Say hello to our 2016 Kindergarten class
Welcome Nell, George, Olivia, Jessica, Amelia, Tully and Amielia

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2015 Calendar

**Term 1, Week 2**
- Tuesday 2 February: Swimming commences 12:00-1:00pm
- Wednesday 3 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm

**Term 1, Week 3**
- Monday 8 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm
- Tuesday 9 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm and P&C Meeting, 4:30pm
- Wednesday 10 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm (note change of date)

**Term 1, Week 4**
- Tuesday 16 Feb: Black Billy Cup Swimming Carnival
- Friday 19 February: CDPSSA Swimming Carnival at Murrumburrah

**Term 1, Week 5**
- Tuesday 23 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm
- Thursday 25 Feb: Swimming 12:00-1:00pm (last)

**Term 1, Week 6**
- Friday 4 March: Clean Up Australia Day

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Feature Photo

Our wonderful 2016 Kindergarten class!

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A message from Meredith

Welcome back to 2016 at Illabo Public School! We are looking forward to a great year together, with students already actively engaged in their learning and sporting activities, well done K-6!

A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students:

Amelia Garlick, Jessica Garlick, Millie Lewis, Nell Sheridan, Olivia Duck, Tully Pratt and George Croker, who are already enjoying school life!

We welcome Alex and Andrew Sheridan (Nell’s parents) and welcome back Violet and Murray Garlick (Jessica and Amelia’s parents) to our school community.

School Leaders for 2016

Congratulations to our 2016 School Leaders: Sam Churchill and Anisa Rees (Captains); Judy Hopkins and Lily Passlow (Vice Captains) and Max Day (Sports Captain).

Staffing

This year we welcome Miss Simone Feltrin who brings a wide range of skills to cater for K-6 students’ needs as our second teacher. Mrs Jenny Anderson will be assisting classroom teachers on Mondays and Mr Steward will be on deck for Friday Fun. Mrs Downey will be taking Thursdays for Term 1, before her maternity leave and will be returning to us in Term 4.

Mrs Ryan will be in her office this year on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please use these days to contact the school for non-urgent matters.

We welcome back our GA’s Mr Max Harris and Mr Roy Buckley and our JOSS Cleaner, Mrs Christine Gammon who all work hard maintaining our school grounds so beautifully.

Intensive Swimming

Swimming/water safety classes have begun with all students participating. All groups are on a 1:8 instructor/student ratio to ensure maxim supervision in the water.

Please note that due to the pool double booking a day, we have had to swap Thursday 18 February to Wednesday 10 February.

Miss Feltrin is a qualified instructor and has taught swimming in a number of centres.

The remaining swimming lessons are:

- Monday 8 February
- Tuesday 9 February
- Wednesday 10 February
- Tuesday 23 February
- Thursday 25 February

Lessons are from 12:00-1:00pm each day.

Transport: Due to the bus only accommodating 23 students, help will be need for each of the above days enabling all students to participate.

Mrs Holden can take 5 students and a parent will be needed for the remaining 4. Please indicate on the attached if you can help on any day. Thanks for your support.

We thank Mrs Ryan and Mrs Croker who have so far helped out with transport.

Health Alert for Swimming

Please find attached conditions for swimming carnivals/lessons. If you child has diarrhoea, exclusion to public pools exists for two weeks after the illness. Please seen information attached.
Black Billy Cup

Our Black Billy Cup Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival will be on **Tuesday, 16 February** from 9:15am at the Junee Recreation and Aquatic Centre. Once again we welcome Marrar, Eurongilly and Nangus Public Schools who participate in carnival.

We are the hosting school this year and appreciate our P&C supplying morning tea for the workers on the day.

All students in Years 2-6 will be allocated a wrist band with either a blue (proficient) or yellow (non-proficient) for the carnival. Years K-1 are deemed learners and therefore a 1:8 teacher/student ratio will be maintained for the day. Banding will alert staff in the supervision of races to the child’s ability and is mandatory if we have a beautiful day and we wish to allow students to cool off (unstructured races) during the day.

Students will be tested next week to gain their bands. Please fill in and return the attached permission note.

Entry cost is **$2.00 per student** (or by seasonal tickets). We appreciate if parents could provide transport on for the carnival. The bus will not be running on the day.

Requirements: Full sports uniform, hats, sunscreen, swimmers, towel, recess/lunch, drink bottle, money for food if ordering from kiosk.

Krabooz Hermit Crabs

The Krabooz’s have arrived in our classroom creating a lot of attention and learning about the care for these small creatures. All students will have the opportunity with a Year 6 student to care for our new fun addition.

Homework

Homework will go home today with students using a plastic sleeve while we wait for our remaining orders.

Learning Spaces

Our Learning Spaces were revamped at the end of last year, creating learning spaces to meet 21st Century Learning. Floor spaces have been cleared, tables reconfigured and engine room areas set up. Students will all have a book box to store their belongings and will move between these new zones.

Lunches / Canteen

Ordered lunches will continue to operate from the Illabo Store. Orders can be left in the basket outside the school office in the morning.

The Student Canteen on Thursdays will operate from Week 4, Thursday 18 February.

We apologise due to student supervision being carried out we cannot offer heating food for students from the staffroom microwave.

Goal Setting

Our students are busy setting their goals, both for learning and personal achievement for 2016. Well done Year 6, you are focused on your preparation for High School!

Library

Monday is Library Day – we sent home books for all students on Monday; happy reading!

Clean Up Australia 2016

We will be participating in this year’s Schools’ Clean Up Australia Day on **Friday 4 March**. Students’ are to wear sturdy enclosed footwear, gloves and hats, as well as mufti clothing. A permission note will be sent home closer to the date.

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 or can be filled out electronically on the Skoolbag App.
Scripture

Scripture is being held on a Tuesdays. We thank our scripture teachers, Mrs Jeanne Pratt and Mrs Cheryl Carter.

If you do not want your child to participate in scripture lessons this year, please write a note and send it with your child to school.

Community News

The Riverina Regional Library has set up tools to help kids start or participate in a book club & there are prizes available.

Please find the link below.

The Junee Library has purchased all the books from one of the list; those for boys and girls aged 7-9 years. These books are available for loan.

I would really appreciate any help you could give us to let your students know about the Junior Bookclub lists and guides.

These tools have been designed so that students can run their own clubs & meet where ever they like (in the Junee Library if they want).

Everything is available on the link or you can come into the library and pick up the Junior Bookclub lists & guides.

Kim – Junee Library

P&C News

Our final Christmas Raffle night for 2015 was held on Wednesday 16 December. We thank the Illabo community and Vene and Di for the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser. The night was a fabulous success raising $1200.00 between both Eurongilly P&C and ourselves.

Our next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, 9 February at 4:30pm. All welcome.