

THREE WEEKS TO GO OF TERM 1

It is hard to believe we are over half way through the term.

This is a timely reminder that in the event of a school wide emergency for example, late bus, flooding, bushfires, where parents need to be contacted, our first point of communication is via the SchoolStream app which is a highly effective and very time efficient means of communication. There are a few parents that still do not have the SchoolStream app on their phone. I urge all parents to download this FREE APP if you haven't already done so.

We are happy to be of assistance if you're not sure how to do this. This is particularly important in the event of adverse weather conditions and the need to communicate quickly to families.

NAPLAN

Students will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments this week and next.

- Wednesday 15 March is Writing
- Thursday 16 March is Reading
- Monday 20 March is Language Conventions
- Tuesday 21 March is Numeracy

To familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME

The Department of Education require that all volunteers who are parents or close relatives of a child at the school at which they are volunteering complete a Working With Children Check Declaration Form (available from the school office) and provide 100 points of identification as stated on the Service NSW website. Parents and close relatives of a child/ren who attend Bilambil PS do not need a WWCC clearance number. If you come into our school to volunteer or help in anyway, we require you to apply at the office.

STAR LAB VISIT

The experience was awesome! To quote one of our students, We were all able to see the observable changes in the sky and landscape, patterns of events that occur in the sky including the appearance of the moon and stars, weather and seasons in the giant dome, the Cosmo dome an igloo-shaped dome used both as a full dome cinema and planetarium. We all took a virtual tour in space! The oohs and aahs from our keen astronauts was deafening!



LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside our school.

Always park and turn legally around the school. Never double park as it puts our children at risk. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous. Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay please.

Can we also remind parents please, to clearly display their children's names in the front passenger window of your car using the cards provided when at kiss n drop. This really assists us all in the easy and fluid movement of lots of cars and people. If you have misplaced your family name card please contact the school office for a replacement. Together we can keep our students, families and community safe.

Mrs Linda Constable
Assistant Principal

STAGE 3 CAMPOUT

Last Friday 10 March we saw our wonderful community of Stage 3 families connect at Bilambil Public School.

Nathan from Online Guardians spoke to students and parents about the main issues we are seeing with students engaging in online content. This talk provided parents with some strategies to tackle the problems we are facing in our ever-evolving digital world.

This evening was also directed at informing our parents about the values we have for Stage 3, which is being Kind, showing Empathy, and being Authentic.

Our vision is to instil the belief in our students that we can achieve our dreams.

We listened to an amazing TED talk from Kath Koshel and how she started the "Kindness Factory". This will be something we will revisit throughout the year as a Stage.

After the formalities of the evening, we said goodbye to the parents and students stayed on for an evening of fun as we camped at school!

We played spotlight and then settled down for the night with the boys camping out in the hall and the girls in the library.

Thank you to all staff who volunteered their time to spend with our amazing bunch of Stage 3 students.

Mr Anthony Touzell
Stage 3 Assistant Principal



SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to the students that were inducted on Wednesday 1 March 2023. School Captains, School Leaders, House Captains, Library Monitors, SRC - WELL DONE!



LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to the year and all students are enjoying the space and resources the library has to offer. This year, we have a large cohort of volunteers who are taking their roles as Library Monitors very seriously. The monitors are helping out in their break times to return books and tidy up shelves. They are already demonstrating the commitment needed and the whole school is grateful for their hard work and dedication.

A huge thank you to those students bringing in their library bags each week on their library days. A library bag helps keep library books safe and protected inside school bags. A library bag does not need to be anything fancy. It could be an old pillowcase or a reusable shopping bag. It is helpful to label your library bag with a name in case it is accidentally misplaced. Students will receive a Dojo point each week they borrow books for home with a library bag.

Stage 3 students have designed shelf markers to assist all students when browsing the shelves looking for books to read and borrow. They have done a wonderful job designing these and the shelf markers are being excitedly used during class library sessions and lunchtimes. Thank you Stage 3!

Edition 2 of Book Club has gone home with students and all orders need to be finalised by 22 March. Orders can be placed either online by visiting scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by returning the student order form located on the back of the Book Club brochure with your payment. Our school receives 15% of total sales back as rewards which is used for purchasing learning and literacy resources.

Reading Club has commenced with great success for our Stage 1 students. Reading Club operates in the library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-8:50am. Students in Years 1 and 2 are invited to bring in their home reading folder to read with a teacher, SLSO or library monitor.

There are also some literacy games to play before and after reading.

See you in the library!

Mrs Rebecca Harvey
Teacher Librarian



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 5 & 6 2023



KC	Sofia Scarlett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A fantastic start to school. - Fantastic effort in class.
KF	Marli Eden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An amazing start to school. Well done Marli. - An enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks.
K/1B	Annabelle Oxley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For being a great role model. - Great effort in reading groups.
1/2A	Chace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showing enthusiasm towards his learning.
1/2T	Poppy Dhamma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a greater willingness to have a go during maths activities. - Great thinking and problem-solving skills.
1/2W	Charli Jude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Producing quality work. - Displaying persistence with his writing and having a growth mindset.
2/3W	Ava Jace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her pleasing learning habits. - For enthusiasm when learning about palindromes.
3/4M	Andre Brandon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fantastic story writing and lovely manners in class. - Being a great friend to others and a thoughtful helper in the classroom .
3/4T	Flick Lulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her descriptive narrative writing. - Her positive mindset towards maths.
3/4V	Amelia Kaden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking pride in her bookwork and producing quality and creative written texts. - Always displaying a responsible and respectful attitude.
5/6B	Ravi Shylar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrating stage 3 values of kindness, empathy and authenticity. - Her focus and effort in maths.
5/6E	Theo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For being a wonderful role model and mentor to other students in our class.
5/6H	Lily Gypsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being authentic by asking questions to support your learning. - Consistently displaying the stage 3 values of kindness and empathy.
Music	Juni	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singing our National Anthem correctly with pride.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



READING WORKSHOP:

COME FOR A CUPPA AND CONVERSATION!

Would you like to know more about how you can support your child/children in learning to read?



Join us for a cuppa and conversation in a reading workshop that will cover:

- the new NSW Department of Education English syllabus – what has changed and why?
- teaching reading- what does it look like in the classroom?
- decodable texts- what are they and how will they be used?
- assisting your child with reading at home and in the classroom

WHEN? Thursday 30 March 2.00pm to 2.40pm

WHERE? Bilambil School library

Afternoon tea provided. Please call or email the school if you wish to attend.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Elissa Wade
Assistant Principal,
Curriculum & Instruction



UP AND COMING EVENTS TERM 1 2023

School items	P&C Items
Term 1 Week 8 - Thursday 15 to Friday 16 March	
Thursday 16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naplan - Reading
Term 1 Week 9 - Monday 20 to Friday 24 March	
Monday 20 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naplan (Yr 3 & 5 Only)- Language Conventions Year 5 & 6 Interrelate Program
Tuesday 21 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naplan (Yr 3 & 5 Only)- Numeracy Canteen Closed
Friday 24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Tissue Fairy Visit
Term 1 Week 10 - Monday 27 to Friday 31 March	
Monday 27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 Interrelate Program
Tuesday 28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Closed
Friday 31 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucas Proudfoot Author Visit - More information to be sent home shortly
Term 1 Week 11 - Monday 3 to Thursday 6 April	
Tuesday 4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Hat Parade - Kindergarten to Year 6
Thursday 6 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday Public Holiday



Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Bilambil Public School will celebrate Harmony Day by holding a muffi day on **Tuesday 21 March 2023**, where students can bring a gold coin donation and wear sun-safe orange muffi clothes.

Linda Constable
Assistant Principal





P&C COMMUNICATIONS Follow our Facebook page and like the posts for all the weekly info and urgent Uniform and Canteen notices to keep you up to date. Or check out our Webpage bilambilpc.org where you will find lots of information about how our P&C works, Canteen Menu, links to MySchoolConnect, Uniform Shop and details of our fundraisers and how we support our school and community here at Bilambil Public. To contact us directly with our current small team please email bilambiluniformshop@gmail.com or PM us via Facebook and you will get a quick reply!

VOLUNTEERING Bilambil Public School relies on volunteers to run our events, Uniform Shop and especially our **Canteen who urgently need your support to continue providing our full range of Healthy Options Menu**. This is a great way to connect and be a valued part of your school community. Please PM us via Facebook if you are able to help out or contact the School Office.



Find us on

www.facebook.com/bilambilpublicschoolpc



WE NEED YOU! This month started with P&C Day on the 1st of March! P&C Day is our day to celebrate the incredible work that our team has achieved within our school and acknowledge our awesome school community volunteers that generously give their time and skills.

Thankyou to everyone that has contributed to Bilambil Public School P&C with your time, donations and support of activities. We could not do it without you! Our AGM is fast approaching, and with **ALL POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT** we would love you to join our P&C, now is the time to come and say hello, as we farewell outgoing and long standing members! Come along next **Tuesday, 21st March 2023 @ 5pm** in the School Staffroom and wear a **Splash of Orange** in celebration of Harmony Day 2023. Don't forget your \$1 coin to become a member and join our wonderful team. RSVP on our FB Event post, PM direct or email bilambiluniformshop@gmail.com All are welcome.

WHAT IS A P&C ASSOCIATION? A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school and Principal in a productive partnership in providing:

- feedback on school policies and activities
- additional resources to be used to enhance student learning
- parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education.

Functions of the P&C Association

- To foster community interest in educational matters.
- To encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school.
- To provide advice and recommendations to the principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school.
- To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school.



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