

Newsletter
Term 3 - Week 5, 2022

SCIENCE WEEK

Week 5 is Science Week across Australia, which is an annual week of celebrating science and technology. We have prepared a wonderful program of activities for students on different days next week, but have also scheduled in a special fun day for kids next Wednesday, 17 August, 2022, to come dressed in Science themed clothing for the day.

There are many ideas for kids online that range from mad scientists, to items to do with robots and space, and doctors or nurses, or anything to do with nature including insects and animals, so this theme really has many possibilities. We hope your kids are all able to come dressed in a science theme based outfit to enjoy this day.

As usual, our school canteen will do its best to provide science themed food for the day. Thank you to Danelle and our canteen volunteers for the effort to support our kids.

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK FAIR

Week 6 this term is Book Week, with the theme of Dreaming with Eyes Open. Mr Menin has been busy reading our kids the Children's Book Council of Australia short listed books in preparation during library lessons. We also have our Book Fair taking place during the same week, with the kids bringing a wish list home if they would like to purchase a book.

We will be staging our annual Book Week Parade at 2.00pm on Wednesday 24 August, where the kids are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, or any character from any story. Parents are invited to attend our parade and to have a look through our refurbished library and also the Book Fair from 2.00pm on this day. We hope to see you on the 24 August.

BUS CHANGES

We are once again having a difficult time with our last bus run, with recent changes to the timetable seeing the departure time from school pushed back to 3.30pm every afternoon. We apologise for this inconvenience, that has now resulted in students who live in the Scenic Drive to Kennedy Drive area not arriving home until after 4.00pm. I have contacted Kinetic Buslines (formerly Surfside) to protest and ask for them to reinstate the previous earlier bus run but was told that due to driver shortages, this could not be done. I have contacted the Department of Transport again and am awaiting a response. I urge affected families to lodge your complaints to Kinetic Buslines customer service line, as this matter is far from satisfactory and has been an ongoing problem for our community for too long. Hopefully I will receive some good news from the Department of Transport and things will return as they were.

PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are super lucky here at Bilambil that our kids have a beautiful school uniform, one that is easily accessed through our P&C who keep prices down. We have had a large number of families access our uniform shop using allocated Flood Hardship money, with orders still being processed.

We are hoping parents might be able to continue to support our school efforts to instil a sense of pride in all of our students wearing full school uniform, for which we believe most students have. However, we have some students who might not always think that their uniform is the best option. Wearing a uniform to school has added benefits of creating a sense of unity and helps to reduce perceived competition for branded clothing and accessories. On top of this, our kids look spectacular in their uniform.

Can we please ask that you have a conversation with your child if required regarding wearing the correct full school uniform, that includes socks and jackets or jumpers. A reminder too that only limited items of jewellery are permitted that could include a watch and earrings (studs or small sleepers only). We understand some students may also wear items for religious purposes. We ask that students do not come to school wearing necklaces as they can become choking hazards.

Our only other request is for parents to please label every item of clothing, especially hats and jumpers, with your child's name. We have a ridiculous pile of lost property that we try to return to kids but unfortunately, the pile does not seem to be getting any smaller. If your child has lost any item of school uniform at school, please encourage them to go and search the pile outside the canteen, but more importantly, label all items of clothing with your child's surname!!

Jeff Robinson Principal

EDUCATION WEEK AND NAIDOC CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful celebration last week to acknowledge many of the terrific things that happen during our school hours at Bilambil PS. We staged our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday 2 August, where we held a showcase of items for assembled parents and community members that saw our choirs perform, along with our Kindergarten and Stage 1 Choral Speaking items, and a performance from one of our ukulele groups. Parents and community members were thoroughly entertained before being invited into classrooms to view student work.

Our visitors were then invited to attend a performance by the Kids Caring for Country group, a wonderful celebration of local Bundjalung culture and history as an observance of NAIDOC Week that occurred during the last school holidays.

It was so nice to see more than half of our student population join in with the performers and many parents and staff to join in on one of the final dances. We cannot thank the Aboriginal Aunties and Uncles who attended, and many younger performers for generously providing their time to enrich our own school culture.

Our program then saw a mammoth morning tea picnic for all of our visitors and students on the top playground before parents were again invited into classrooms to participate in a joint STEM activity that saw parents and children working together. It was so lovely to see so many visitors in our school. The kids love having you back with us for many in-school experiences. Thank you for making this day so wonderful.

Jeff Robinson Principal

















EDUCATION WEEK FUN IN 5/6E



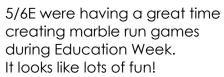










































YEAR 6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

On the 26th of July, the year 6 students of Bilambil Public School went on an excursion to Sydney, to learn about our history unit, Australia as a colony. We all had to be at the Coolangatta airport no later than 5.00am. I was so nervous because it was my first time flying, but once we were on the plane it was kind of fun, and I also got the window seat..... By Amy

...We arrived at the YHA (Youth Hostel Australia) but went straight

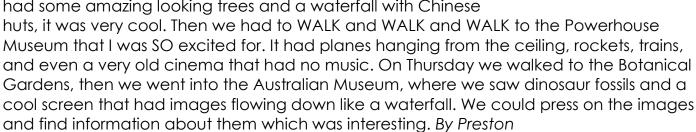
back out and did The Rocks Walking

Tour, where we learnt about the engraved patterns on the walls and ground outside in the city of Sydney. After that, and a few other things, I'm sure everyone was happy that we finally got to see our dorms and learn who we were sharing rooms with. The next day everyone woke up bright and early ready for breakfast, followed by the Barangaroo Cultural Tour where we got to hold possum skin and learn about Aboriginal culture.....By Elyana

The year six Sydney trip was a great experience. We got to learn about history and old artifacts. On Tuesday (Day 1) we started off our trip by waking up at 3:00-4:30 and then off to the airport. One of my favourite things on day one was when we walked to Sydney Opera House, then we ate dinner at City Extra, where you got to pick your meals. After that we went to Youth Hostel Australia (YHA) and had a big sleep ready for the next day. By Gwen

On Wednesday, we got up at 7:30am to eat breakfast. You could either have toast, Corn Flakes, Nutri Grain or Rice Bubbles. I had Rice Bubbles every single day because I like them the best. After that we did a tour of the Chinese Gardens Darling Harbour. Then we went to the Powerhouse Museum, which I actually really enjoyed. In the Powerhouse Museum there is a lot of stuff that is powered, like trains, cars, spaceships and a lot more. If you are into that kind of stuff, then I recommend you go have a look at the Powerhouse Museum. By Ethan

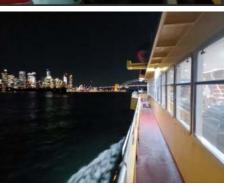
On Wednesday, we did a Barangaroo tour, then we walked to Darling Harbour and went on an awesome metal slide that was so fun! We went to the Chinese Friendship Gardens and it had some amazing looking trees and a waterfall with Chinese



....On day three we went to the Sydney Jewish museum and got to meet one of the survivors from the holocaust which was very interesting, and I learnt a lot of things. On day 4 we went on a long walk to the Sydney Harbour bridge and Mr Vockler got us a bit lost and we had to walk a lot further.....By Dempsey





































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One of my most favourite things was bowling and laser tag on Thursday. It was fun, and I enjoyed it. I got to play with all of my friends, and all-around laser tag and bowling was probably the best moment I had at Sydney. I also really enjoyed Taronga Zoo. My favourite things there were the lemur walk and the capybaras. A really good thing was going to the EzyMart. It's a place with treats, drinks and good snacks. By Keanu

.....We went to the Sydney Jewish Museum where we learnt about the Holocaust and Jewish history, then we had dinner

and went to tenpin bowling and laser tag. That was fun! After that we went to sleep in the dorms. On the last day we had to pack everything up and we went to Circular Quay where we saw this dude, named The Juggling Drummer - Gaku. We went on a ferry and then a train to get to the highlight of the trip, Taronga Zoo. We saw all different types of animals. I saw a capybara, lemurs, a tiger and some elephants. We also saw a ton of reptiles and snakes, but there were too many to explain. That night we went on a plane and finally got home. I fell asleep that night and slept like a log. Overall, I had a good time, and I think if you asked the year 6's that went, they would say they did too. By Cylus

Friday was our last day in Sydney. We got all packed up and loaded our luggage into the bus. Everybody wanted to go to EzyMart, which is a big American Iolly shop, so the teachers let us go in there and buy stuff. We went to the Sydney Harbour Bridge and did a little tour there. My favourite thing about Friday, though, was Taronga Zoo. We caught the ferry there, then we split up into little groups with no teacher. It was so good, I loved it. Sadly, we had to go to the airport. When we got there, we got dinner and most people had Maccas. I got Maccas and Krispy Kreme. When we landed, I saw my mum and I was really happy. By Tully

Overall, Sydney was very fun. I enjoyed it lots, and I found it better than trips with my family. I was always excited to see what we were doing the next day because sometimes the teachers would change the plans. My least favourite part was all the walking because my feet hurt for four days after we got back from the trip. By Zaili















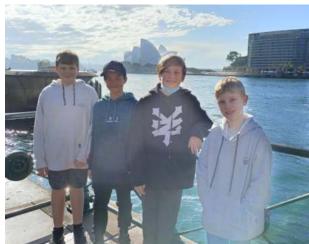


























		STUDENT OF THE WEEK Term 3 Week 1, 2 & 3
KB	Jude George	Outstanding performance at choral speaking.Trying his personal best learn his sounds.
KF	Billy Aliyah	A positive mindset towards all learning tasks.Positive approach to learning tasks.
1H	Thomas Charli Aaliyah Aaliyah	 For his fantastic holiday writing. For her amazing performance in choral speaking. For having a growth mindset. Setting a wonderful example for others to
11	Lilliana Thea Maisie	follow. - Displaying a positive mindset. Well Done! - A consistent homework effort - well done! - Improved oral reading - well done!
1/2H	Jace Will Noah	 Trying hard in class when contributing to class discussions. Great listening and grammar knowledge. Trying hard in our 3D shapes lessons.
2C	Marcus Amelia Harper	 Improving focus on making good choices throughout the school . Improved focus during independent activities. Fantastic effort in class.
2/3\$	Zoe Brax Harvey	Always giving her best in all her learning.Outstanding effort in reading.Being an active and interested learner.
3T	Charlie Sapphire	Showing excellent sportsmanship at the athletics carnival.Settling in amazingly at Bilambil.
3W	Isabella Lincoln Amelia	 Taking risks in poetry. Outstanding persistence in challenging maths problems. Her enthusiasm in all learning.
4 T	Christopher Kenyon Jada	Excellent focus and engagement at all times.Contribution to science and geography.Positive approach to learning.
4/5B	Jack Trinity Ruben	 Being focused and engaging in class discussions. Being a kind and caring friend. His enthusiasm in learning about Aboriginal culture.
5V	Alyssa Violet Violet	 Producing extensive, engaging and creative narratives. Great class role model. Creating detailed and imaginative narratives.
5/6E	lvy	 Producing high quality script writing during horrible histories project.
6B	Izaiah	- Terrific effort in spelling.

BRONZE AWARD

Term 3, Week 1, 2 & 3

1/2H	Noah
4/5B	Trinity, Jack, Koby, Aria
6B	Connor, Banjo

SILVER AWARD

Term 3, Week 1, 2 & 3

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	KB	Xavier, Michael, Rome
	1T	Toby, Macie, Thea, Jasper, Indiana, Aiesha, Arlia, Lilliana, Kruz, Sam
	1/2H	Emily, Adelaide, Ruby, Bella, Frankie, Nimrit, Will
	2/3\$	Casper
	4/5B	Billie

GOLD AWARD

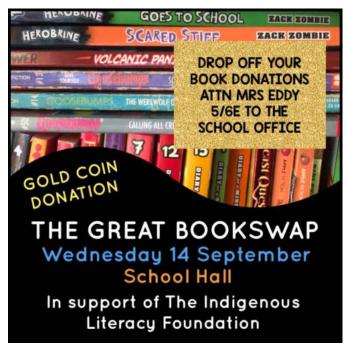
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Bilambil Public School is

pleased to announce that we will be staging our annual Book Fair this year coinciding with the 2022 Children's Book Council of Australia ralia (CBCA) Book Week starting next Monday 22 August.





It's that time of year again!! Bilambil school will be hosting a Great Book Swap to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF), who do amazing work in remote communities across Australia. 5/6E are asking you to dust off any pre-loved books and donate them to this great event. There will be a prize for the class that donates the most books this year. The Great Book Swap will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 14 September. If you are unable to purchase books on the day you can still get involved by following the link to our school page and making a donation. Our goal is to raise \$1200 this year.

https://edu.greatbookswap.org.au/bilambilpublicschoolsgreatbookswap

Happy Reading! Mrs Eddy and 5/6E





UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 3 2022

School items

P&C Items

Term 3 Week 5 Monday 15 to Friday 19 August

Mon 15 - Fri 19
 Science Week
 Tues 16
 Canteen Closed
 Wed 17
 Wellbeing Wednesday
 Fri 19
 FNC Athletics Carnival - Walter Peate Oval

Term 3 Week 6 Monday 22 to Friday 26 August

Mon 22 - Fri 26 • Book Week

Mon 22 - Fri 26 • Book Fair

Tues 23 • Canteen closed

Wed 24 • Book Parade

Term 3 Week 7 Monday 29 August to Friday 1 September

Mon 29 - Fri 1 • Book Fair

Tues 30 • Canteen closed

Term 3 Week 8 Monday 5 to Friday 9 September

Tues 6

- Teddy Bear's Picnic—2023
 Kindergarten
- P&C Meeting
- Canteen closed





CANTEEN Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, with our Canteen Window back open for Recess and Lunch! Sushi Thursday is always a busy day and keep an eye out on Facebook for updated Canteen information. Order online by 9.30am or with a paper bag and cash. Our updated Healthy Options Canteen Lunch Menu is currently located online at www.myschoolconnect.com.au/bilambilps We have a small team and need Volunteers! Updated Menu coming soon.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!! Katie our WINNER of the P&C Canteen Raffle. A \$100 MySchoolConnect Voucher. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



FUNDRAISING Where does our fundraising money go? Take a look at our fabulous new marquee's used at the recent Athletics Carnival. With two BBQ Fundraisers we raised \$1474! A huge thank you to all our volunteers, teachers, staff and P&C team that stepped up on both days to make it all happen. We appreciate your support. If you are able to help out please message our team via our Facebook page or email bilambilpublicschool-canteen@pandcaffiliate.org.au or bilambiluniformshop@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING There are many ways that you can help within our school community. Bilambil Public School relies on volunteers to run our events, uniform shop and especially our canteen. This is a great way to connect and be a valued part of your school community.



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.

Find us on (7)

UNIFORMS PLEASE remember to LABEL and RE-LABEL your children's uniforms <u>especially hats and jumpers</u> with students full names. Our Lost Property box is over-flowing with unnamed items. Any new jumpers you have lost please email the Uniform

Coordinator as we have quite a few (unnamed) in shop.

www.bilambilpc.org/uniforms

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

NEXT P&C MEETING The P&C team meet twice a term in Week 3 & 8. Our next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday, 6 September at 5pm in the School Staffroom. Our P&C team has been reduced greatly over the past year which has impacted significantly, what support and much needed fundraising we can offer our school and community. We would love your support as a couple of our members are already doing multiple roles - we need to share the load and start preparing now for the future of our school's P&C. All are welcome. We need you!

