Say hello to our 2015 Kindergarten class

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2015 Calendar

Term 1, Week 2
- Monday 2 February: Intensive Swimming begins 12:00-1:00pm and new School Education Director’s visit
- Wednesday 4 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm and Ngumba-Dal Meeting, 7:45am
- Thursday 4 Feb: Canberra Raiders visit 9:40am
- Friday 6 Feb: Black Billy Cup Swimming Carnival

Term 1, Week 3
- Monday 9 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm
- Friday 13 Feb: Mr Steward to Sydney for iPad in schools training

Term 1, Week 4
- Monday 16 Feb: Swimming
- Tuesday 17 Feb: Swimming
- Thursday 19 Feb: PPA Mini Conference for principals – in Wagga
- Friday 20 Feb: CDPSSA Swimming Carnival

Term 1, Week 5
- Monday 23 Feb: Swimming
- Wednesday 25 Feb: Swimming
- Friday 27 Feb: Clean Up Australia in schools

Term 1, Week 6
- Monday 2 March: Swimming
- Wednesday 4 March: Swimming

Feature Photo

Finn, Rylee, Scarlett and Mimi – welcome to Illabo PS!

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A message from Meredith

A warm welcome is extended to our Kindergarten students: Mimi Day, Scarlett Wilson, Finn Hillam and Rylee Perry-Gilbert who are beginning their learning journey in 2015. Welcome back also to Matthew Targett in Year 1, and his family to our school community.

Thank you to Mr Max Harris, Mr Roy Buckley and Mrs Christine Gammon for ensuring our grounds and school were in excellent condition for our return.

Congratulations to all students for your enthusiastic return to school life last week! To our families and community, we look forward to a great year together!

Staffing

We welcome Mr Joshua Meyers to our Learning Team for 2015. Josh was the successful candidate at Merit Selection for the position of 2nd teacher (5 days per week). He is looking forward to his time with us at Illabo Public School.

Mrs Cheryl Carter will be supporting classes in Literacy, Learning Support and Library administration on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Mr Nathan Steward will return for Fun Friday, team teaching with Mr Meyers: Technology, PDHPE, Sport and Science!

Mrs Jenna Downey will be continuing her Thursday’s program, including Music.

I look forward to Reading K-6, Maths, Learning Support and Creative Arts in 2015.

Swimming

Swimming lessons began today from 12:00-1:00pm. A big thank you to our parental transport volunteers (a schedule of parent transport is attached to the newsletter) and to the Junee Community Transport for providing their mini bus at $25.00 per day.

All students will change at school before leaving the school grounds for the pool. Students will access the disabled toilet facing the pool and towel dry before returning to school for a complete change. Thongs may be worn to and from the pool, but school footwear must be put back on for the rest of the school day.

Costs for lessons are $3.00 per day payable before each lesson please. If your child has a pool pass, costs are reduced to $1.00 per day per child. Following are future days for our swimming program:

- Wednesday 4 February
- Monday 9 February
- Monday 16 February
- Tuesday 17 February
- Monday 23 February
- Wednesday 25 February
- Monday 2 March
- Wednesday 4 March
- Monday 9 March

Black Billy Cup

The Black Billy Cup Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival is on this Friday 6 February at the Junee Junction Recreation & Aquatic Centre. Please meet at the pool by 9:15am. Note - the school site will be closed on Friday.

We will be following Eurongilly PS with K-2 in attendance. K-2 games in rotation will be held with Mr Meyers in charge of this activity. I will be helping with recording on the day. Mr Steward is on leave.

The carnival is being hosted by Eurongilly this year and will once again combining with Illabo, Marrar and Nangus Public Schools.

Cost for entrance is $2.00 per student, unless you have a pool pass.

Please bring your hat. Sunscreen, towel and money for a barbecue lunch, otherwise a packed lunch from home is needed. The barbecue lunch is to be provided through the Eurongilly P&C; please fill out the attached order form and return to school by tomorrow (sorry for the late notice for this).
Steak Sandwiches - $5.00
Sausage Sandwiches - $2.00
Egg and Bacon Roll - $5.00
Hot Dog - $3.50
Cappuccino - $3.50
Tea - $1.50

Drinks and snacks are still available through the pool kiosk. A permission note is attached to be returned by Thursday at the latest. Thank you.

Canberra Raiders visit

Next Thursday, 5 February at 9:40am we will be having a visit from Iosia Soliola. Iosia plays for the Canberra Raiders in the NRL Competition and as part of the NRL 2015 Community Carnival, is promoting healthier lifestyles. Each student will have the opportunity to get one item signed on the day, eg. a football.

iPads in Schools

Mr Steward will be attending a course on iPads at the Macquarie University in Sydney on Friday, 13 February for implementation in the classroom K-6. This day course will be followed up with four weeks online training. An exciting year for Illabo Public School as we embrace new technologies!

Permission and Money

When sending in permission notes with money, please make sure that it is placed inside an envelope or money bag that is clearly labelled with name, amount and reason for money.

Label Belongings

Parents spend a lot of money on new school uniforms, hats, pencil cases, lunch boxes, drink bottles and school jumpers each year. It is vital that everything that comes to school has your child’s name on it. This is the only way to identify that your child owns these items and comes in handy when teachers are helping students find lost property.

School Captain Badges

The 2015 Captain Badges will be presented at the 9:10am morning assembly this Wednesday 4 February; if any parents would like to come along for a photo opportunity!

Absent Notes

Please find attached some absence notes which are to be filled in and returned when your child is absent from school for any reason. These are regularly checked by the Home School Liaison Officer. Alternatively these can be found on our website.

Illabo Public School’s Facebook Site

To access our school Facebook site, please Like our page to receive ongoing information, photos and items from the archives.

New permission notes for this are attached. Please fill out and return. Without a permission note, your child will not be featured on this site.

www.facebook.com/IllaboPublicSchool

General Store Price List

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the Illabo Store’s price list for ordering lunches. Please place money in an envelope or brown paper bag with your child’s name and purchases on the front.

Community News

Junee Jaguars Registration Days

Wednesday 11th of February - 3.30 until 5.30
Saturday 21st of February - 10 am – 12 pm

For more information please contact
Craig Duncan - 0400 935 704 or 0427 428 974
Mel Miller - 0411 892 024
or check out our website - http://juneejaguars.weebly.com/
Parenting Tips

2015 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Find out more:

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning.

Watch the video.

Find our more:

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more:

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:

No Hat, No Play

Please be mindful of Illabo Public School’s No Hat, No Play policy. If students fail to bring a hat to school, they must spend their playtime in the shaded areas of the school.

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school which has been labelled with their name.

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, 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.