tamworth to compete for a position in the NSW Rugby League side. The boys played several games over two days and, despite trying their very best, unfortunately missed out on one of the 17 positions available. Well done on your amazing effort, boys!

## PSSA REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following for making selection to represent Bilambil PS in PSSA sport.  
 NSW PSSA Netball - Sommer (5/6V) and Ella (5/6V) in Sydney from the 19 - 21 July  
 NSW PSSA Touch Football - James (5/6B) in Sydney from 10 - 12 August  
 Anthony Touzell  
 Sports Co-ordinator

## PSSA NETBALL GALA DAY

On Wednesday 9 June, 2021 a number of stage 3 girls were selected to represent our school in the Tweed/Murwillumbah PSSA Netball Gala Day.

They played four very close games and won three of those games. The girls showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day and had a great day doing what they love. Well done girls!

Chantelle Kidd  
 Organising Teacher





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Term 2 Week 8 & 9

<b>KB</b>	<b>Ayda Nixon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Great efforts in writing.</li> <li>- Always giving 100% in all he does.</li> </ul>
<b>KK</b>	<b>Arliah</b> <b>Indigo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For her improved effort in handwriting.</li> <li>- For always displaying wonderful manners and behaviour in class.</li> </ul>
<b>KT</b>	<b>Kayley</b> <b>Aiesha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mastering the concept of multiplication this week.</li> <li>- Following instructions consistently this week. Well done!</li> </ul>
<b>1/2C</b>	<b>Joseph</b> <b>Jace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fantastic effort in class.</li> <li>- Fantastic effort in class.</li> </ul>
<b>1/2H</b>	<b>Brax</b> <b>Elle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working well on his reading.</li> <li>- A focused approach to her learning.</li> </ul>
<b>1/2P</b>	<b>Elsie</b> <b>Hamish</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Honest student in year 1.</li> <li>- 3D Drawings.</li> </ul>
<b>1/2T</b>	<b>Te'I</b> <b>Isabella</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some fantastic work in mathematics - well done!</li> <li>- Fantastic effort in maths.</li> </ul>
<b>2/3B</b>	<b>Nate</b> <b>Dexter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Always showing his enthusiasm in class.</li> <li>- Eager student to share his ideas in classroom discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>3/4S</b>	<b>Bodhie</b> <b>Lola</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enthusiastic approach to learning</li> <li>- Enthusiastic approach to learning</li> </ul>
<b>3/4T</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiative with technology and willingness to help others.</li> </ul>
<b>4/5B</b>	<b>Charli</b> <b>Violet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Excellent work and knowledge in science groups.</li> <li>- Active participation in all activities.</li> </ul>
<b>5/6B</b>	<b>Michael</b> <b>Livinia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- His hard work and enthusiasm in mathematics and English.</li> <li>- Composing an excellent writing description.</li> </ul>
<b>5/6E</b>	<b>Destiny</b> <b>Abraham</b> <b>Sonny</b> <b>Amy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Being a positive and enthusiastic learner.</li> <li>- Being a positive and enthusiastic learner.</li> <li>- A great result in maths and science assessments.</li> <li>- Going above and beyond creating an eye catching display.</li> </ul>
<b>5/6V</b>	<b>Ella</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Producing a detailed reflection of the Canberra Excursion.</li> </ul>

## BRONZE AWARD

### Term 2, Week 8 & 9

<b>KK</b>	Lilliana
<b>1/2C</b>	Eden
<b>1/2H</b>	Brax
<b>3/4S</b>	Phoenix, Bodhie, Lola, Aidan, Archie, Ruben
<b>3/4T</b>	Ava, Oliver
<b>4/5B</b>	Dane, Ava, Lylah
<b>5/6B</b>	Arjay, Quantan, Ivy, Ruby, Seth, Vedder
<b>5/6E</b>	Mia, Tully, Lilli, Joel, Ethan, Dempsey, Ava, Marlin, Noah

## SILVER AWARD

### Term 2 Week 9

<b>1/2T</b>	Ebony, Declan, Felicity, Hugo
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## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our greatest thanks and appreciation to the Bilambil Jets JRLFC for the use of their facilities for our athletics carnival .

Also a huge thank you to our awesome Bilambil P&C for ensuring our fine athletes didn't go hungry on the day.

It is always wonderful to have such marvellous community support.

Anthony Touzell  
Sports Co-ordinator

## THE PRINCESS AND THE BAG OF PEAS

WOW! How proud are we of our very talented Stage 1 students who performed in our latest play! It was a very quick turn around with a few changes along the way, but the cast adapted and were very quick to learn their parts. Their enthusiasm was tremendous which only added to their already adept characterisation. During the holidays, I will edit the footage taken last Thursday 17 June (Thank you Mr Renehan) and the play will be ready for copying to USB sticks next term!

Donna McGlenn  
Drama Teacher

'I felt proud of myself doing this play. Now I feel like I can do anything, even when I'm nervous!'

**Gemma 1/2C**

'I felt proud but nervous. I know I can always improve and want to keep doing these plays and challenging myself. I felt like I truly became my character in this play.'

**T'el 1/2T**



## GREAT BOOK SWAP 2021

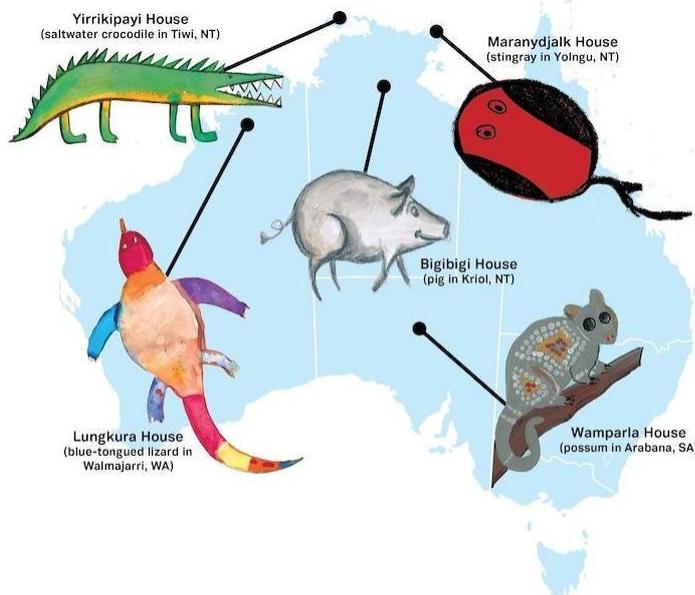
It's back bigger and better!  
Get ready for our *Great Book Swap 2021*.

On Indigenous Literacy Day, Wednesday, 1 September, 2021, the hall will again be jam packed with books available for purchase for a gold coin donation. Last years event was a huge success, largely due to the incredible support of the Bilambil community through the donation and purchase of books.

So again, we are asking you to start cleaning out your bookshelves and donate any pre-loved books in good condition to this incredibly worthwhile cause.

They can be left at the front office or taken to your child's classroom, where regular collections will be made. More information about the event will be provided early next term.

Happy reading!  
Mrs Eddy and the amazing 5/6E team



## MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Monday 21 June, I was lucky enough to travel to Ocean Shores Public School to support 4 of our students in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition! I am so proud of them all. They performed very well, speaking clearly and with confidence. While none of the girls are going through to the next stage, they are certainly winners in my mind!

Donna McGlenn  
Co-ordinating Teacher

**Billie from stage 2 said** "I was very nervous at the start but I'm so pleased I did it. I laughed at Olivia's speech!

**Olivia from stage 2 said** "I think that it was an incredible experience. I enjoyed watching the other competitors and learning from their speaking skills.





## DISCO - 'OH WHAT A NIGHT'

What a great night and successful fundraiser, raising over \$1500. Thanks to Mr Thomas and all the teachers, prac teachers, and office staff for your support.

