On your marks, get set, go!

A great day at the Baldry Shield

Learn for Life
Illabo Public School
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2015 Calendar

Term 1, Week 8

Friday 20 March  Cricket 1:00–3:00pm
Saturday 21 March  Mr Steward’s wedding!  Congratulations and best wishes!

Term 1, Week 9

Wednesday 25 March  Ngumba-Dal Meeting, 7:45am and Harmony Day at school
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

Term 2, Week 1

Monday 20 April  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21 April  Term 2 commences for students

Term 2, Week 2

Wednesday 22 April  ANZAC Service, 10:30am
Saturday 25 April  ANZAC Service in Junee

Thursday 30 April  Debating Workshop, Kooringal PS
Friday 1 May  Tyke-Oh Workshop, 1:00pm

Term 2, Week 4

12-14 May  NAPLAN testing, Years 3 and 5
Friday 15 May  Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival at Illabo Showground

Feature Photo

Liam, Oliver and Tyrese – racing at Baldry Shield

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Wallendbeen successes

The Wallendbeen Baldry Shield was held in perfect conditions last Friday. Congratulations to all our students for the wonderful display of sportsmanship and participation on the day with many personal bests achieved. Thank you to our supportive parents for transport and cheering and to Mr Steward and Mr Myers for assisting the host school with events on the day. We thank Wallendbeen PS for again hosting a great day!

We had a very successful day with the following results:

Trophies
- Baldry Shield Intermediate Ball Games
- Alan Donaldson Relay Trophy overall winner
- JC Caldwell Trophy – 2nd place, Baldry Shield

Students
- Anisa Rees – 11 year girls Championship
- Taiyo Rees – Senior boys Championship

P&C AGM

Our AGM for our P&C was held last Tuesday 10 March. I thank the P&C for their wonderful support for 2014 and moving into 2015. Congratulations to our P&C executive for 2015:

- President: Gerard Ryan
- Vice President: Justine Churchill
- Secretary: Nicole Hopkins
- Treasurer: Justine Croker
- Catering: Cathy Passlow
- Uniforms: Kate Day

Healthy Harold – Life Ed Van

Happy Healthy Harold delivered quality learning programs for our students with years K-2 actively involved in a workshop on decision making skills and years 3-6 working on the newly released anti-smoking program.

The program follow-up continues in class with student booklets expanding on the sessions with Healthy Harold. Our students gain deeper understanding of the important messages in keeping them safe and healthy each year, making the program a valuable experience for all.

School Planning

On Monday 16 March, Illabo PS welcomed our School Director, Ms Toni Macdonald and principals from Junee North PS, Mrs Kay Thurston and from Eurongilly PS, Mr James Burgess for a productive afternoon discussing our School Strategic Plans for 2015.

Our next Ngumba-Dal meeting will be a breakfast meeting in Junee on Wednesday 25 March.

Money collection

Money collection at times can be very busy, particularly with swimming, Healthy Harold, etc. We acknowledge it’s a busy time and would appreciate your help with all money to be sent in an envelope with your child’s name, the amount enclosed and the activity clearly written on the front.

Often money is due on days our office is unattended and cannot be processed until the break – thank you for your assistance, it’s greatly appreciated.

Harmony Day

Illabo PS will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 25 March with a mufti day (or if they have one, students could come dressed in a costume from another country).

In library we will be having stories from around the world and activities to promote cultural awareness.

Voting

We look forward to welcoming the community to our school on Saturday 28 March for the State Election, I am sure tea and scones being sold by our P&C, will lure many to vote here!

Sunday, 29 March is our P&C fundraiser at Bunning’s Wagga – a huge weekend of fundraising!
Congratulations and best wishes

This Saturday we wish Nathan Steward and his beautiful bride-to-be Beck, a wonderful day for their wedding! Mr Steward will be on leave (honeymoon) for the remainder of this term. We welcome him back for term 2.

Easter Theme Day

The last day of school for this term, Thursday 2 April we will be holding an Eggstravaganza day with Easter themes! We will be having our traditional Easter Egg QR hunt as well, having fun while integrating technology into activities with our iPads.

ANZAC Service

On Wednesday 22 April, we will be holding a ANZAC Service at the Illabo Cenotaph starting at 10:30am with morning tea to follow here at school. Everyone is welcome to attend. Flowers sent in on the day would be appreciated.

Don’t forget the ANZAC March on Friday 25 April, in Junee. Please be at the Junee Memorial Park at 10:30am. We thank a volunteer in advance for picking up our wreath from Country Meadows on the day. Please let school know if you can.

Holidays

As this is our last newsletter for the term, we wish all our families and community a safe and relaxing time with loved ones over the Easter break and the school holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 21 April for the beginning of a busy term 2.

Expression of Interest forms

Recently we sent home forms for our year 6 students to fill out and return, indicating which high school they will be attending in 2014. We still have outstanding forms which need to be returned even if your child will be attending a non-government school. These results are entered into our system, advising schools of impending enrolments.

Premier’s Debating Challenge Workshop for Years 5 and 6

Our Years 5 and 6 students will be attending this workshop at Kooringal PS on Thursday 30 April from 9:30am until 2:45pm. Students should bring morning tea and lunch, as well as a clipboard, paper and pen. Palm cards will be provided.

A permission note will be sent home first week of term 2.

Tyke–Oh Workshop

In term 2, Friday 1 May from 1:00-2:00pm we have been lucky to book a Tyke–Oh Japanese Drumming Tour to visit our school. This is an interactive workshop with all students learning about and playing Taiko, learning Japanese greetings, counting and much more. The cost for this is $5.00 per student payable before the day, please. Don’t forget to place your money in an envelope with your child’s names, the activity and amount enclosed.

P&C News

There is a BIG weekend of P&C fundraising coming up on 28 and 29 March and we need your HELP!

Sunday 29 March is the date of the annual P&C Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser and Cake Stall. Helpers are needed throughout the day to run the stall in shifts of 2.5 hours as follows (thanks to those already booked in for a shift):

Shift 1: 8.30am–11:00am: Ged, George, Meredith
Shift 2: 11:00am–1.30pm: Amber, Scott H, Juz, Scott C
Shift 3: 1.30pm–4:00pm: Justi

We need 6 helpers for the first two shifts (4 for the barbecue and 2 for the Cake Stall), but can probably manage with 4 people for the last shift. Please let me
know what time you are able to help and I will complete a roster.

Donations of cakes, slices and biscuits are also urgently required for the Cake Stall. The Cake Stall in previous years has been hugely successful and we hope to repeat this if possible. We kindly ask that the donation of any items be dropped off to the school staffroom by 1:00pm on Saturday 28 March in disposable containers (if possible), or given to someone on the first shift of the day. THANKS!

Saturday 28 March is State Election Day and as usual there will be a voting booth open at Illabo School. This year the P&C are aiming to keep our fundraising simple with a Morning Tea stall selling tea/coffee and scones, plus a raffle and a stand with any potted plants or garden cuttings that people may have and like to donate for sale also.

The stall will run from 9:00am–1:00pm and at this stage we seem to be fairly right for people to look after this. What we would love is the donation of a batch of scones. So if you have a fabulous scone recipe that is worthy of first place at the Illabo Show – bring it out and get baking (we promise we won’t be judging!). Also, there may be people with plants potted up for sale – if so – please bring them into the school for the plant sale. THANKS!

Thanks in advance everyone, whether it be for helping out at the barbecue, or even just baking a batch of biscuits or donating a plant – whatever you can do to help is hugely appreciated by the P&C and school.

Nicole Hopkins
P&C Secretary

Our representatives at the recent Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury
Don’t forget to download our Skoolbag App!

Illabo Public School’s **Skoolbag App** is available at no cost via your Apple or Android App Store.

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**Parenting Tips**

**Facts about fractions**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


**Amazing art**

Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.


**Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016**

Completed *Expression of Interest* form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.

**Sounding out aloud**

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Around the playground and cricket photos