

### COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

As per our recent School Stream alerts and note sent home last week, restrictions are currently still in place to prevent all non-essential visitors into our school.

Please remember that if you need to enter our school grounds, you must have signed in, you must wear a face mask as you make your way through the school to the office, and you must adhere to social distancing protocols.

Whilst in the kiss and drop area, parents are asked to remain in cars to ensure the smooth flow of traffic, as staff will help students get into vehicles to ensure safety. For those who like to park at the Jets and wait at the gate for the kids, please maintain social distancing from other families to ensure we are complying with guidelines. Your support in all of these adjustments is appreciated.

### ADMIN OFFICE UPGRADE

Work has now commenced on our upgrade, and our temporary office has been established at the staff room end of the administration building.

Access for parents and students is 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 workspaces.

Please make sure that you sign in upon arrival using the provided QR code attached to all entry gates for the Services NSW app and sign in manually at the new office. Work is expected to be completed by the end of term.

### BOTTOM PLAYGROUND

Work is about to commence to replace the soft fall and sand from our playground areas. This will then see our playground reopened for students to use.

### NAIDOC DAY RECOGNITION

We had a spectacular NAIDOC Day here on Monday that involved students immersed in Aboriginal cultural activities including storytelling, dance, art and games.

Thank you to Aunty Natasha and Ms Boland for coordinating all of the work to put together a wonderful program of activities, and thank you to our special visitors Uncle Mouji and Aunty Deidre for our morning welcome and dance showcase with engaging storytelling, to Aunty Elle for the art work completed with all students across the school, to Aunty Tealisha for her engaging and insightful storytelling, and to the Kids Caring for Country dance group. It was a wonderful day where we embraced the theme of "Heal Country!" as we joined together to demonstrate our respect and support of First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding.

Thank you

Jeff Robinson  
Principal





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Term 2 Week 10 & Term 3 Week 1

|              |                         |  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>KB</b>    | <b>Hugo</b>             | - Awesome efforts in reading groups.   |
|              | <b>Arlia</b>            | - Awesome efforts in reading groups.   |
| <b>KK</b>    | <b>Jessa</b>            | - Persevering with her writing, keep up the good work!   |
|              | <b>Amelia</b>           | - Her fantastic efforts with her holiday writing.  |
| <b>KT</b>    | <b>Viv</b>              | - Her amazing behaviour at Currumbin!  |
|              | <b>Jaya</b>             | - A great start to Term 3!   |
| <b>1/2C</b>  | <b>Peyton</b>           | - Being a wonderful asset to our class.  |
|              | <b>Zoe</b>              | - Fantastic attitude towards her learning.   |
| <b>1/2H</b>  | <b>Alice Van</b>        | - Applying herself to her learning.<br>- A great effort with his learning this week.   |
| <b>1/2P</b>  | <b>Hannah</b>           | - Work presentation.   |
| <b>1/2T</b>  | <b>Gloria Felicity</b>  | - Giving her best in all learning tasks.<br>- Trying hard in mathematics - well done!  |
| <b>2/3B</b>  | <b>Charlie</b>          | - For being a enthusiastic member of 2/3B.   |
|              | <b>Chris</b>            | - Enthusiasm in the classroom.   |
| <b>3/4S</b>  | <b>Taj</b>              | - Improved attitude towards his learning.  |
|              | <b>Olivia</b>           | - Having a great attitude.   |
| <b>3/4T</b>  | <b>Ava Felix Jayden</b> | - Focused and positive attitude.<br>- Settling in beautifully to BPS.<br>- Settling in beautifully to BPS.   |
| <b>4/5B</b>  | <b>Ava Hudson</b>       | - Always trying so hard and never giving up.<br>- A mature and settled approach to his learning.   |
| <b>5/6B</b>  | <b>Gwen Banjo</b>       | - Always taking pride in her book work.<br>- Great reflective and perceptive thinking.   |
| <b>5/6E</b>  | <b>Thomas Keanu</b>     | - Having a go at every running race at the athletics carnival.<br>- For beginning the semester with a much improved work ethic and focus in class. |
| <b>5/6V</b>  | <b>Sunny</b>            | - Improved fluency in reading carnival.  |
| <b>Music</b> | <b>Zoe</b>              | - Excellent recall of choir lyrics and enthusiastic singing!   |

## BRONZE AWARD

### Term 2, Week 10 & Term 3 Week 1

|             |                                 |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1/2C</b> | Joseph, Archie                  |
| <b>1/2P</b> | Brax, Ivy, Andre, Loma, Lydtaka |
| <b>2/3B</b> | Oscar                           |
| <b>3/4S</b> | Kenyon, Ethan                   |
| <b>4/5B</b> | Koby, Caleb, Kalumb, Hudson     |
| <b>5/6B</b> | Gwen, Jack, Banjo, Ellidy       |
| <b>5/6E</b> | Sonny                           |
| <b>5/6V</b> | Azarliah, Shailyse              |

## SILVER AWARD

### Term 2 Week 10 & Term 3 Week 1

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| <b>1/2P</b> | Mia, Elise                   |
| <b>1/2T</b> | Isabella, Samara, Ruby, T'el |

## School Photo Day

School Photo day approaches!!! We have The School Photographer coming in on Thursday 4 August, which is in week 4 Term 3.

So get haircuts booked and shoes polished ready for a snapshot in time of your gorgeous little cherubs. The School Photographer always look forward to coming back to Bilambil as our kids are always so cooperative and have huge smiles that make the photos look great.

Families that have not yet placed their orders and require a envelope or a sibling envelope please contact the school office and we will send one home.

Thank you

Jeff Robinson  
Principal



## SAFE ON SOCIAL – TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

When talking with your kids about their time online, try always to be positive and be open. Put healthy boundaries in place immediately. It is essential to know and understand that many of the same behaviours that keep children safe offline can help keep children safe online. Here are a just few tips:

- During the lockdowns in 2020, online predatory behaviour towards Australian children skyrocketed to over 122% (quoted by the ACCCE). Now is an excellent opportunity to talk to your kids about what they are doing online, safe and age-appropriate platforms, and the steps they take to stay safe online. Make sure they can tell you without fear of being banned from their devices if anything happens online that makes them feel weird in the tummy, upsets them in any way or they see something confronting.
- Agree on how much time your kids spend online in addition to their schoolwork. Include how long they can play games, what group chats they are allowed to use, and how long they spend on them.
- Ban devices at dinner for the whole family...parents, including no devices after a particular time.
- Encouraging and constantly reinforcing positive social values is extremely important. We all need to be kind, respectful, and responsible online (and offline!!) at all times. Understanding why this is so important can help keep kids safe online.
- Use Safe Search options that most browsers and standard search engines have (usually under the 'Settings' menu) and parental controls on devices, especially for younger children.
- Know where to seek help and assistance for both you and your child if you should need it. To report severe Cyber Bullying, Image-Based Abuse, Illegal and Harmful Content, and Adult Online Abuse, visit [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au); if contact includes threats of harm, suspicion of grooming, and child exploitation, contact your local police or Crime Stoppers immediately.
- You must be aware of any signs of your child being distressed. It is also vital that your child can contact and access support, for example, through the kids helpline. <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> or phone 1800 551 800. It is worthwhile going to their website and printing out their details and sticking them on the fridge. For adults contact: Beyond Blue – <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/> or 1300 224 636 Lifeline - <https://www.lifeline.org.au/> or 131114
- Be careful not to share photos that may compromise your child or affect their privacy and protection during lockdown when sharing your own stories and pictures. It may seem like a great way to stay connected but always think of your kids' privacy first.
- If you have a child into gaming, try online gaming to connect with your kids during a lockdown. This can be a valuable way to talk about their world and what is important to them.
- It is crucial that you also find some time to do offline activities with children and encourage them to do things that we often don't get a chance to, like baking, craft, art, and gardening. You can shop online and have clay, contraptions to press and dry flowers, and everything online. You might find that your kids find a new passion that isn't online!

Thank you

Jeff Robinson  
Principal



# Kindy had an awesome day on their excursion to



On Monday 21 June, 2021 KB, KK and KT went on their first excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

We had lots of fun seeing all the animals including kangaroos, crocodiles, an echidna, a Tasmanian Devil, koalas and a variety of birds. A big thank you to Lindy (Thea's mum) who was our personal tour guide on the day.

Karen Baird  
Chantelle Kidd  
Sarah Tunsted

Henry enjoyed his big day out with our Kindergarten students at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Henry had the most wonderful time exploring Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary with all his friends from KB. He loved riding on the bus, seeing the animals and playing in the park.









## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES

The athletics carnival provided a wonderful way to end Term 2. Early drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of our athletes as they turned out in huge numbers to compete in the first event of the day, the 800m race. With springs in their legs, the students had to run three laps of the oval, only to back up for the 200m race immediately after. By this time the sun was shining and so was the competitive spirit between our houses. The pure speed and determination on display for the sprint races was electric. Our pre-school students even got in on the act.

Well done and thank you to all of our students who competed with tremendous pride and sportsmanship to make the day a huge success. Thank you also to the P&C who kept our athletes fed throughout the day.

The finals for the field events will take place this Friday on the school grounds. All qualifiers for the district carnival will be notified on Friday as well. The district carnival is scheduled for Friday 30 July at Kingscliff Little Athletics.

Anthony Touzell  
Sport Co-ordinator









## ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022.

If you have a child or know of any families starting Kindergarten next year in 2022, please make sure you pop into our front office for your enrolment pack and give the office staff your contact details or apply online through our website: [www.bilambilpublicschool.com](http://www.bilambilpublicschool.com)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

Karen Baird  
Assistant Principal

## Premier's Debating Challenge

Our year 6 debaters, Olivia 5/6E, Lilli 5/6E, Isla 5/6B and Cody 5/6B, finished the Premier's Debating Challenge with a fantastic win against Banora Public School Team, "The Bullets". The topic was "That we should never keep score in sports that involve primary school kids".

It was a closely fought debate which Bilambil narrowly won with their case arguing that, when scores are kept in sports, kids build resilience and sportsmanship.

I am very proud of the team's growth and improvement in their debating skills and teamwork.

Congratulations to Olivia, Lilli, Isla and Cody.

Michelle Eddy  
Debating Coach

## UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 3 2021

● School items

● P&C Items

### Term 3 Week 3

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Monday 26 July    | ● Education Week   |
| Tuesday 27 July   | ● Education Week<br>● <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b><br>● <b>P&amp;C Student Banking</b><br>● <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3.45pm</b> |
| Wednesday 28 July | ● Education Week   |
| Thursday 29 July  | ● Education Week   |
| Friday 30 July    | ● Education Week<br>● PSSA District Athletics  |

### Term 3 Week 4

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| Tuesday 3 August  | ● <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b><br>● <b>P&amp;C Student Banking</b> |
| Thursday 5 August | ● School Photos   |





PROUDLY CELEBRATING

# NAIDOC WEEK 2021



On Monday 19 July, we celebrated NAIDOC day. The day began with a sensational opening ceremony with Uncle Mouji playing the didgeridoo and leading the Kids Caring For Country dancers to the bottom playground.

Here Uncle Mouji completed a smoking ceremony and then the dancers performed numerous dances and the final dance Uncle Mouji taught many students an important dance about looking after Mother Earth. After the ceremony students welcomed Elle Binge Harrison an artist from Toomelah/Boggabilla who we have been lucky enough to have with us for a couple of days. Elle told students about her story and how she fell in love with art and became a successful Aboriginal artist.

After recess and lunch students participated in various activities such as arts and crafts, Indigenous games, Yoga in language, weaving, beading, and listening to dreamtime stories told by Aunty Tealisha. Students also had the opportunity to paint with Elle and helped her complete four canvasses with an amazing artwork for the school.

It was an absolutely fantastic day for the students to participate in and learn more about Indigenous cultures. We were very lucky to have so many amazing visitors sharing their culture with so much passion and we hope that every student will not only of learned more about Aboriginal culture but to have taken away memories that will last a lifetime.

What a great day!





# NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2021











## WE'RE BACK!

We know how much you've missed us so we're excited to report our canteen is back open for business as usual! That means sushi Mondays are also back, along with our birthday cupcakes, pizza platters, fruit and jelly platters and ice block parties! They're very popular so be sure to book well in advance (a minimum of 3 days notice is required) so you don't miss out. You can now order lunches online up to 9.30am or use the traditional lunch basket ordering through your child's classroom. The canteen is open every day except Tuesdays.

## REMEMBER YOUR BANK BOOKS!

Tuesdays is school banking day – the day when students can bring their pocket money into school to have it deposited directly into their Commonwealth Bank account. Students can choose a reward after every 10 deposits and the P&C receives cash back from the bank as a thank you for supporting the banking program. A big thank you to our volunteers Bronny, Janelle, Jody and Jenipa who enable this to happen. We're still looking for one more person to help out from 9-11am on Tuesday once a fortnight so please get in touch via our Facebook page or canteen if you can assist.



## FATHERS DAY STALL

It's only a little over a month until Father's Day but your P&C has you sorted! We've got some great gifts coming your way at our Father's Day stall. Kids love coming along to our little pop up shop and choosing just the thing they think Dad will like best. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and future newsletter articles for more details closer to the date.

## IF YOU NEED AN EXCUSE TO SHOP

You can support our school every time to buy a pair of shoes from The Athlete's Foot at Tweed City or spend money at Rebel Sport. Both these businesses give back to our school either in cash, or with credit to spend on sports equipment and uniforms for our sports teams. Just mention our school next time you're shopping in store.

**Next P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 27 July at 3.45pm in the school staff room. All welcome.

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