

GREAT START TO THE YEAR

We have kicked off 2022 with a great start. All students are now settled into their classes and teachers are happily getting them sorted into routine, despite much of the COVID madness. I once again welcome our new families and students to our beautiful school. I want to thank our amazing Kindergarten Year 6 buddies for doing a wonderful job with helping to look after our new little cuties, who started their school journey last week.

I know that Ms Baird and Mrs Borra are very excited about their classes and how well the kids have settled in. We are very happy to have everyone back here at our beautiful school.

It is also so nice to see everyone in full school uniform. We are hoping to inspire the students to take pride in their uniforms and to ensure they are coming to school every day looking their best. We believe that the wearing of a uniform has a strong impact on school image and pride and encourage every student to wear their school uniform every day. Uniforms are conveniently available from our school P&C, with online orders filled every day.

Financial assistance is also available for families if requested through the school office. Thank you to Bronny and the P&C team for coordinating our uniform sales in the first couple of weeks. Please visit the Bilambil P&C website page (www.bilambilpandc.org) if you need any information about school uniforms and for online ordering.

Regarding COVID-19 restrictions, regular updates have been provided to community through the SchoolStream app, and emailed home to families.

It is unfortunate that our experiences here at school are interrupted due to enforced guidelines and Department of Health directives, but they seem to be doing the job of keeping us all safe if everyone is doing their bit to stay COVID safe.

If you do not already have access to the SchoolStream app, I urge you to download it from your providers app store (it is free) and connect the app to our Bilambil PS page. Information is often provided weekly, and sometimes more frequently, for community members. We thank community for the support with all measures currently in place to help us manage the effect of COVID-19 here at school.

A reminder that if your child tests positive for COVID-19, or if a family member tests positive, your child will need to isolate at home for 7 days from notifications. All positive results should be registered on the Services NSW app, and a phone call to our school should be made to let us know your child will not be attending school. Information was sent home last week regarding support for students who will need to Learn from Home due to isolating. Please contact the school for any further information regarding any of this.

VIRTUAL MEET THE TEACHER SESSION

Our 2022 Meet the Teacher session for families to connect with your children's 2022 teachers for all students in Years 1-6 will unfortunately need to be a virtual meeting via Zoom, to be held during week 6. All parents and carers will be invited to attend the virtual meeting from classroom teachers through Class Dojo or SeeSaw communications that have all been established.

Parents and carers are encouraged to join in on the zoom session for extra information about your child's class from their teacher. Each stage across the school will also be sending out a term overview this coming Friday alerting families to individual class requirements, support, and other relevant information.

Parents are, of course, very welcome to contact teachers through Dojo, SeeSaw, or through a phone call to the front office to arrange a face to face interview if there is pertinent information regarding your child for the teacher to know to ensure their success here at school.

2022 SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

At the conclusion of last year, we announced that our elected 2022 School Captains are Makaira and Hudson, and Vice Captains Azariah and James. I once again congratulate all of our school leaders, who are all very excited to be getting their badges at our School Leader Induction Assembly. Unfortunately, due to current guidelines, we cannot invite parents in for this assembly so we will be scheduling this event for a later time. It is too important an event in my opinion to not be able to allow parents on site to be a part of this momentous occasion. Details of the date for this event will be sent home once it is confirmed.

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C meeting of the year took place yesterday via zoom. Thank you to our membership who attended. Discussions were held regarding the start to the year for our uniform shop and canteen, which both started very well. I thank Bronny and Danelle and other volunteers for helping in these spaces over the last two weeks. We also started the conversation around P&C activities for 2022.

I would like to thank Gav, Belinda and Crispian as outgoing Bilambil P&C members for their dedication in various positions across many years of support. We will be electing a completely new committee at our AGM coming up later this term on Tuesday 22 March. We hope to see many new faces on our P&C to help share the load as the P&C continues to support our students.

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

Here at Bilambil PS, as it is in most schools, mobile phones continue to be an unwanted nuisance and an unnecessary device for children of primary school age to have. Despite many reminders and requests last year for students to hand their devices in to the front office, we still have students who choose not to follow the rules and are bringing them into school to use them during play times at school. This is completely unacceptable and can pose a safety risk for students engaging in activities with their phones whilst at school. It is beyond us why children as young as 12 years of age and younger require a mobile phone device. If it is essential for your child to bring a mobile phone to school, can I please ask that you contact our school office to request a form to be completed by parents and students. Please note that as a condition of this form, a discussion about the need for the phone to be brought to school with the Principal will be a requirement for approval for any device to be here on school grounds. Your support is very much appreciated in this matter.

Thank you
Jeff Robinson
Principal

DRAMA AND MUSIC AT BILAMBIL IN 2022

Aside from all the fun things your child does in Music and Drama class each week, there are other things they can participate in...

CHOIR -Junior with Mrs Borra (yrs 1 & 2) and Senior with Mrs McGlinn(yrs 3-6) – Both are each Wednesday morning at 8.15am.

UKULELE GROUP – Continuing/experienced players with Mr Thomas each Wednesday lunch in the music room, Beginners group with Mrs McGlinn each Thursday lunch in the music room.
(Apologies but this is only open to stage 2 students due to high demand)

DRAMA CLUB – Open to any interested Stage 2 and Stage 3 students each Tuesday lunch in the music room. No sign on necessary.

Unfortunately there will be no Stage plays this year due to a timetable change...

At this stage there are discussions of the Murwillumbah Eisteddfod going ahead this year. I will keep you posted though as to whether this is definite before we look at possible solo artists competing.

Stay tuned for a lovely creative year ahead!

Thank you
Mrs McGlinn Music Teacher

WELCOME TO OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS OF 2022!

Well, what a fabulous, fun (and exhausting) start to the school year the Kindergarten students have had. They have loved getting to know each other, and their Year 6 Buddies, and we have loved getting to know them.

Kindergarten have enjoyed painting, drawing, writing, building, doing Sport, and playing on the playground. Their happy smiling faces say it all.

Mrs Baird & Mrs Borra
Kindergarten Teachers



SO MUCH FUN IN KF




SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the annual swimming carnival last Thursday at Oasis Pool, Banora. The sun shone on our children as they swam with pride and determination to record some fantastic results.

Good luck to the students who will represent Bilambil at the district carnival to be held on Thursday 17 February, at Oasis Pool, Banora.

Thank you
Mr Touzell
Sports Co-Ordinator

 STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 1 Week 3		
1H	Renya	- For being a kind and caring member of 1H
1T	Kruz	- A great start to his new school - well done!
2/3S	Harvey Ayla	- Incredible start to Term 1 - Incredible start to Term 1
2C	Jack Judah	- Settling in beautifully to this new school and class. - Settling in beautifully to this new school and class.
3T	Kaden	- A fantastic start to the year being a kind and caring member of 3T
3W	Tao Nova	- Making a wonderful start to school life at BPS. - Making a wonderful start to school life at BPS.
4/5B	Billie	- Actively participating and engaging in all activities.
4T	Fletcher	- Excellent focus and enthusiasm in the classroom.
5V	Eden	- Great results in spelling.
6B	Pearl	- Being a kind caring and considerate class member.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS 

Send in your read tags! Our school will continue collecting bread tags in 2022. We have managed to collect several large boxes of bread tags over the past four years. Let's continue to do our part to not only help the environment but those in need.

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collects bread tags nationally in Australia. The tags are recycled locally, raising funds to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people, mainly in South Africa.

For more information please visit:
<https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au>

Bread tags can be dropped into the collection bin in the front office or sent in with your child.

Thank you,
 Simone Henry
 Classroom Teacher

BANORA POINT HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/CARER & STUDENT & INFORMATION EVENING



Year 5 and 6 School Tour and Information Evening
 Banora Point High School
 Wednesday 23 February
 School tour begins at 5.00 pm
 Information evening begins at 6.00 pm in the school library.
 If you have questions please contact Banora Point High, I will happy to assist School and ask for Mr Lachlan Klose, I will be happy to assist.

Mr Touzell sharing his knowledge and information on what we should we do if we see a snake at school.

Thanks for sharing all your information Mr Touzell .
 1/2H are now well equipped if we see a snake at school!
 Mrs Constable & Ms Henry
 1/2H Classroom Teachers

