

MEET THE TEACHER DROP-INS

We have our Meet the Teacher Drop-Ins scheduled for this Thursday, 17 March, 2022. Classroom teachers in Years 1-6 will be available to have a quick catch up and meet parents from **3.00pm through to 5.00pm** (please note we have amended this to an earlier start time than previously advertised).

All teaching staff members will be available in classrooms for parents and carers to drop in to say hello and meet your child's 2022 classroom teacher starting **from 3.00pm and ending at 5.00pm**. I know they would love it if you could come in to say hello and check out where your child will be learning every day. If you aren't sure where to go, Mr Robinson will be situated under the COLA to help provide directions.

Kindergarten parents have only recently met their teachers face to face, so these drop-ins are for students in grades 1 - 6.

Visitors to the school are asked to use the School Visitor Check-In to comply with school sign-in procedures, and to maintain physical distancing protocols. Parents do not need to show proof of vaccination for this activity.

We hope to see you on Thursday.

ONGOING SUPPORT

A quick reminder to families that we are only a phone call or an email away. We care about you and your children as members of our school community. If your child is suffering any increased anxieties as a result of the recent weather event, both directly from the loss of property or experiences related to the storms, etc, or indirectly through watching so many others across our wider community be affected so grievously, please let us know.

Our teachers provide consistent care and often have special connections with the kids, and our school counsellor, Kim Priest, is exceptional in her job to provide support for students, families and school staff, as requested. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can help with.

RECENT CHANGES – BUSES AND ROADS

As you would all be aware, many of our routines have been turned upside down as we have had to adjust to conditions forced upon us with the closure of Scenic Drive due to a serious landslide 300m east of the Simpson Drive/Scenic Drive intersection. As a result of this road closure, we have had to work hard to re-establish school bus transport, which has not been without its challenges. I am grateful to Surfside Buslines for their willingness to aim to support our students during this difficult time, despite some previously serviced areas for bus transport now not receiving any service. I would like community to know that we are still working hard to ensure that all of our students have options regarding how they are getting to school, but the final decisions are out of our control. We will continue to lobby Surfside Buslines to ensure continuity of service and the ongoing safety of our students.

I also wish for community to know that I have today sent a letter to Mayor Chris Cherry and other Tweed Shire Councillors that outlines many concerns we have with the closure of Scenic Drive and the impact we believe this measure is having on our school and our community, and the potential safety of our students. In this letter, I acknowledge and completely understand that due to the catastrophic damage that occurred across our area, that replacement and repair measures need to be prioritised by council. However, I also acknowledge the significant population of Bilambil residents and ratepayers who are currently affected and have requested council to provide some guidance around when work is likely to commence to remove the current divide in our community.

I will advise community when I receive a response.

As in all school related matters, community support is very much appreciated.

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 very excited to be getting closer to our School Leader Induction Assembly, which I am happy to say is coming up next week on Friday 25 March, commencing at approximately 9.15am at the conclusion of our normal Friday morning awards assembly. Our school leaders will be officially sworn into the role as Bilambil PS School Leaders for 2022. Other school leaders to receive their badges and be sworn in at this assembly will be recently elected students as senior school leaders, sport house captains, library monitors, and SRC reps. We would like to invite family members of each leader if you wish to attend this exciting moment for our school leaders.

I will be inviting parents/carers to pin the badges on students after they have been inducted if they are in attendance. Community members attending are asked to adhere to our strict COVID protocols including signing in through our front office and to maintain a level of social distancing.

We hope you can make the time to attend this special occasion.

SUPPORT FROM COMMUNITY – EGG PRODUCTS

We need to inform community that one of our students in Year 1 is a student who's needs will continue to impact on many of the ways we do things across our school. This student has severe anaphylaxis to egg and shellfish, which can also affect him in an airborne and touch capacity. His allergy is so severe that he cannot even be near anyone eating egg or egg products, and he cannot touch anything that someone who has eaten or been in contact with egg has touched. We have staff trained to manage situations should they arise, but we are also asking for community support to minimise the risk by asking for all students to try to avoid bringing in eggs, egg sandwiches, quiche, mayonnaise, sushi with prawns etc in your child's lunch box. We cannot mandate that everyone stop bringing these products into our school, but we ask for you to consider other lunch box alternatives to ensure we are able to maintain the safety of all students.

P&C GENERAL MEETING AND AGM

All community members are invited to join us for our next P&C General Meeting, which is also our AGM, next Tuesday 22 March, commencing at 5.00pm in the staffroom at the school office. Our P&C is made up of a wonderful group of parent volunteers, who support our school in a myriad of ways, including collaborating in plans for the future.

Recent changes means that 3 executive members of our P&C have left our community, so we are looking for new members to come along and join a very enthusiastic group of members. Please contact the school for more information if required, or reach out on the Bilambil P&C Facebook page.

Jeff Robinson
Principal

HARMONY DAY

At Bilambil, we would like to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday, 21 March, by dressing in **ORANGE** for the day. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

This day of celebration creates opportunities for all of us to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

We would also like to acknowledge the terrible hardship that many of our local communities have suffered as a result of the recent floods and would appreciate a gold coin donation to be brought in as well as dressing in **ORANGE** for the day. The money raised will be given directly to a school/ community in need.

Thank you
Sharon Butler





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 6 & 7

KB	Lily	- Lovely handwriting efforts.
KF	Oxley	- Being a kind, friendly and helpful student in KF.
1/2H	Myles Finn	- A fantastic effort in reading and his overall positive approach to reading. - His persistence in literacy work.
1H	Aysha	- Consistently trying her best and persisting with challenging tasks.
1T	Amelia	- A fantastic attitude to her learning - well done!
2/3S	Olivia	- Outstanding effort in maths.
2C	Harper	- A fantastic effort in writing using nouns and verbs.
3T	Hugo	- Efforts in reading this week.
3W	Gabi	- Being a fantastic contributor to class discussions.
4/5B	Koby	- Being focused and participating in class discussions.
4T	Olivia	- Actively participating in class discussions and a positive approach to her learning.
5/6E	Harry Zali	- Settling in beautifully to his new class - Being an insightful contributor to class discussions.
5V	Mariah	- Displaying determination and consistent effort in maths.
6B	Jackson Azariah	- Excellent commitment to learning - Mature, considerate and respectful manner.

ENJOY SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR DISNEY DRESS UP DAY.



WOW! WHAT A GREAT START TO THE YEAR 1H HAVE HAD.

We have been very busy these last 8 weeks making new friends and learning so many exciting new things. This semester 1H are learning about the effects that pollution and rubbish have on our oceans.

We have learnt how there are different types of pollution and are now working towards how we can minimise the waste in our ocean. As a class we decided to create an ocean wall using the rubbish from our lunch box and other recyclable materials.

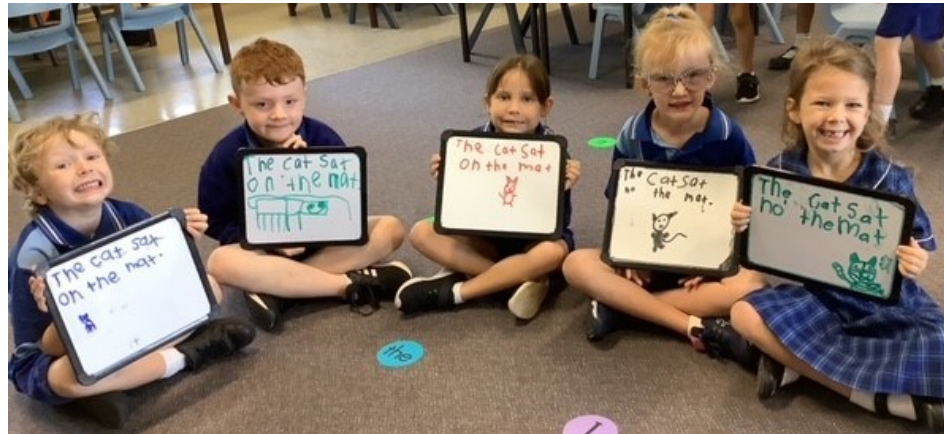
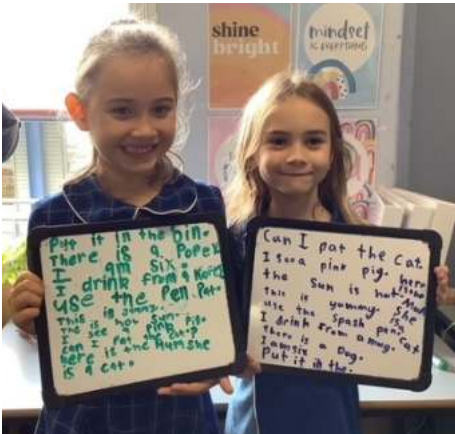
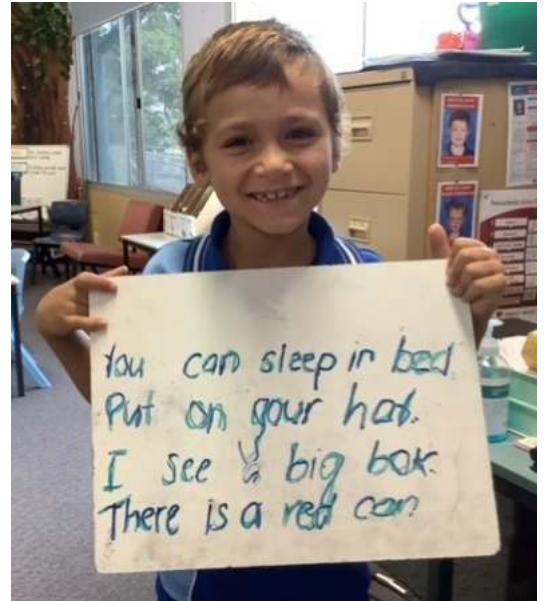
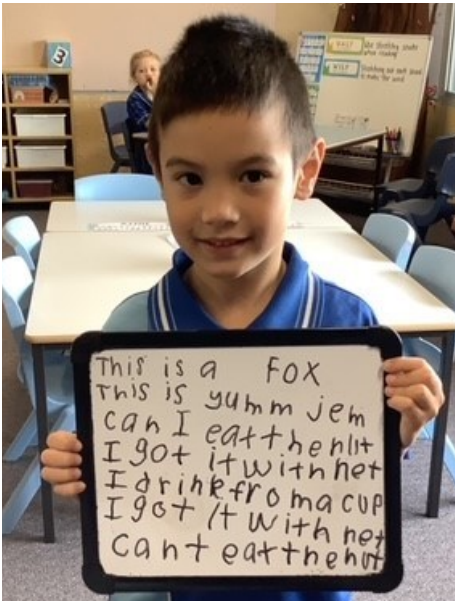
We are so happy with our wall and couldn't wait to share it with you all.

Chantelle Kidd - Classroom Teacher

Danielle Dawes - SLSO



HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF ALL THE OTHER AMAZING THINGS WE HAVE BEEN DOING



VOTE FOR MISS TUNSTED'S ARTWORK!

Miss Tunsted has entered one of her artworks into the National Teacher Art Prize for 2022. It has been selected as a finalist and is on its way to Melbourne to be exhibited in The Lennox Art Gallery!

The winner of this competition receives \$10 000 worth of art materials for their school.

Voting is open for the 'People's Choice Award' who receives \$2500 worth of art materials for their school. This artwork is very special to Sarah Tunsted:

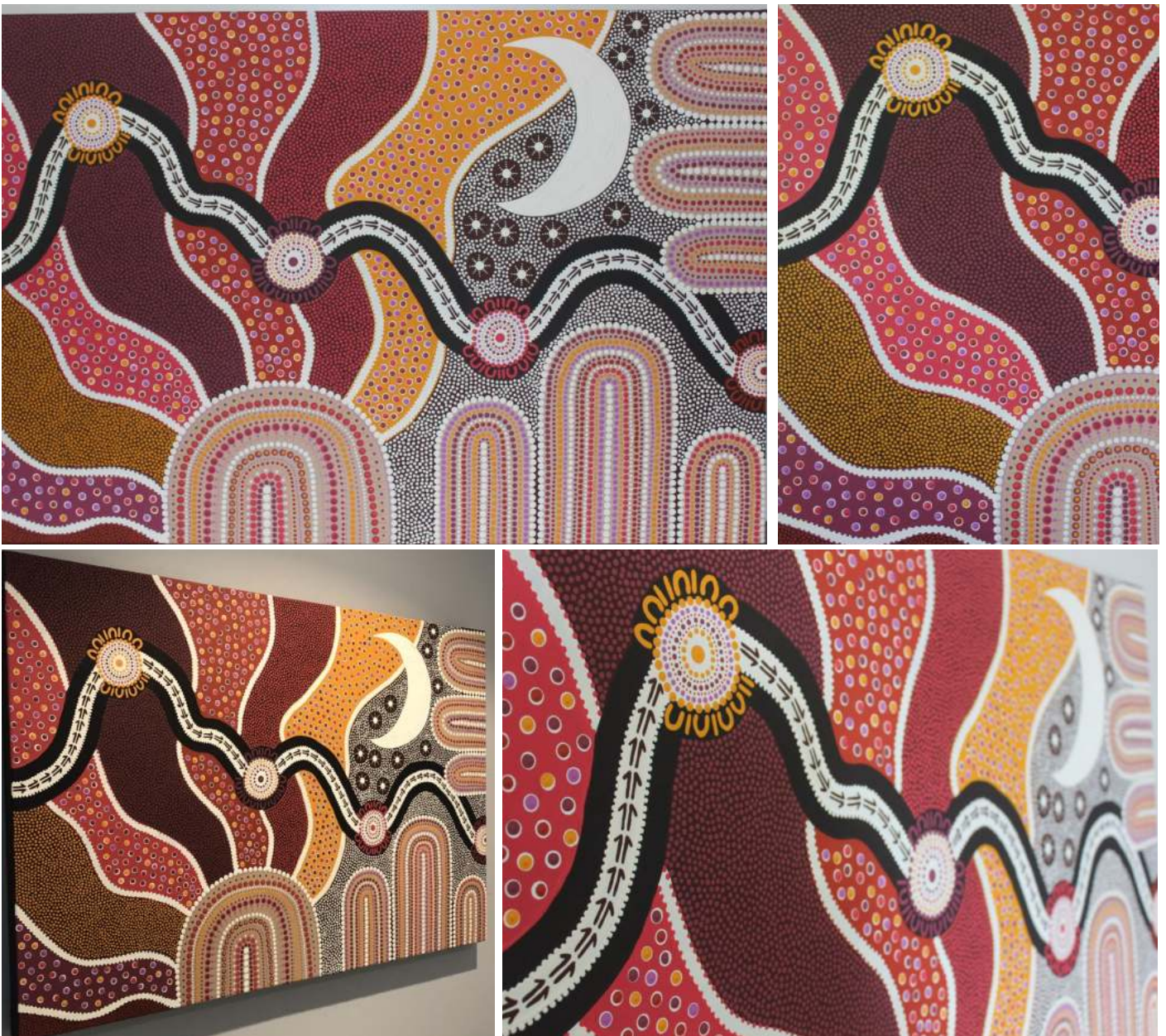
Here's how to vote:

1. Go to <https://www.zartart.com.au/zartstatic/page/national-teacher-artist-prize>
2. Click on 'view finalists'
3. Scroll down and click on Miss Tunsted's artwork

"This artwork represents the interconnection of family and the land that influenced my childhood. Growing up on Bundjalung Land, the presence of Wollumbin (Mount Warning) always watching over the landscape, the animals and the people who move as one on Country. In Aboriginal culture, it is believed that the sun is a woman, and the moon is a man.

She gives life to a new day, generating energy to the land by her warmth. He creates stillness in the crisp night air, a sense of serenity and peace. Family gathers under the guidance of the sun and the moon to yarn, to eat and connect. The feeling of Home, always strong."

Sarah Tunsted



CANTEEN Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday for recess and lunch, with our Canteen Window back open on all days! We are also excited to be able to take cash lunch orders in a brown paper bags again! Our updated Healthy Options Canteen Menu is currently located online at www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bilambilps select from our Recess or Lunch tabs.

Our online ordering system is an easy way for you to order. Please remember to select the correct drop down list for either Recess or Lunch when ordering to ensure your child receives their order at the correct time.



Follow our Facebook P&C page www.facebook.com/bilambilpublicschoolpc for all P&C - Canteen and Uniform Shop notices, daily updates, and specials!

THANK YOU A huge thank you to our amazing group of Mum's who came to the rescue and cooked up a storm to replenish our stocks last week. We also thank families for all the recent uniform donations which is a much needed and great way to support our school community.



VOLUNTEERING There are many ways that you can help within our school community. Bilambil Public School welcomes and relies on volunteers in accordance with government guidelines to run our events, carnivals, uniform shop and canteen. This is a great way to connect and be a valued part of your school community. Students love seeing mums, dads, carers and grandparents during the day helping out. If you are able to help out please message our team via our Facebook page or email

bilambilpublicschool-canteen@pandcaffiliate.org.au or bilambilpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P&C INCENTIVE SCHEME As a way of thanking you and in recognition of our volunteers time and efforts, each volunteer can earn P&C dollars. For every hour (or part thereof) you volunteer for a P&C fundraising activity (eg. canteen, uniform shop, stalls or any P&C event), you receive one P&C dollar which can be redeemed at the uniform shop or canteen.

UNIFORMS **Online Ordering is easy!** Visit www.bilambilpc.org/uniforms Orders can be collected from the school office or sent home with your child. **PLEASE** remember to **LABEL** and **RE-LABEL** your children's uniforms especially hats and jumpers with students full names.

NEXT P&C MEETING Next Tuesday is our AGM where all positions will be made vacant. This year we say farewell and thank you to many of our longstanding outgoing Executive members. Meetings are a great way to keep informed about what's happening at our school and without support we are unable to run our P&C activities such as the Canteen, Uniform Shop, Mother's Day/ Father's Day stalls and events. With quite a few roles to be filled, please join our team, in a position, as a general or non voting member - all help is greatly appreciated. Please join us, all are welcome. For further information, email our Secretary bilambilpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au Hope to see you there!



**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME**



**TUESDAY 22 MARCH
5PM - STAFFROOM**

Please join us!
A dedicated parent/carer community that helps support our students and teachers at our wonderful Bilambil Public School.

School Rewards
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

\$5
IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

for EVERY pair of shoes you or a family member purchase!



Great idea for labelling hats!
Use a white marker under the brim.



Need any Pre-loved items?
Please email or text your uniform needs and we can see what is available for you.

bilambiluniformshop@gmail.com

MONDAY/ WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS · OPEN BY APPOINTMENT 0421827740



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www.bilambilpc.org

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Mon – Wed – Fri 8.30 – 9.00am

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