Our Debating Team Gaining in confidence!

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School Audit

A financial and Work and Health Safety (WHS) audit of our school is to be held on Tuesday 19 August with an auditor from the NSW DEC Audit Directorate.
A message from Meredith

Lots of snow was on offer at the Illabo Community Snow Day held last Friday. A little closer to home, Illabo PS enjoyed a snow themed day with mufti clothes, activities and our famous ice-cream snowmen! A great day was had by all!

Welcome

Illabo School would like to welcome the Perry-Gilbert family to our school and community. Pictured are Drake (year 2) and Tyrese (year 1).

Week of Taste – Years 3 and 4

This term, year 3 and remaining year 4 students not going to the Chess tournament will be participating in two transition sessions at Junee High School. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 6 August and Wednesday 13 August. The activities will be based around cooking and will be held between 9:30am-12:30pm. Mrs Di Cusack will accompany our students tomorrow. Transport will be by bus in the mornings and Mrs Carter for the return journey on both days.

Please return the attached permission note tomorrow morning.

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to our P5 Relay Team, Max Day, Mim Hopkins, Anisa Rees and Sam Churchill who represented both our school and the Cootamundra Network of Schools at Albury yesterday. A big thank you to Mr Scott Churchill for transporting and supporting our students on the day. Well done Illabo for a great result.

Debating Gala Day

Last Tuesday Illabo hosted a Debating Gala day with schools visiting from Tumut, Ladysmith and Eurongilly. Our team performed very well on the day improving with each debate. A big thank you to K-6 for making our visiting schools welcome on the day and to Mrs Cheryl Carter for again staging another great Gala Day!

Jeans for Genes Day

Well done K-6 and our community for supporting Jeans for Genes Day! Your generosity saw $80.00 sent in towards this worthwhile cause.

Primary Schools One-Day Chess Tournament

Mim and Judy Hopkins, Taiyo and Anisa Rees, Max Day and Hayden Ingham will be attending the One Day Chess Tournament tomorrow at Sturt Public School. A big thank you to all parents attending and supporting our students on the day. Good luck to our students!

Office refurbishment

This weekend our final stage of the office refurbishment will take place. We are looking for some
help from dads to move the old furniture (desk, filing cabinets) to the garage. If you can assist on **Friday after school**, please let us know.

**Working with Children and Parent Check**

I would like to apologise for the incorrect information on the Working with Children and Parent Check. Parents and volunteers do **not have to pay** for this. To obtain this you need to visit the following website.


Once there, complete the required fields, print your reference and take it to the Roads and Maritime Authority where you will need to show your proof of identity.

**ICAS Mathematics Competition**

Good luck to our participants in next week’s International Competitions and Assessments for Schools’ Mathematics Competition on Tuesday 12 August.

**Welcome back**

Welcome back to Mrs Julie Ryan who has returned from her much deserved long service leave! A special thank you to Mrs Glenys Steward who capably kept the home fires burning during Julie’s absence.

**Centenary of Red Cross - 100 years people helping people 1914 - 2014**

This year sees the 100th anniversary of Red Cross in Australia and internationally. In 1914 both Junee and Illabo formed branches of the Red Cross to help in the war effort.

The Junee-Illabo Branch would like to raise awareness amongst school children of this milestone and the work that Red Cross does both at home and abroad. Consequently we are holding a colouring competition for primary school children. Also students will be participating in the following competitions:

- Years K-2 are to write some words or a sentence on the question: *How does Red Cross help in times of need?*

- Years 3-4 are to write three or four sentences on the question: *How does Red Cross help in times of need?*

Years 5-6 are to write about 100 words on **Red Cross in times of need**.

There will be one winner from each age group across all the Junee Schools including Eurongilly and Illabo of a $20.00 IGA voucher.

*Jenny Morton (President)*

**Red and White Mufti day**

On **Wednesday 13 August** we will be holding a red and white mufti day to mark the official anniversary of the formation of Red Cross. Students are asked to donate a gold coin (or more) on the day, with the proceeds going to the Junee-Illabo branch.

**Author visit**

On **Thursday 14 August** years 3-6 will be going to the Junee Library to view the travelling exhibition *A life in writing* of the author Ms Elyne Mitchell. Elyne is most famous for the Silver Brumby series. Students will travel to and from Junee **on the school bus** with Mrs Carter, leaving school at 9:25am and returning in time for recess.

Please fill out the attached permission and note and return as soon as possible.

*Cheryl Carter*

**Kinder Enrolments and Transition**

We are now taking expressions of interest for 2015 **Kindergarten enrolments**. Our Kinder Orientation Program has commenced to help our local children get used to the routine, excitement and fun of learning before they start school next year. This is held on Wednesdays for the remainder of the school year (excluding holidays and excursion week). The program is open to all children who turn 5 years old before 31st July, 2015.

If you are aware of any new families wishing to enrol at Illabo Public School please get them to contact us for an information package. Thank you.

**Collecting students**

Occasionally, there has been some confusion regarding if students are to catch the bus in the afternoon or if they are going to be collected. We will send students on their normal routine **unless** parents have contacted us by phone or have written a note to inform us of the change.
P&C News

The next meeting of our P&C will be held on **Tuesday 12 August at 4:00pm** in the school library. All welcome.

Don’t forget the Illabo Hotel fundraiser supporting our school and P&C this Wednesday night at the Illabo Hotel.

Parenting Tips

**Flu season is here!**

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Community News

**Girls Nite In – Save the Date!**

A Girls Nite In – Pink Lady Tradies night is being held at Jacki Hedlund’s home in Junee on Saturday 6 September. Further information please phone Kerry Holmes on 0449 137 920.

**Coolamon Rural Women’s Gathering**

The 22nd NSW Rural Women’s Gathering will be hosted by Coolamon Shire on the weekend of 12, 13 and 14 September 2014 with fantastic workshops, keynote speakers and Gala Dinner. To access a program and other relevant information for the weekend go to their website: [www.nswruralwomensgathering.org](http://www.nswruralwomensgathering.org)

**Junee-Illabo Red Cross News**

There will be a High Morning Tea on Wednesday 27 August from 10:30am at Junee’s St Luke’s Hall at a cost of $10.00 per person. Come along to support this very worthwhile cause.