Illabo Public School

Newsletter

Lest we forget
Our students pay their respect

2015
Term 2
Weeks 1, 2 and 3
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2015 Calendar

Term 2, Week 2
Thursday 30 April  
Debating Workshop, Kooringal PS
Friday 1 May  
Tyke-Oh Workshop, 1:00pm

Term 2, Week 3
Tuesday 5 May  
P&C Meeting, 4:00pm
Wednesday 6 May  
PDF Training at Cootamundra for Mrs Holden
Thursday 7 May  
Touch Trials in Junee for interested students in years 5 and 6

Term 2, Week 4
Monday 11 May  
School Counsellor visit
12-14 May  
NAPLAN testing, Years 3 and 5
Friday 15 May  
Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival at Illabo Showground

Term 2, Week 5
18-19 May  
SASS Conference in Albury
Tuesday 19 May  
ICAS Digital Technology Comp
Wednesday 20 May  
School Director to visit, 12:30pm

Term 2, Week 6
Monday 25 May  
CCPSSA Cross Country Trials

Feature Photo

Oliver, Harry, Henry, Drake, Sienna and Emily placing flowers on the Illabo Cenotaph

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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.
A fantastic communication tool from school to your phone!
A message from Meredith

A big welcome back to a great term of learning opportunities for Term 2! Congratulations to K-6 for settling into school routines quickly and displaying eagerness to get on with their learning.

ANZAC Services

Congratulations to K-6 for their participation in our school and district ANZAC Services. I would like to thank Mrs Cheryl Carter for her preparation of our school ANZAC Service last Wednesday, 22 April. Special thanks to our guests from the Junee RSL. We appreciate the RSL’s support for our school service each year.

Our student’s continue to study the significance of ANZAC Day during history sessions. We look forward to September and our school and community involvement in the Kangaroo March.

Thank you to our parents in providing a plate for our shared morning tea and the beautiful flowers laid by our student’s on the Illabo Cenotaph. Parental support for our school service is greatly appreciated,

Thank you also is extended to Mr Buckley and Mr Meyers for the wonderful job in setting up for the service.

Premier’s Debating Challenge Workshop for Years 5 and 6

Tomorrow, years 5 and 6 join with students from across the Riverina for a Debating Workshop at Kooringal Public School. Mrs Downey will be supervising and supporting our students throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Churchill for providing transport for our students.

I’m sure there will be some great tips for our students as we prepare for our debating challenges in term 2 and 3.

Tyke-Oh Workshop

Excitement is mounting as K-6 eagerly awaits the Tyke-Oh Workshop (Japanese drumming) this Friday 1 May at 1:00pm. Lunch will be at 12:30pm due to an earlier afternoon session start for the performance.

$5.00 per student is to be paid before the day please. Don’t forget to place your money in an envelope with your child’s names, the activity and amount enclosed.

Staffing

Mr Steward returns to school this Friday after his honeymoon leave. I know our students are looking forward to his return!

Mrs Carter is taking Long Service Leave for the next 11 weeks; we trust she has an enjoyable time and look forward to her return on Tuesday 28 July. Mrs Downey will be looking after Mrs Carter’s classes during her absence and will be working this term on Mondays and Thursdays – thank you Jenna.

School Counsellor Visit

Our School Counsellor will be at Illabo PS on Monday 11 May. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you would like to access Mrs Jo Brennan’s services.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

This year, Illabo Public School will be hosting the athletics carnival for all students at the Illabo Showground on Friday 15 May.

The carnival will commence at 9:15am with marching at 9:30am. Please have your child in full school sports uniform for the marching and don’t forget hats!

Transport is by private vehicle. Please indicate on the attached permission note if you’re available.

We thank our P&C in advance for providing a canteen/barbecue on the day.

As per the normal routine for hosting schools, a working bee will be held at the showgrounds on the
morning of the carnival starting at **8:00am**. Thanks for your support.

**School Improvements**

New security lighting was fitted yesterday under the Library’s verandah – certainly a plus in the dark!

The toilet block renovation is scheduled to occur next holiday break with the sliding door into the principal’s office before the end of term.

P&C tree planting and gardens are well established now and reflect our beautiful autumn grounds.

**School Plan**

Our 2015-2017 School Plan can now be viewed on our school website. The 3 strategic directions that our school will be working towards are:

1. Delivering consistent high quality education practices to meet the expectations of 21st Century Learners across our school.
2. Connecting learning for all students in a dynamic, engaging and supportive way.
3. Promoting a positive learning culture through strong, sustainable and respectful partnerships within our school and the wider community.

Our Annual School Report will be available as of next week, also on our school’s website for viewing.

**Mother’s Day**

Next Sunday, 10 May is Mother’s Day. We wish our wonderful mothers and grandmothers a beautiful day with their families. Our students are looking forward to making special surprises for our mums next Sunday.

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**Stewart House Donations**

Attached to the newsletter is an envelope giving you the opportunity to donate to Stewart House which supports 1800 children who attend each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. If donating, please have envelopes back to school by **Friday 8 May**.

**Touch Trials – Years 5 and 6 only**

If you would like your child to try out for the CDPSSA Touch football team on Thursday, 7 May at Loftus Oval, Junee, please contact the school for a permission note.

**P&C News**

Illabo P&C will be running the raffle at the pub this Wednesday night, 6:00pm with the $1000.00 draw to start at 7:30pm. Support appreciated.

The next meeting of our P&C is to be held in the school library on Tuesday, 5 May at 4:00pm. All welcome.

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**Community News**

**First Communion**

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 21 June 2015, in St Joseph’s Church Junee. If there are any families who are interested in participating in this Sacrament could they please notify St Joseph’s School on 6924 1717 or email me on drumm@ww.catholic.edu.au before Friday 1 May.

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**Wagga Wagga Crows**

The Wagga Wagga Crows Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding its final “Try Rugby” training session on Wednesday 29 April between 5:00-6:00pm at Conolly Rugby Complex, Jubilee Park.

We will also be holding a Registration Day on Saturday 2 May from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Farmer’s Home Hotel (cnr Sturt Hwy & Lake Albert Rd).

The Southern Inland Rugby Union Junior’s competition starts this Sunday 3 May and the Wagga Wagga Friday Night competition starts on Friday 8 May.

All new and returning players must be registered by this Saturday to participate in either competition.

Registrations are now open and links can be found on our website at www.waggajuniors.rugbynet.com.au and on our Facebook page, with lots of other information about playing Rugby.
Parenting Tips

Financial literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here’s info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.
Find out more:

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:
Find out more:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.
Find out more: