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Calendar

Term 2, Week 2

Thursday 9 May Beginning Teacher/Mentor workshop in Wagga – Mr Dahler and Mrs Reynolds

Friday 10 May Touch Trials in Cootamundra and first night of Melodrama (P&C to cater)

Saturday 11 May P&C to cater for Melodrama

Term 2, Week 3

Tuesday 14 May NAPLAN Language and Writing

Wednesday 15 May NAPLAN Reading

Thursday 16 May NAPLAN Numeracy

Friday 17 May Small Schools' Athletics Carnival at Nangus PS

Saturday 18 May Last night of Melodrama and Federal Election – don't forget to vote!

Term 2, Week 4

Wednesday 22 May PSC Leadership Day at JHS – Years 5 and 6

Term 2, Week 5

Thursday 30 May Connection Country Schools WiFi installed and Principal's Network Meeting

Friday 31 May Cross Country Carnival at Murrumburrah

Feature Photo



Our students who marched at the Junee ANZAC Day March.

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Melodrama

'Break a leg' to all of our parents and staff who are performing over the next two weekends in the Illabo Melodrama -

Amber, James, Simon, Tim, Megan and Julie!



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A message from Meg

Thank you for making me feel so welcome at Illabo Public School. I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the term. I have been impressed with the students' application to their learning and their attitude towards each other. Illabo Public School has a positive and friendly environment and I'm very pleased to be leading the learning team this term.

To help our students take responsibility for their learning and to promote high expectations and engagement, we will be focusing on a new learning habit each week. Last week we looked at how **managing distractions** can help us use our time well and help us focus on our tasks. This week we are learning how **effective listening** can help us recall important information and respond appropriately to questions. The habit of the week will also be highlighted in the students' home learning each week.

This term, there will be a change to the way we approach the teaching and learning of spelling. Our aim is to improve, enhance and challenge our students' spelling knowledge and see this knowledge transfer into their everyday literacy skills. As part of this new approach, teachers explicitly and systematically teach spelling in their classrooms, within an integrated language learning environment. Please see the attached information sheet for a more detailed explanation.

Lastly, it has been decided by staff to introduce **fortnightly assemblies**. These will take place on **Thursday afternoons at 2:45pm** during Term 2, and we welcome parents and carers to join us.



Welcome

As a school we welcome Mrs Meg Reynolds as Relieving Principal in Term 2. Mrs Reynolds comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

ANZAC Day

Thank you to our 16 students who participated in the ANZAC Service in Junee during the holidays. Thank you also Miss Callow for supervising our students on the day.

CDPSSA Touch Trials

Our Year 5 and 6 girls are trying out for the district touch team this **Friday, 10 May** at Nicholson Park, Cootamundra from **10:00am until 12:30pm**. There is a **levy of \$4.00 payable on the day** to the convenor, Sarah Dabin from EA Southee PS.

If selected, students will travel to Griffith on **Thursday 6 June** for the Riverina trials. Good luck girls!

NAPLAN 2019

Testing is being held next week for our Year 3 and 5 students and our students are well prepared for the tasks ahead.

- Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 15 May – Reading
- Thursday 16 May – Numeracy

6 Steps to prepare for NAPLAN

1. Make sure they get enough sleep

Making sure your child gets enough sleep is vital to make sure they are feeling their best on testing day. Try to make sure they go to bed on time during the week of NAPLAN testing.

2. Take the pressure off

A bit of stress is normal before any test, however the National Assessment Program (NAP) recommends helping your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and reminding them on the day to simply try their best is vital.

3. Let them know it's not pass or fail

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the

national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

4. Give them a good breakfast

Breakfast before learning is ideal every day for students but a nutritious meal before a morning test like NAPLAN will give students doing the test the best start to the day.

5. Make sure they know what NAPLAN is

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that Students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance but asking your child if they have any questions can be a big help. Sample questions and a sample writing task are also available on the NAP website.

6. Don't emphasise the result

Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. The school will notify parents when the reports are being sent home. Try not to place too much pressure on what result your child receives and remind them that they've done their best.

Athletics Carnival at Nangus

Our Junee District Small Schools' Athletics Carnival is being held on **Friday 17 May** at the **Nangus Hall Recreation Grounds** please be there before **9:00am**. The day commences officially at 9:15am with the March Past. The Nangus P&C will be catering with:

- Bacon and Egg Rolls
- Hamburgers
- Sausage Sandwiches
- Ham and Cheese Toasties
- Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate/ slice, drinks

A permission note is attached.

Premier's Sporting Challenge (PSC) Learning to Lead Day

The PSC Primary Schools' Learning to Lead day at Junee HS is on **Wednesday, 22 May** for our **Year 5 and 6** students. Transport will be by school bus (thanks Ronnie!), leaving school at 9:10am and returning for the

bus run in the afternoon. The JHS canteen is available for attending students. A permission note is attached.

Sporting Schools – Basketball

We have chosen Basketball for our Sporting Schools' sport this term to be held on Fridays at 2:00pm for six weeks. At Illabo PS we provide a variety of sports for our students to try and learn new skills.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2019

From **Wednesday 1 May until Tuesday 25 June 2019**, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10.00 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it's completed, they can bring it back to school or drop into either The Market Place or Cootamundra Woolworth's, Illabo PS collection box.



The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including, mathematics and English resources, art and craft materials and much, much more!

May

P&C News

Our P&C will be catering for supper and cast meals at the Illabo Melodrama **this Friday 10** and **Saturday 11 May**. Help would be appreciated to serve or supply slices, cakes, sausage rolls, spring rolls, party pies etc (food for supper). Please phone either Tim or Alex to help with food or serve on either/both nights. **Your help is needed would be appreciated!**

Finn using one of our Virtual Reality Head Sets



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