Congratulations to our 2015 School Leaders

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2015 Calendar

Term 1, Week 4
Wednesday 18 Feb  | Assessment and Reporting Workshop for teachers in Junee after school
Thurs 19-Frid 20 Feb  | PPA Mini Conference for principals – in Wagga

Term 1, Week 5
Monday 23 Feb  | Swimming
Wednesday 25 Feb  | Swimming
Friday 27 Feb  | Clean Up Australia in schools and CDPSSA Swimming Carnival

Term 1, Week 6
Monday 2 March  | Swimming
Tues 3-Wed 4 March  | Mr Steward to Sydney for iPad course
Wednesday 4 March  | Swimming; Ngumba-Dal Meeting 7:45am
Friday 6 March  | Cricket 1:00-3:00pm and Chocolate Challenge at the Licorice Factory, 4:00pm

Term 1, Week 7
Monday 9 March  | Riverina Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 10 March  | P&C AGM, 5:30pm
Wednesday 11 Mar  | Life Education Van visit
Friday 13 March  | Wallendbeen Baldy Shield Athletics Carnival and PPA Principal’s Meeting in Wagga

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A message from Meredith

Congratulations to our Leadership Team for 2015. Captain badges were recently presented to our School Captain, Taiyo Rees and our Junior Captains – Sam Churchill, Max Day, Judy Hopkins, Lily Passlow and Anisa Rees. All team members have made an impressive start to the year with their commitment to their respective roles.

Black Billy Cup

Illabo made a big splash at the recent Black Billy Cup Swimming Carnival! Congratulations K-6 on your excellent participation, good sportsmanship and terrific times in your many races. A special mention goes to Anisa Rees who won six out of her six races, receiving the 11 year girl’s championship on the day!

Perfect weather conditions made for a great day – as always our Illabo supporters (parents and grandparents) did an amazing job in encouraging, slip-slop-slap patrol and assisting at the carnival. A big thank you – we couldn’t function so efficiently without you! We thank Eurongilly PS for organizing the carnival and their P&C for the wonderful catering. A big thank you to Mr Joshua Meyers for ensuring K-2 and non-swimmers were engaged in great activities throughout the day.

We look forward to 2016 with Eurongilly, Marrar and Nangus Schools when we meet again for the next Black Billy Cup!

Swimming

Our swimming lessons are strengthening our student’s skills each week! A big thank you to our dedicated parents for providing transport and to the Junee Community bus for assisting us with transport.

CDPSSA Swimming Carnival

The Cootamundra District PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 27 February at Murrumburrah Pool. Nominations have been sent in (attached) for participating students with times used from the Black Billy Cup. Mr Meyers will be accompanying our students to the carnival. Parent transport is needed; please indicate on the attached permission note if you’re available to help. Also attached is a canteen menu for the day. Programs with commencement times etc have still to be sent to us from Murrumburrah PS.

Training and Development

Last Thursday, Mrs Cheryl Carter attended a training session at Junee PS in her role as Learning Support Teacher.

This afternoon after school Mrs Cheryl Carter and Mr Joshua Meyers are attending a workshop on Assessment and Reporting at Junee PS.

Tomorrow and Friday of this week, I will be attending the Primary Principals’ Association Mini Conference in Wagga.

Student Council Canteen

Canteen will continue on Thursdays with healthy choices available for K-6. Mrs Jenna Downey and Mr Josh Meyers are coordinating canteen with the school leadership team.

Library

A reminder Library is on Wednesday afternoons. Students will have a free choice of books, plus a guided choice to match a suitable text level to their abilities. Friday lunchtime the library will be open for last minute borrowing before the weekend.
Cricket

Milo in2Cricket Skills Program has been booked for four Fridays this term starting 6 March. Session times are from 1:30-2:15 for our K-2 students and 2:15-3:00pm for Years 3-6.

Life Education Van

On Wednesday 11 March Healthy Harold will once again visit our school. More information and a permission note will be sent home on the next newsletter.

School Improvements

We look forward to continually improving our school facilities with ongoing renovations this semester – a toilet block update and new sliding doors to the Principal’s office. Each year we continue to evaluate our needs.

Thanks to the working bees our new gardens have really taken off! Cooler, wet summer weather has ensured our fence line is growing rapidly.

EZ Japanese Program

We are excited to have booked a Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming workshop for our students on Friday 1 May from 1:00pm at a cost of $5.00 per student. More information closer to the date.

New Cootamundra Director

We welcome our new Cootamundra Director of Schools, Mrs Toni Macdonald. Mrs MacDonald has replaced Mr Jim Roworth (relieving in this position) who has recently retired.

Looking forward to a busy and productive term still to come.

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.
Parenting Tips

Friendships to boost your child’s learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Assignment starters for the arts
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?