

BUSY START TO TERM 2

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to be a busy term of activities and great learning across our school. We have already participated in the Tweed Heads RSL ANZAC Day service, staff planning and professional learning (Aboriginal History and Culture) on our school development day, school photo day, our cross country carnival, and today we had a serious Mother's Day Pamper Clinic in our Kindergarten rooms. It was so wonderful to see all of our Kindy mums in the classrooms with the kids trying to make them feel special with massages, and fingernail painting, and tea and cake. It was a special morning. Thank you to all of our mums who made it in, and to Mrs Baird, Mrs Borra, and Miss Tara for making the morning so memorable and special. Photos are available on our school website, so get on and have a look.

Coming up from next week, we have the Stage 1 excursion to Hastings Point, SCU Pre-Service teachers starting placement, NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5, District and FNC Cross Country, the P&C Federal election BBQ, Simultaneous Storytime, recognition of National Sorry Day, Mabo Day, and Reconciliation Week, whole school environment day, Interrelate for Year 5/6 students, and child protection lessons for all students, Stage 2 excursion to Fingal Head, Semester 1 reports to go home, followed by parent/teacher interviews, and we will finish this term with our athletics carnival. That all sounds exhausting, but we will get through all of that and so much more!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

I would like to commend our amazing kids for their cooperation and friendliness with the team from The School Photographer who took our school photos last Thursday, 28 April. The photographers mentioned several times how lovely and polite all of our students were. They are a real credit to their families.

All of our kids managed to find their best smiles on the day for class, group, individual, and sibling photos. I am pretty confident that families will be happy with the quality of the photos when they arrive for us to send home early next term. We were unable to take our whole school photograph on this day due to timing, so the photographers will be returning on Thursday of next week, 12 May, to take this photo. Can I ask for all students to come dressed in their best blue uniforms on this day. The whole school photo will once again be the cover picture of the photo portfolios, so everyone will receive one.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The following updated guidelines provide a brief overview of how we are continuing to ensure Bilambil PS remains COVID-safe this term.

- For the most part, operational settings for our school remains largely the same as they were at the end of last term.
- With the change to close contact requirements on 22 April, 2022, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school in line with the following risk mitigations in place:
 - ◊ Families must notify our school office once a student is identified as a close contact, and that it is your intent to return them to school.
 - ◊ Close contacts should conduct a daily rapid antigen test and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 subsequent days to minimise the risk of transmission.
 - ◊ Staff members who are close contacts will be required to wear masks when indoors.
 - ◊ It is recommended, but not mandated, that primary school students wear a mask when indoors.
 - ◊ School visitors and helpers who are close contacts must follow these requirements.
 - ◊ Additional RAT kits are available as required by families from the school office. Please call in or phone the school office to request additional kits.
- For adults recovering from a positive COVID-19 result and who have completed their 7-day isolation period, it is recommended that masks be worn for an additional 3 days.
- We continue to maximise natural ventilation for classrooms and implement air purifiers where this is not possible.
- Finally, it is also important to note the NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of other illnesses this coming winter like the flu. We can help protect others by taking a RAT before and after attending large gatherings, stay home if you are unwell or exhibiting flu like symptoms, listening to advice from NSW Health regarding vaccinations, getting a PCR test if required, isolating yourselves, and practicing good hygiene.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is scheduled to take place in our staff room at 5.00pm next Tuesday, 10 May. We would love to see some new members to help manage and support our school and P&C priorities. We also still have the P&C Secretary position vacant if anyone is willing to step into this role with support from our P&C executive. We hope to see you next Tuesday.

ANZAC DAY



After two years of cancellations due to COVID, it was wonderful to be able to attend the Tweed Heads/Coolangatta RSL sub branch ANZAC Day march in Tweed Heads.

The school was represented by 29 students from Kindergarten to year 6, who braved the rainy conditions to March.

They were led by our vice captain, James and student leaders, Dempsey (5/6E) and Elyana (5/6E) (Despite the stormy start, the march was a great success with some students proudly wearing the medals of family members.

All students so respectfully listened to the moving service and then we all enjoyed a light snack together, provided by Twin Towns.

It will be fantastic to see an even greater school representation next year.

Thank you

Mrs Michelle Eddy
Classroom Teacher



CROSS COUNTRY

How lucky we were that the weather held steady for the 2022 Cross Country carnival last week. While it was wet under foot, ensuring plenty of squelching, squashing and squirming, we managed to dodge the rain.

The children had a blast running the modified track (no heartbreak hill this year). Seeing the trepidation on anxious faces before each event turn to joy and pride at the completion, is always a highlight of the carnival. Well done to all of the students who competed on the day and congratulations to those who qualified for the district carnival to be held at the same venue on Friday 13 May.

Special Thanks.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of Bilambil Public School to Bilambil Jets RLFC for the use of their field and facilities. Community support makes these events even more special and we are lucky to have the support of both the Jets Senior and Junior RLFC.

A special thanks also to the Bilambil Public School P&C who funded and organised two new marquees. They got their first work out at the cross country carnival, to the approval of Mr Renehan, Mr Menin and Mr Vockler. Our school will be the envy of the district as we proudly display our school banner while enjoying the comforts of these magnificent shelters.

Thank you

Mr Anthony Touzell
Classroom Teacher and Sports Co-Ordinator





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 10 & 11

KB	Xavier	- His positive attitude towards his learning.
KF	Kairi Hunter	- A fantastic attitude towards her learning. - Outstanding efforts in his work.
1/2H	Emily	- Her reading efforts.
1H	Hugo Tiga	- For his fantastic improvement with his reading. - For his improved effort in reading.
1T	Kalahni Toby	- A positive attitude to her learning, well done - Neat well presented work. Well done.
2/3S	Elise Luli	- Fantastic effort creating number sequences in maths. - Fantastic effort and commitment to her learning.
2C	Buddy Isabella	- Enthusiasm for learning new things. - Showing persistence and trying new things.
3T	Oscar	- His enthusiasm in writing this week.
3W	Elle Jagger	- For bringing lots of positive energy into the classroom. - Wonderful effort in imaginative writing.
4/5B	Taj Asher	- A positive attitude and focus in class. - Stepping out of his comfort zone.
4T	Jazmyn	- Always trying your best in all areas.
5/6E	Hayley Gwen	- Working well in maths in google classroom. - Always being a responsible and respectful class member.
5V	Phoenix Sean	- Displaying perseverance in all areas. - Always being a dependable, hard working student.
6B	Taj Banjo Summer Jake	- Excellent focus and effort in all areas. - Fantastic poetry writing about "Beowulf". - Terrific effort in the character strength of perseverance. - Great aptitude in the character strength of love of learning.
RFF	Cheyenne	- Diligence in speech writing.
LAST	Archie	- For excellent effort working to improve his learning.

PARENT & STUDENT SCHOOL TOUR & INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 & 5



Dear Parent/Carer,

Banora Point High School would like to extend an invitation to those families who have a child/children currently enrolled in Year 5 or 6 (Stage 3) 2022, to attend a school tour and information evening being held on Wednesday 18 May, 2022. The tour will begin at 5:00pm and the information evening will follow at 6:00pm in the school library.

If you are the parent/carer of a Year 6 student, you will find this a great opportunity to explore what we have to offer. If you are the parent/carer of a Year 5 student this is your chance to build an awareness of our school as you consider your choice of school in 2024. Students are welcome to come along.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Banora Point High School office.