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Off to a great start for 2015!

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2015 Calendar

Term 1, Week 6
Wednesday 4 March  Swimming lesson; Ngumba-Dal Meeting 7:45am
Friday 6 March  Clean Up Australia, Cricket 1:00-3:00pm, Chocolate Challenge, 4:00pm and Principals’ Meeting

Term 1, Week 7
Monday 9 March  Last swimming lesson; Riverina Swimming Carnival, Albury
Tuesday 10 March  Ngumba-Dal Workshop 4:00pm and P&C AGM, 5:30pm
Wednesday 11 March  Life Education Van visit
Thursday 12 March  Cricket 1:00-3:00pm
Friday 13 March  Wallendbeen Baldy Shield Athletics Carnival and PPA Principal’s Meeting in Wagga

Term 1, Week 8
Monday 16 March  Mr Meyers CPR training, 9:00am
Friday 20 March  Cricket 1:00-3:00pm
Saturday 21 March  Mr Steward’s wedding to Beck! Congratulations and best wishes!

Term 1, Week 9
Wednesday 25 March  Ngumba-Dal Meeting, 7:45am
Thursday 26 March  Mr Meyers Austswim Course
Friday 27 March  Cricket 1:00-3:00pm
Saturday 28 March  State Election – P&C to hold stall
Sunday 29 March  P&C Bunning’s Barbecue

Term 1, Week 10
Thursday 2 April  Easter fun theme day and last day of term 1
Friday 3 April  Good Friday – Public holiday and beginning of holiday break

Feature Photo
Sadie, Scarlett and Stella, focused on learning!

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A message from Meredith

CDPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our swimming team who attended the District carnival last Friday at the Harden pool. A great day for our students who all achieved their personal best!

Highlights included:

Taiyo Rees – first boys 13 years age race and first Senior boys backstroke and our PP5 relay team who came second on the day.

A big thank you to our fabulous parents who supported our students and school throughout the day. Mr Meyers enjoyed his first District carnival and welcomed the opportunity to supervise this event.

Good luck to Taiyo and our PP5 relay team of Taiyo Rees, Anisa Rees, Emily Ryan and Sam Churchill who all qualify for the Regional swimming carnival being held at the Albury Swim Centre on Monday 9 March starting at 9:00am. A permission note (including times) is attached to be returned to school by Friday please.

Clean Up Australia

We will be participating in this year’s Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day this Friday 6 March, around the school grounds, during the first session. Students are to bring gloves and hats and wear their sports uniform.

Cricket

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

- Thursday 12 March
- Friday 20 March
- Friday 27 March

Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory’s Chocolate Challenge

This Friday, 6 March from 4:00pm we wish our student team of Lily Passlow and Ava Croker and our teacher team of Mr Meyers and Mr Steward good luck as they represent our school in the Rhythm and Rail Festival’s Chocolate Challenge. The entry fee of $20.00 per team will be paid for out of school funds.

Each team will indulge in licorice and chocolate eating and creativity tasks with the usual factory twist. The winning team will receive a chocolate smashcake replica of the factory building as well as chocolate keys to the factory as their prize. Good luck teams!

Healthy Harold – Life Ed Van

Happy Healthy Harold will return to school on Wednesday 11 March. Our students are very excited and eager to anticipate in their learning sessions on the day.

9:30-10:30am K-2 will be working on decision making skills. Years 3-6 will be attending from 11:30am-1:00pm with a session on the newly released anti-smoking program. Class lessons and student booklets will follow for the rest of Term 1 as part of our PDHPE program.

Cost for this is $7.00 per student with the school contributing the balance. A permission note (and other relevant information) is attached to be filled out and returned with money before the day please.

Wallendbeen Baldry Shield

Friday 13 March is a very early Baldry Shield Small Schools Athletics Carnival! We thank Wallendbeen PS for their warm invitation and look forward to participating again this year. Interestingly, Illabo PS is the only PS school competing this year.

The carnival involves all K-6 students and a permission note is attached. K-1 students will participate in their age race and organised tabloid sports, ensuring suitable activities are on offer. Mr Steward and Mr Meyers will both be attending and we thank our parents for their support on the day.
Students are to meet at the Wallendbeen Sports Ground and be ready for a **9:00am start**. Transport is parental. If you are unable to provide transport for your child, please contact the school. Entry fee is a gold coin donation for each car entering the grounds.

Don’t forget, full school sports uniform is to be worn. A canteen will operate during the day or bring your own packed lunch. Also bring plenty of water for rehydrating throughout the day, sunscreen and school hats.

**Around school**

Thank you to Mr Roy Buckley for repainting our garden seats for the front garden. Mr Max Harris and Mr Buckley are both working towards ensuring our grounds are at their usual high standard for the State Election being held on Saturday 28 March with the polling booth being held here in the school Library.

All students are looking forward to contributing displays of their work samples in the Library – a great opportunity for our local community and visitors to view our school.

**Training and Development**

Next Tuesday afternoon 10 March, all teaching staff will be undertaking Assessment training as part of our Ngumba-Dal Learning Community at Junee Public from 4:00-5:00pm.

This Friday 6 March I will be attending a Primary Principals’ Network Meeting in Wagga. Next Friday 13 March the Primary Principals Association Meeting is also scheduled. Both days offer Professional Development opportunities for principals and further learning opportunities on developing our Illabo PS Strategic School Plan.

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**Education Week**

This morning, 4 March, I attended the Ngumba-Dal Principals’ Meeting - a planning session for our schools working together for 2015.

A combined Education Week Display will be held in Education Week commencing Monday 27 July, with this year display boards promoting our local schools being featured in Junee rather than Wagga.

**Easter Theme Day**

The last day of school for this term, Thursday 2 April we will be holding an *Eggsstravaganza* day with Easter themes! More information in our next newsletter.

**P&C News**

A reminder that the AGM of our P&C will be held on **Tuesday 10 March** commencing at **5:30pm**; followed by an ordinary meeting. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

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**Community News**

**Wild Card Draw**

**Ilabo Hotel - Wednesday 4 March**

*Prize Pool $750.00*

*Drawn 7:30pm*

All money raised goes toward supporting the Ilabo and Eurongilly Public Schools

ALSO - **WEDNESDAY** - **$10.00** porterhouse steak or chicken schnitzel!
Parenting Tips

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.
Find out more:

Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.
Find out more:

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.
Find out more: