

## FAR NORTH COAST DANCE GROUP

Our Stage Two Dance Group were busy preparing their costumes for the upcoming Far North Coast Dance Festival in Lismore. The girls had the opportunity to tie dye their very own costumes!

A very special thank you the fabulous Brooke Lord for helping our Stage Two girls create their amazing costumes. We can't wait to show them off on stage!

Sarah Tunsted  
Sharon Butler  
FNC Dance Co-ordinators

## SPORTS DESK

What a time of year for representative sport. Congratulations to all of our students who competed in PSSA trials over the past few weeks.

All students represented our school with pride and honour and supported each other in true Bilambil PS spirit.

A special congratulations to Sooke (5/6V) who was selected to attend the NSW Girls AFL trials in Sydney on May 7. These trials were extremely competitive with 120 students from across NSW vying for a position. Unfortunately, Sooke was not selected to represent NSW on this occasion but I am sure we will see more of Sooke in the future.

Good luck to the following students who have been selected to attend the upcoming PSSA trials.

Anthony Touzell  
Sports Co-ordinator



## CONGRATUALIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS FOR REPRESENTIVE SPORT

Students	Sport
Sunny (5/6V) Joel (5/6E)	North Coast Rugby League Camp 15th and 16th May - Lake Ainsworth
Sooke (5/6V) Sonny (5/6E) Lola (3/4S) Michael (5/6B) Aleigha (5/6B) Makaira (5/6B) Lilli (5/6E)	Far North Coast PSSA Cross Country 21st May - Byron Parklands
Sommer (5/6V) Ella (5/6V)	North Coast Netball 18th May - Grafton
James (5/6B)	Far North Coast Touch Football 20th May - South Tweed

## ADMIN OFFICE UPGRADE

Late last year, we received confirmation that we were successful in receiving a grant from the DoE to upgrade our office facilities. Last term, representatives from the DoE sat down to plan what work we might have done within the budget that we have been allocated. I am happy to say that Huck's Builders have been awarded the tender to conduct our works which will include:

- A new entry to the school office and a new front office layout.
- A new waiting area for visitors to the school in the front office.
- Reconfigured office spaces to provide a larger space for our key office personnel.
- A reconfigured staff room area to provide an administration office for school executive staff.

While we are very excited about the upgrade, it will obviously present with a number of logistical matters for us to function normally while work takes place in our front office area. This will result in our actual front office space being re-located to the staff room end of the administration building, so work can commence on our new entry and offices.

Work is to commence in 2-3 weeks, where builders will create the new Executive Staff office in our current staff room annex. Once work is complete, Sharyn, Lorraine, Kelly, and Vicki will move into this new space temporarily, for work to start on the rest of the job.

Access for parents and students will be clearly labelled with signs pointing in the direction to go to our new temporary office around builders fencing that will keep students, staff and community out of work spaces. While we are expecting some teething problems as we adjust to the office becoming a building site, we appreciate your support for any inconvenience experienced by our community during the 15 weeks that building works is expected to take. All work should hopefully be completed by the end of term 3.

## LIBRARY FURNITURE UPGRADE

Our Library space will have an overdue upgrade as well, with new carpets, as well as new shelving and furniture being ordered in the coming weeks. We have participated in extensive planning to ensure we provide a welcoming and engaging library space that is functional for learning for students. We will look to have a reveal of our new library space when it has all been completed, which is expected to be early next term.

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2021-2024 STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN

School staff have recently completed work on our 2020 Annual Report, which is a reflection of activities that took place here at BPS last year. It is worth a read if you are interested to know where and how we allocated resources and the details of evaluations of specific activities. Our 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan is the culmination of a deep look into our data sources through a rigorous self-assessment and situational analysis. Our identified strategic directions for the next 4 years are:

1. Growth and Attainment – tied to improvement in curriculum implementation and growth and attainment of school results linked directly to school targets in reading, numeracy, attendance and wellbeing.
  2. High Expectations and Collaboration – tied to high expectations on improvement to teaching practice linked to current focus on high impact professional learning in numeracy with Number Talks and Instructional Rounds with Curriculum Advisor role, as well as the development of collaborative practices and feedback inside and beyond the school.
  3. Wellbeing – supporting current focus around embedding a planned approach to wellbeing.
- These documents are available to be viewed by community on our school website. Visit [www.bilambil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bilambil-p.schools.nsw.gov.au) and select About our school, then School planning and reporting, where you will find the link to both documents.

Jeff Robinson  
Principal

## YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Our trip to Canberra in Week 7 will soon be upon us and it's getting very exciting. There are quite a few notes and medical forms still to be returned and it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned by this Friday, so that dietary requirements etc can be forwarded to our accommodation. Also, please be reminded that the final payment is due on Friday 28 May.

Raffle ticket booklets will be sent home this week and need to be returned by Monday 24 May. The winning tickets will be drawn that day and money raised will be distributed amongst the Year Six students attending the excursion.

Many thanks to Jo for her generous donations of skateboard, gift voucher, t-shirt and cap! Also to Krishna for her beautiful summer blanket and Jamie for organising the giant jelly bean guessing competition jar! We are truly appreciative of your efforts.

We are looking forward to a wonderful trip to our capital!

Stage 3 Teachers.

## BOTTOM PLAYGROUND

I am sure you have heard from students that the bottom playground is still out of action for use. We currently have an insurance claim to replace flood contaminated softfall and sand, as well as repair playground equipment edging as a safety concern. The playground has been out of action since the commencement of the year. We are now placing weekly calls to try to get this work to happen ASAP.

## UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

We are very fortunate to have 8 new Southern Cross University students commencing here next week on various classes. I know our students will enjoy having extra support in the classrooms as these new teaching students hone their craft to become the teachers of the future.

Jeff Robinson  
Principal

### UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 2 2021

#### ● School items ● P&C Items

#### Term 2 Week 4

Thursday 13 May	● Naplan, (Year 3 & 5 only)
Friday 14 May	● <b>Sushi Day Only</b>

#### Term 2 Week 5

Monday 17 May	● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Tuesday 18 May	● <b>Canteen Closed</b> ● <b>Student School Banking</b> ● Book Fair Display
Wednesday 19 May	● <b>Canteen Open (TBA On Menu)</b> ● FNC Dance Festival ● Book Fair Display
Thursday 20 May	● Book Fair Display ● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Friday 21 May	● <b>Canteen Open (TBA On Menu)</b>

#### Term 2 Week 6

Monday 24 May	● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Tuesday 25 May	● <b>Canteen Closed</b> ● <b>Student School Banking</b> ● Book Fair Sale
Wednesday 26 May	● Book Fair Sale ● <b>Canteen Open (TBA On Menu)</b>
Thursday 27 May	● Book Fair Sale ● <b>Canteen Closed</b>
Friday 28 May	● Kindy Zoo Showcase ● <b>Canteen Open (TBA On Menu)</b>

### BRONZE AWARD

#### Term 2, Week 2 & 3

KB	Thea, Leonard, Nixon, Renya
KT	Nimrit, Spencer
1/2C	Gemma, Summer, Grace
1/2H	Jacobi, Lucas, Lulu
1/2P	Mia, Penny
1/2T	T'el, Felicity, Sienna, Cruze, Ruby, Adelaide
4/5B	Laylah, Georgia, Holly, Maddison
5/6B	Jessica, Makaira
5/6E	Zaili, Destiny



# WELCOME TO 1/ 2 C



1/2 C have been learning lots of wonderful things so far this year.  
We hope you like our amazing monsters.  
Closed up and little our monsters are sweet but open them up and you need to retreat!!

Jodie Colwell  
Classroom Teacher

## Monster Art





# 1/2C DESIGNING SOME FANTASTIC 2D ART AND LEARNING ABOUT NUMBER TALKS



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3+4

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13-6

6+1

5+2

10-3

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# 2021 School Swimming Scheme

On Monday 26 April 2021, some of our lucky Year 2 and 3 students embarked on their first trip to Swimming Scheme. This year, students travelled via bus to Billabong Swim School located at Casuarina Rec Club. Our resident bus driver and all round amazing, Mr Renahan ensured we got to swimming on time and despite the distance from school, made sure we were all safely back at school each day for home time. The students had a fantastic time and learnt so many valuable skills from water survival to stroke development. It was an absolute pleasure to see the students trying their best right up to the ninth day when they were tired from all their adventures.

Thank you to Josh, Courtney, Hamish and Krystal from Billabong Swim School for the amazing experience. Thank you to all the students for their wonderful behaviour and for the smiles, laughter and dedication as they swam like champions!

Mrs Bec Harvey

Stage 1 Assistant Principal









## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been running in South Africa since 2006 - they collect bread tags which a local plastics company, Zibo, buys for a small amount per kilo. The tags (high impact polystyrene, type 6 plastic) are recycled, being made into seedling trays. The proceeds are used to provide wheelchairs for the needy. At present 500kg are collected per month in South Africa, funding 2-3 wheelchairs. A great environmental and social project!

Although some individuals and organisations had been collecting prior to this, in August 2018 we launched Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs to start collecting bread tags in Australia on a national scale. Initially we sent all the tags back to South Africa with travellers and had some use of a charity container to get them there too. In February 2019 we found a recycler in Robe, SA, who was prepared to make a donation to us in exchange for tags on an ongoing basis, so now we are sending him regular shipments.

The funds are still used to buy wheelchairs for needy South Africans.

We have a constantly growing network of collection points around Australia, which you can see via our collection point map. If you would like to collect for us, you can drop your tags at one of these or contact us to make other arrangements. Even better, if you would like to host a collection point, your details will be published on our website so others can drop their tags off at your location.

There is signage for collection containers on our website :  
<https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>.

## BREAD TAGS

Last Friday, Miss Tunsted delivered our piles and piles of bread tags to a local organisation named 'Recycled Mats' located in Tweed Heads. The owners were absolutely overjoyed with the magnitude of bread tags Bilambil have collected. The bread tags are re-used to become wheelchairs.

They are also asking for any unwanted blow-up plastic pool toys to be handed in as well. These can be handed to the front office.

Let's keep collecting those bread tags Bilambil!

Sarah Tunsted  
Classroom Teacher

## LOST PROPERTY

We have lots of jumpers with no name on them in lost property, if your child is missing one without a name please send your child to Mrs Brickwood.

Thank you  
Bilambil Public School Staff







# BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

Bilambil Public School

for outstanding effort in Collection of Bread Tags



12/5/21

Date

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### THE MONSTER MASH!

Congratulations to the talented Stage 2 cast for a wonderful performance! 29 students from across the stage have been working hard every Thursday to create a play for us to enjoy.

I am very proud of the effort they each put in and feel tremendous satisfaction from watching their joy and confidence grow throughout their experience.

I look forward to showing off our final product once it has been edited!

Mrs Donna McGlinn

Being in the play made us more confident when on stage.

We enjoyed all the teamwork and kindness.

We also had a great experience learning more acting skills. – Eden (3/4T) and Laylah (4/5B)

I enjoyed having the chance to perform for others. I got a chance to speak in front of the camera becoming more confident as I went. – June (3/4T)

Donna McGlinn

Music Teacher





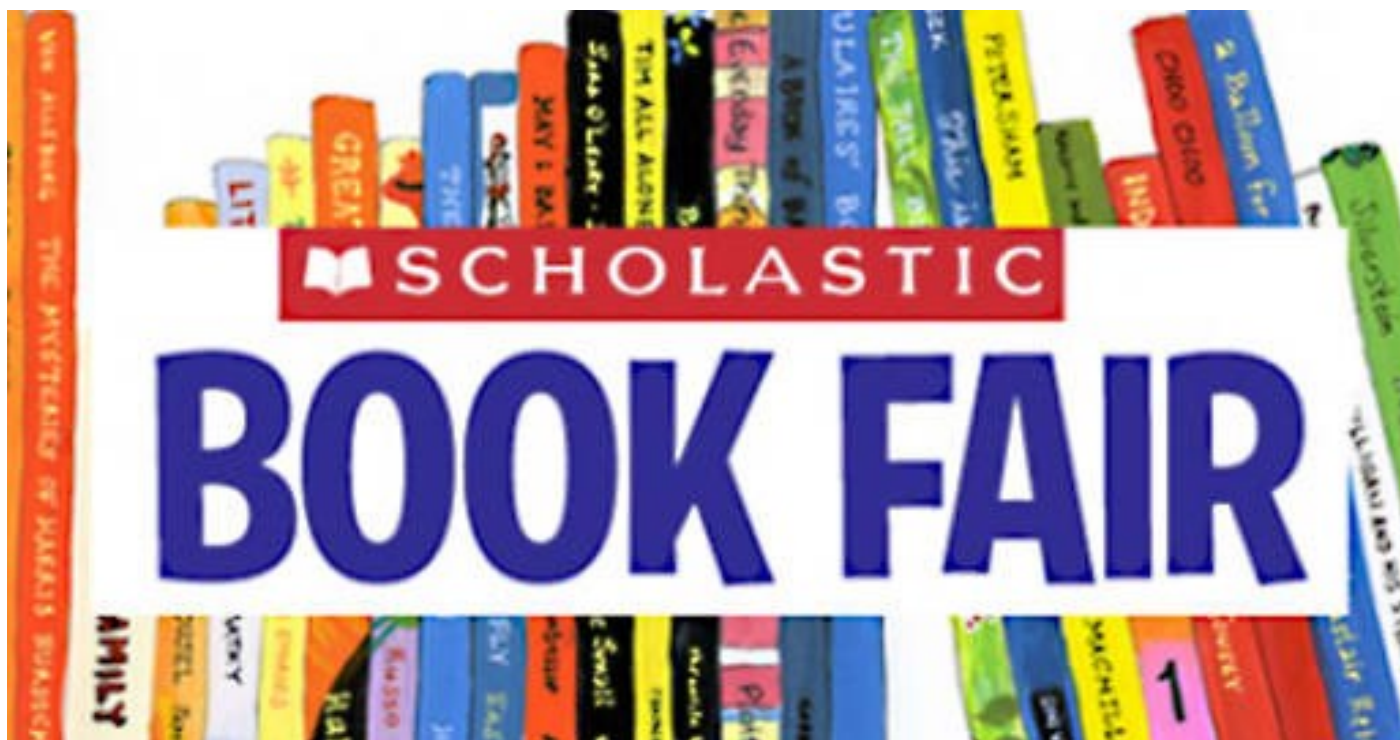


## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Term 2 Week 2 & 3

KB	<b>Toby</b>	- Great efforts in reading groups.
KK	<b>Tex London</b>	- Being a kind and caring student - For being a responsible and reliable student
KT	<b>Indiana Vivienne</b>	- Her improved efforts in soundwaves - Her consistent efforts in all areas of learning.
1/2C	<b>Maverick Jett</b>	- Perfecting his pencil grip! Well done! - Fantastic attitude & application to his learning.
1/2H	<b>Scout Mireille</b>	- A huge improvement in reading. - A huge improvement in reading.
1/2P	<b>Georgia Grant</b>	- Always listening to instructions - Always trying his best in all of his learning.
1/2T	<b>Ayla Samara</b>	- Really great reading in reading groups! - A fantastic effort towards her learning at all times.
2/3B	<b>Cheyenne Lilly</b>	- Positive attitude towards learning tasks - Amazing handwriting, well done!
3/4S	<b>Colby</b>	- For a great attitude towards his leaning.
3/4T	<b>Heath Billie</b>	- Diligent effort in mathematics. - Being a kind and caring classmate.
4/5B	<b>Hayden Holly</b>	- Fantastic effort and focus. - Consistent focus and respecting others.
5/6B	<b>Ivy Cody</b>	- Terrific writing effort - Excellent focus and commitment doing history group work.
5/6E	<b>Ethan</b>  <b>Dempsey</b>  <b>Jazara</b>	- Showing strong leadership qualities and being a wonderful role model for other students  - Showing strong leadership qualities and being a wonderful role model for other students  - Being a diligent student and always working to the best of her ability.
5/6V	<b>Azarliah Isabella</b>	- A kind and hard working student in all areas. - A kind and responsible student with an improved confidence in maths.
Music	<b>Colby</b>	- A great effort and achievement in music.





## 2021 Bilambil Book Fair

The Library will be holding the annual book fair next week. All students will have the opportunity to choose books that they want on a 'wish list' that will be brought home for families. Parents/ carers can then purchase these books online via the instructions on the back of the wish list.

We can only **accept Scholastic Book Fairs online payments** with the amount paid and the receipt number on the back of the wish list. **Cash, Eftpos and POP can not be accepted at the school.**

Jarrod Menin & Ryan Thomas  
Librarian/Teachers

Student <i>Wish List</i>		Child's Name:
Teacher:		Class:
School:		
I previewed the books at my Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some of the books that interested me:		
TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please see over for a pre-payment option.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!



**SCHOLASTIC  
Book Fairs**





## HELPING BUILD A BETTER LIBRARY

The P&C is delighted to be a part of the major library refurbishment and upgrade at our school in 2021. Our hardworking volunteers, along with the fabulous support from you – our school community – has enabled us to donate a whopping \$15,000 to support the school's library project, ensuring Mr Menin and Mr Robinson can get all those extra items on their wish list that will really make this an amazing learning space for our kids.

## CANTEEN UPDATE

Hang in there folks! We're working really hard to get our canteen back open! We're able to offer **Sushi Lunches ONLY** on Wednesday and Friday **this week** but stay tuned as we look to restore more items to the menu over coming weeks. Online ordering is still suspended at this stage, so place your orders via the classroom lunch baskets until we can get the online process operating again. Thank you to those who have offered to help Danelle in the canteen! We very much appreciate you all.

## WINTER UNIFORMS IN STOCK

It's starting to get chilly down here in the valley, but we've restocked our shelves with jumpers of all sizes to help you get through the winter. Order online and let us know if you would like to collect them from the office or have them sent home with your child. Please remember to label all your clothing with your child's name, especially jumpers and hats!

## MOTHER'S DAY DELIGHTS

We hope you enjoyed your hand-picked gifts from our Mother's Day stall, as much as your children loved choosing them for you. Although it isn't one of our main fundraisers, as we run this stall each year just as a service to our families, but thank you to the amazing hand-made items donated by our creative parents Belinda, Susan, Krishna, Stephanie, Chantelle, Hayley and Bronny. We were able to raise \$714 profit from the sales. Thank you also to our fundraising coordinator, Louise, and her stall helpers Veronica, Sascha and Bronny for making Mum's day.

## MORE FUN ON THE WAY...

We've got something for everyone this year, including:

- School Disco (Theme: My Future Self)
- Jellybean Jar Guessing Competition
- Winter Pie Drive
- Summer Mango Trays
- Father's Day Stall
- 5c Drive
- Monster Raffle
- Athletics Carnival Cake Stall and BBQ

Stay tuned for details.

## EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT US

Don't forget you can also help us to raise money and sports equipment for our school just by shopping at the Athletes Foot or Rebel Sport, and mentioning you would like to allocate reward points from your purchase to Bilambil PS. Both of these businesses give cash back to our school as part of their community partnership programs.

There's also the discounted dining, travel and shopping offers available through the Entertainment Books which support our school. All you have to do is order your Entertainment Book online at [www.entbook.com.au/14p5925](http://www.entbook.com.au/14p5925)

Our Tuesday School Banking program not only encourages children to grow their money through regular saving, but the Commonwealth Bank pays us a small amount as a thank you every time a child deposits money through our school. While your child's bank balance grows, so does ours. Too easy!

Thank you for your ongoing support .