A love of creativity at Illabo Public School
2013 Calendar

Term 1, Week 8
Tuesday 18 March  District Soccer Trials at Cootamundra
Wed 19 March  Life Education Van visit

Term 1, Week 9
27-28 March  Primary Principals' Association Mini Conference in Wagga

Term 1, Week 10
Wednesday 2 April  Ngumba-Dal Meeting, 7:45am
Thursday 3 April  Wallendbeen Baldry Shield Athletics

Term 1, Week 11
Tuesday 8 April  P&C Meeting, 5:30pm
Wednesday 9 April  Debating Workshop, years 5 & 6
Thursday 10 April  ANZAC Service, 10:30am
Friday 11 April  Last day of term 1 and Easter Hat Parade
Sunday 13 April  P&C to run barbecue at Bunnings

Holiday activities
Friday 25 April  ANZAC March in Junee

Term 2, Week 1
Monday 28 April  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 29 April  Students return for term 2

Term 2, Week 2
Wednesday 7 May  Sacred Heart CS Performance

Term 2, Week 3
13-15 May  NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
Friday 16 May  Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival

Feature Photo
Maeve Ryan enjoying art

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A message from Meredith

All students are enjoying track and field sporting activities in preparation for the Wallendbeen Baldry Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Thursday 3 April. Ball skills are the focus this week.

P&C Executive for 2014

Our P&C executive for 2014 has been voted and we congratulate the following office bearers:

Gerard Ryan, President; Nicole Hopkins, Vice President; Jules Ramsay, Secretary; Justine Croker, Treasurer; Kate Day, Uniform Officer and Catering Committee Coordinator, Cathy Passlow.

We look forward to working together for another great year.

Healthy Harold

The Life Education Van has already arrived with students excited about Healthy Harold’s visit tomorrow.

The cost for this is $6.00 per student, with the school budget subsidising a third of the cost. Please send any outstanding notes with money back to school by tomorrow.

Temora Excursion

On Thursday 27 March, K-6 will be learning about the significance of ANZAC Day at the Temora Aviation Museum. A special workshop for K-6 will be presented by the museum’s education officer covering HSIE, science and literacy skills.

A picnic lunch (packed from home) will follow at the Temora Museum before students explore the fantastic display of working ambulances.

Parents are welcome to follow the bus in cars and pay entry on arrival at both venues. We thank our P&C for subsidising this excursion by $10.00 per head with families paying the remaining $10.00 per student for the day. The school will pay remaining additional costing for the bus.

Transport will be by Junee Buses, leaving school at 9:20am and returning to school in time for bus runs at 2:45pm.

ANZAC Service at school

On Thursday 10 April, school will be holding an ANZAC Service at 10:30am followed by morning tea. All welcome to attend. Could students please bring flowers to school this day.

ANZAC Marching in Junee

Like in past years, students and their families are welcome to march in the Junee ANZAC Day Marching, representing our school. Please meet Mrs Carter at Memorial Park on Friday 25 April by 10:45am.

Could you indicate on the attached tear off if your child will be attending the march, as our students have been asked to sing the National Anthem as well as recite a couple of poems. Full school uniform is to be worn for this.

We thank a volunteer in advance for picking up our wreath from Country Meadows on the day. Please let school know if you can.

Ngumba-Dal Meeting

On Wednesday 2 April I will be attending the Ngumba-Dal Learning Community breakfast meeting in Junee.

Lunch order survey

A survey is attached to this week’s newsletter regarding lunch orders. Please indicate your preference and return to school by this Friday 21 March. Further to this a note will be sent out Friday ready for week 9 (starting 24 March).

Annual School Report

A technology survey for inputting results into the 2013 Annual School Report, will be sent home this week. We value your input on our survey and would appreciate
returns by next Tuesday 25 March to allow collating and adding results to the ASR.

Students will complete a survey at school to also have their voices heard.

Work Health and Safety

We are in the process of reviewing our Work Health and Safety files and as in all workplaces there are agreed procedures for behaviour on school sites.

Children have a Welfare Policy to guide their behaviour and consequences for actions resulting in breaking these guidelines.

Our staff are entitled to a safe work place where they carry out their daily tasks in a safe environment. As site manager, it is my job to ensure this occurs. All school sites have access to the School Security Response Unit which is set up for all public schools; this unit is part of the police force which specialises in assisting schools maintaining a safe and happy work place for all. Attached is the updated Student Behaviour Forms for your interest.

Our highest priority is always to ensure a positive, happy and safe environment for everyone.

If at any time you would like to make an appointment to see either myself or a teacher, please phone the school.

Meredith

Wallendbeen Baldry Shield Athletics

The Baldry Shield Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be conducted on Thursday 3 April 2014 at Wallendbeen Sports Oval.

All students K-6 are to attend the carnival. Transport is the responsibility of parents. If you are unable to provide transport for your child, please either contact the school or organise alternative arrangements.

Entry fee is a gold coin donation for each car entering the grounds. The day will commence at 9:00am with the March Past at 9:15am. A canteen will operate during the day or bring your own packed lunch. Bring plenty of water for rehydrating throughout the day, sunscreen and school hats. Full school sports uniform is to be worn. A permission note is attached.

Steward House Envelopes

Attached to the newsletter are donation envelopes for the Stewart House Donation Drive 2014. If you would like to donate to this very worthwhile cause, please return envelopes to school by Friday, 9 May for entering in the draw for a $4000.00 holiday.

Expression of Interest forms

Recently we sent home forms for our year 6 students to fill out and return, indicating which high school they will be attending in 2014. We still have outstanding forms which need to be returned even if your child will be attending a non-government school.

P&C News

A reminder of two important dates with information to follow later:

1. Bunnings barbecue - Sunday 13 April – help will be required.
2. Welcome dinner for new parents (and old ones) – Friday 11 April – last day of term.
3. The next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 8 April at 5:30pm.
Community News

Junee Reefs
GOLD MINES BALL

Friday 21 March 2014 - 5pm - Junee Reefs Hall
$25.00 per person
Complimentary drink on arrival
Entertainment by Griffith Band - ‘Saikomatich’
BYO drinks & nibbles – supper provided
Dress - Formal
RSVP Friday 7 March 2014

Tickets available from:
George Brabin - m. 0417 22 327 m. 0427 244 239
Glenn Carey - m. 0417 22 327 m. 0425 257 255
Susan Pratt - m. 0425 150 332

Parenting Tips

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:

Sushi train

Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an ice pack and include some little soy sauce fish.

Find out more:

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Find out more:
Looking for school documents?

Please note that most of our school documents such as previous newsletters, absent notes, enrolment forms, parent booklets etc can be found on our school website at [www.illabo.p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.illabo.p.schools.nsw.edu.au), by following the path shown underneath the document. Or please scan the following code with your smartphone or laptop’s webcam to access our website.