Having fun while creating
A pottery bonanza!
# 2014 Calendar

**Term 3, Week 10**
- **Tuesday 16 Sept**: Public Speaking
- **Wednesday 17 Sept**: PARS visit by our Education Director
- **Friday 19 September**: Last day of term 3 and Mrs Ryan to attend First Aid Course

**Term 4, Week 1**
- **Monday 6 October**: Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 7 October**: Term 4 begins for staff and students
- **Saturday 11 October**: Illabo Show!

**Term 4, Week 2**
- **Friday 17 October**: Baldry Shield at Wallendbeen

**Term 4, Week 3**
- **Thursday 23 Oct**: Put up show display, 2:00pm
- **Saturday 25 October**: Junee Show

**Term 4, Week 4**
- **Friday 31 October**: School photos 11:30am

**Term 4, Week 5**
- **3-7 November**: Excursion Week for Years 3-6
- **Friday 7 November**: K-2 excursion to Darlington Point

### Feature Photo

Jarrell and Liam having a great time at the recent pottery workshop

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### Looking for school documents?

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.illabop.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.illabop.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.
A message from Meredith

As this will be the last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing you all for an exciting Term 4.

Excursion news

Excitement is mounting with planning completed for our Years 3-6 major excursion to Phillip Island from Monday 3 to Friday 7 November and also our K-2 excursion to Altina Wildlife Park on Wednesday 5 November.

Our amazing P&C have ensured all students are able to attend by generously subsidising both trips. They are paying bus costs for both excursions and a further contribution to lower individual costs, making it very affordable.

Phillip Island is to cost $150.00 for each student (including accommodation, food and entries) and $200.00 for each attending parent. An Itinerary and Expression of Interest are attached. Please return your EOI with your $50.00 deposit by Friday 17 October.

The K-2 excursion costs are $16.00 per student and $27.00 per attending adult. Children under 4 years are free. An Expression of Interest is attached for this excursion also. Please return ASAP.

All payments are to be made prior to both excursions please.

As a school community, we ensure our future enrolments, families and grandparents who support our school in the past, present and future are invited for our K-2 excursion. We thank our community for supporting our school over many years and look forward to sharing these special experiences together.

Mrs Carter and Mrs Wilkinson will be supervising our K-2 students on this day. From lions to meerkats it will be a great day out for our Illabo community.

Staffing

Staffing for term 4 will be slightly changed on a Thursday where Mrs Wilkinson will be on deck with myself and Mrs Downey. Mrs Carter will still be with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Welcome

We welcome Kayde Carney (Year 1) to our school and our Illabo community.

Show Entries

All students are eager to do their personal best for show entries for 2014 – as discussed with students, it’s all about participating and taking personal pride no matter what we enter in. Well done K-6!

Pottery Workshop

A fantastic time was had last week creating wonderful masterpieces ready for our displays at both upcoming local shows.

School upgrades

As our office work nears completion, we have been fortunate to have further upgrades to our school:

- exterior of toilet block makeover, including replacing louvers with clear glass and painting
- new kitchen bench top and cupboard doors; doors to cover shelving in staffroom
- cupboard doors and sliding glass entrance door for Principal’s office
- exterior light on Library verandah
- display boards for classrooms

It is great to see ongoing improvements to our school making a safe and appealing environment for our students, staff and school community.

Working with Children and Parent Transport Check

The State government has put into place a Working with Children Check. It requires any parents who volunteer to transport children other than their own to obtain a Working with Children Check.

We have formerly asked you to do this online (in
previous newsletters), but have decided to make this easier for our parents by getting you to fill out the attached forms and bring to school for us to keep on file.

You will also need to provide the school with your 100 points Proof of Identity. For example this could be: birth certificates/passports – 70 points; driver’s licence, Concession Card/Health Card – 40 points; Medicare Card/Private Health Card, car registration – 25 points.

Parents will also need to provide us with a copy of their current driver’s licence and car registration form irrespective of what point identification is used.

Unfortunately, due to our school bus company not being able to transport our students anywhere other than their usual bus run and local bus company hire costs being very high, we have to rely more on parents to help with transport to various events. We thank you for your help with this. This is a once off requirement and will cover us for the remainder of the year.

Online Resources

We encourage parents and students to work together after school on some of the online resources that are available. Students are able to access Mathletics and Reading Eggs at any time if they have access to the internet. There is also another free department ‘app’ called ‘School A to Z’ that some of you may find useful. Any learning your child can do at home will have its benefits in the classroom. It’s also a great opportunity for parents to see where your children are at with their learning.

Public Speaking

Good luck to our students Miriam Hopkins, Emily Ryan, Ava Croker, Sam Churchill and Judy Hopkins who have been chosen to represent our school in the Junee Lions Public Speaking Competition being held at Junee North Public School next Tuesday 16 September.

Times are: Years 5 and 6 are from 9:30am-12:00pm and Years 3 and 4 are from 12:30-3:00pm. Students are to arrive 15 minutes prior to the commencement of their session. Transport is parent’s responsibility. Please meet Mrs Carter on arrival at JNPS. Students are to wear their (full) summer uniforms. Selected students have a permission note attached to the newsletter.

Library

If anyone could help with covering new library books, please contact Mrs Carter. Next term, Library days will be changed from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

School Photos

Our yearly photos, taken by Master School Portraits, have been booked for Friday 31 October at 11:30am. More information closer to the date.

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.
Parenting Tips

September homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The September 2014 homework and study calendar includes key dates, school holidays and the number of each week in the term. You can print it out this month’s calendar here: http://bit.ly/1pkC3fK

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time?

‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.


When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7loJD

Community News

NRL Holiday Clinic

Fun / Fitness / Friends

Come along this Holidays and enjoy a Rugby League Experience!

Venue - Twickenham Field, Turners

Date - Wednesday 1st October

Time - 10am to 12pm

Cost - $30 (includes pictured pack)

Age - Girls and Boys aged 6 to 13

Find out more: http://bit.ly/K7loJD

Netball School Holiday Clinic

Monday 22 September, 2014

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Register for the Netball School Holiday Clinic.

Register at netballnsw.com.au/form/0-30036

let's play netball

St Joseph’s Primary School Fete

14th March 2014

2:00 - 5:30 PM

FREE ADMISSION
ILLABO PUBLIC SCHOOL

CAREERS & TRAINING EXCHANGE

Kyeamba Smith Hall
Thursday 9 October
10.00am – 7.00pm

ATTENTION STUDENTS, PARENTS and
GRANDPARENTS and CARERS!!

COMPACTS’s Jobs, Careers and Training Exchange, will be the ideal one stop shop for school leavers embarking on their career journey as well as job seekers, career changers of all ages, people looking to reskill, upskill, retrain or re-enter the workforce.

Employers and service providers will be on hand to provide guidance with job seeking skills and motivation, career and training options, hands-on vocational experiences and much, much more. Current job opportunities from across the region will also be on display on the Jobs Board.

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