Dates to Remember

23rd June  Yrs 4, 5 and 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
24th June  K/1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
25th June  Yrs 2 and 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews
26th June  Athletics Carnival - Field Events
26th June  Return Uniform Orders
26th June  Last day of Term 2

TERM 3
13th July  Staff Development Day
          Pupil Free
14th July  Students return to school
15th July  Dance Audition 9.45 am
20th July  Canteen commences for Term 3
22nd July  Small Schools Carnival - Field Events
23rd July  Visiting Artist—Ghana Beat My Drum
24th July  Small School Carnival - Track Events
31st July  OPEN DAY
          Education Week 27th-31st July

Parent Interviews

Reports were sent home on Friday of last week. We hope that you found the new interim report easy to read and informative. I would like to thank the teachers for all the time and effort they spent in writing their reports.

Parent/teacher interviews will take place this week. If you are unable to attend interviews on the set day, teachers are more than happy to organise one at a convenient time on another day. We look forward to meeting with you this week to discuss the progress of your children.

4/5/6 Interviews
(To be held in Mrs Mackie’s office)
-  Tuesday 23rd June

K/1 Interviews
(To be held in Mrs Mackie’s office until 10:30 then in the Library)
-  Wednesday 24th June
2/3 Interviews
(To be held in Mrs Mackie’s office)
-  Thursday 25th June

Tennis Court and Newcombe Ball Court

The Tennis Court and Newcombe Ball Court are now finished and ready for use. The upgrade to the courts came about through a grant received by the Department of Education and Communities. We have been very fortunate to have received such a grant.

Court Craft did a wonderful job on both courts, with both looking very professional. Attached below is a photo of the finished products for you to view if you haven’t yet seen them in person.

Bilpin Public School P & C Committee are as follows

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Please feel free to contact any of these representatives if you have any concerns you wish to discuss.
Richmond Rotary Hawkesbury Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Mali for making it to the grand final of the Richmond Rotary Hawkesbury Public Speaking Competition!

Mr Hynds, Ms Wheen and myself look forward to cheering Mali on at Richmond Golf Club tonight. Mali will compete against 5 other students from various schools in the Hawkesbury.

All the best Mali!

Dance Group Rehearsals

On Tuesday, 23rd June there will be an afternoon dance rehearsal in readiness for our audition on Wednesday morning of week 1 next term. The rehearsal will take place from 3:30 - 4:30pm. I would like to thank Miss Carroll for attending the afternoon to see how the students are progressing. There will also be a morning rehearsal on Friday, 26th June from 8:30am. Both sessions will take place in the Library.

Details about costumes and costs will be sent out in the first few weeks of next term.

Uniform Orders

Please remember to hand your uniform order in to the school office by Friday 26th June. Orders will be placed over the school holidays ready for delivery during the first couple of weeks of Term 3. If you have any questions regarding uniform orders, please phone Kelly Haines on 4567 0246.

Principal’s Lunch

This term’s Principal’s Lunch will take place on the last day of school. Congratulations to the students who have achieved Student of the Week and 3 Star Performer Awards this term. I look forward to celebrating your achievements this Friday!

Education Week

On Friday 31st July (Week 3 of Term 3) we will be having our Open Day. This year will again be a Science Day. In the morning we will be completing a variety of science activities in groups. We have a visiting science show titled, ‘Travelbugs Mobile Mini-beasts’, between recess and lunch and to finish the day we will have a sausage sizzle. More detailed information will be sent out in the first week of next term.

Spirit Week Colo High

Our Year 6 students have been chosen to attend a special concert as part of Colo High’s Spirit Week celebrations. Today they will be entertained in the morning, after which there will be a morning tea where they will have the opportunity to meet students from other feeder schools and also Colo High School. We hope they enjoy their visit.

Staff Development Day - Pupil Free

The staff will be attending a First Aid course run by Surf Life Saving NSW on Monday 13th July. The course is also available to schools in the area, nursing homes and community members of which we will have 40 participants attending. If in the near future you wish to take part in the First Aid course, the school runs it each year on the first day of term 3.

Hawkesbury Enrichment Programs

Last week saw the first week of the Hawkesbury Enrichment Programs. Mrs Oram and Mrs McCloy ran very successful programs which were greatly enjoyed by many students across the district.

This week will see the second week of courses running. I had the pleasure of running a drama program for Year 3 and 4 students today with many students demonstrating the potential for becoming superstars in the future!

17 of our students were accepted into these courses. We hope they have a wonderful time at their respective courses.

Athletics Carnival - Field Events

On Friday 26th June we will be completing our shot put and long jump events. If the grounds are dry and safe we will also be holding the high jump event. These events are only for 8 year olds and up. They will commence at 10am for junior shot put and long jump and continue with 11/12 years events as these conclude. High jump, if being completed, will follow shot put and long jump events respectively.

Parents are welcome to come along and support the children.

We will be holding the track events at Bilpin Reserve in the first week of next term on Friday 17th July.

Canteen

Thank you to the parents who have offered to be on the canteen roster in term 3. We do have more vacancies available so if you have a Monday or a Thursday free it would be very much appreciated. A blank canteen roster was sent out with the last newsletter, but if you require a new form please contact Mrs Chapman in the office.

Sydney West Cross Country

A big congratulations to Mali who participated in the Sydney West Cross Country on Wednesday 10th June. There were 110 participants on the day and Mali achieved 40th. Well done Mali!

Happy Birthday

A very happy birthday to those students who had their birthdays in June. They were Dion (7 yrs) and Kye (7 yrs).

We have ten students who will be celebrating their birthdays in July and we wish them a very happy birthday coming up.

Mia (6 yrs), Joel (8 yrs), Harry (8 yrs), Alex (11 yrs), Khannah (5 yrs), Jack (10 yrs), Lachlan (10 yrs), Ariam (8 yrs), Samuel (8 yrs) and Laura (11 yrs).

CHOIR NEWS - Mrs Oram

We are very excited that the full K-6 choir will be performing at the Richmond Marketplace as part of the Education Week festivities. A note with all of the information for you will be given to your child early next term.

PULSE - Mrs Oram

Thank you to the families who have made an effort to come early on Wednesday mornings to attend choir rehearsals. This week, we will not be doing this, as I have parent interviews during this time. Next term though, I would very much like to continue with this. If you could try and have your child at school by 8.45am on the 5 Wednesdays
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leading up to the performance, that would be fantastic! These dates are 15th July, 22nd July, 29th July, 5th August and 12th August. Thank you so much.

Hopefully all of the PULSE families received information about how to order the tickets for the Opera House Show. The tickets are now on sale. We understand that some of the families may not be able to attend the concert. Please tell Mrs Oram if this is the case, so we can arrange transport home for your child.

Mrs Oram has been offered a position on the production team, so on the day of the concert, Miss Wheen will be taking the girls to the daytime rehearsal. They will be taking the train to the rehearsal, which begins at midday. There are a couple of options for parents that day. If you would be more comfortable coming with your child for the full day, you are more than welcome to come in on the train and then disappear for the rehearsal from 12 - 4pm. Otherwise, you can come and meet with your child for dinner from 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Or, you can come to the performance at 7pm and then pick up your child after the show. More information on these options will be given to you closer to the concert.

End of term message

This Friday is the end of Semester 1. Our students have worked very hard throughout this time and learnt many new things. The students have participated in many interesting learning opportunities across all Key Learning Areas, at school and at external venues. I would like to thank each and every student for their ongoing efforts.

I would also like to thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to our students and our school. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team of teaching and support staff at Bilpin.

I would also like to thank all of our parent volunteers. Volunteers contribute to enhancing the learning opportunities and experiences of our students. Your help is truly valuable and much appreciated. Thank you to all of our community members for your continued support of our school.

Wishing everyone a warm and restful winter break.

Kind regards,

Melanie Mackie
Principal

CLASS NEWS

Kindergarten/Year 1 News

Thank you for your patience over the last few weeks, as Mrs McCloy and myself have been swapping some work days. I know it has been tricky to know who has been here on which days. This has been because of Enrichment Courses, Choir Rehearsals and general winter illness. As of this week, we should be going back to our normal days (except for Wednesday, when we will be conducting the interviews).

Don't forget our interviews are this Wednesday. We will have a sheet of scheduled times up on the door of the K/1 room, just in case you've forgotten your time.

It has come to our attention, that on canteen days some K/1 students are not eating the food that they have ordered. Some students are ordering pies and lasagnes, which has just been too much for them to get through. We have noticed that some students have been throwing out the food that they have ordered. To try and eliminate this problem, if you could speak to your child about the amount that they are ordering and seeking possible alternatives, such as yummy drummies or sweet chilli tenders, that would be fantastic. This would help us with the amount of waste and also help you with the money that you are spending, only to have the food not eaten. The canteen staff have offered to have mini pies and sausage rolls for sale next term, so that the students don't miss out and it is not quite as much to eat.

In week 3 of next term we will have a Prac Student with us in our classroom, her name is Mrs McGown. She will be here for 2 weeks in term 3 and 3 weeks in term 4. She is lovely and very keen to get started.

Thank you to all of the parents who have continued to come to reading groups this term. We really appreciate it and hope you can continue next term.

Your students will be receiving a mathletics password this week. They will glue these into their homework books. You can access mathletics on a computer, iPad or other tablet. They will have some activities that they can complete in their own time in the holidays, if they wish.

We hope you have a fantastic break, we look forward to hearing about your winter adventures.

Mrs N Oram and Mrs E McCloy

2/3 Class News

As this is the last week of term, Reading Groups will not run. A big thank you to all parents who have volunteered their time to listen to students read this term! Reading Groups will recommence again in Week 2 of next term.

I would like to congratulate the students in 2/3 for all the wonderful work they have been doing for the past two terms and I look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the next two terms.

Homework:

There will be no homework for 2/3 this week.

Wishing all of the boys and girls and their families a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs M. Mackie

4/5/6 Class News

Our Year 6 students headed off to Colo High School today and we hope they had a great time watching the performances.

It’s been a busy term and I am sure all my students are looking forward to a nice break to reenergise. We will be finishing off some of our terms activities this week and completing some different activities in Reading due to it being a single week.

I am also looking forward to chatting with many parents tomorrow about their child's progress. Those who are unable to come along tomorrow can still arrange an interview with me for this week or early in Term 3.

Thank you to those parents who have been helping with reading during the term. As always we are in need of helpers again next term.

Mr A Hynds
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ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS

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<td>Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and <strong>SAFE</strong> and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). <strong>Cost $15 per person</strong></td>
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<td>Saturday 4 July 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm</td>
<td>School Holiday Astronomy Night</td>
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<td>Thursday 9 July 10.00 am – 12 noon</td>
<td>School Holiday Hands-on Science All Kinds of Aliens Workshop</td>
<td>The workshop will include hands-on science activities, a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, water rocket launches and <strong>SAFE</strong> and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). <strong>Cost $15 per person</strong></td>
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<td>Saturday 11 July 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm</td>
<td>Special Event Astronomy Night</td>
<td><strong>Naidoc Week Special Event Astronomy, Navigation and Science in Aboriginal Australia</strong> talk by Professor Ray Norris. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.</td>
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Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** Astronomy Nights -$18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family

**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What's On

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