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Calendar

Term 2, Week 8	Harmony Week – Everybody Belongs
Thursday 19 March	International food at recess
Friday 20 March	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Term 2, Week 9	
Wednesday 25 March	Mr Russell Graham DEL, 9:00am visit, Responsible Pet Ownership workshop K-6 at school - TBA
Thursday 26 March	Miss Guthrie’s birthday
Term 2, Week 10	
Thursday 2 April	Proposed Junee Licorice Factory excursion (including Easter Egg making and Herb gardening) - TBA
Term 2, Week 11	
Tues 7/Wed 8 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews - TBA
Thursday 9 April	Last day of school for term 1
Friday 10 April	Good Friday Public Holiday

Please send in -

2 large boxes of tissues per family to help with runny noses and colds this winter.

Many thanks for your help!



Feature Photo



George D, Finn, Scarlett, Oliver, Angus, Liam and Toby

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A message from Meg

Update on COVID-19 from Mark Scott, DOE Secretary

As you are aware, the World Health Organisation has declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The situation in regard to COVID-19 continues to evolve with an increasing number of countries having sustained community transmission. Efforts are now focused on considered actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community and protect those who are likely to experience more severe disease such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. These steps are also essential to reduce the demands on the health system so that it can function effectively.

The department has been planning and operating in accordance with its pandemic plan to support the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

This is part of the government-wide strategy to 'flatten the curve' of confirmed cases so that our health services can meet the needs of those who require care when they need it.

The situation is evolving quickly and we will continue to respond to the advice from NSW Health as we receive it. I will be in touch regularly to keep schools updated on our plan.

Our strategy to date is working. If or when school closures become the best way to manage the spread of the virus in NSW, then we are ready to do so.

In the meantime, our schools provide an essential service that enable our healthcare and other essential workers to fulfil their roles.

THREE ACTIONS EVERYONE CAN TAKE TO HELP MANAGE THE SPREAD

1. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
2. Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands
3. Stay home if you are unwell and in schools, send home staff or students who show signs of being unwell through the day.

Individuals **must** self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia, including returning Australian citizens and residents. You are also required to self-isolate if you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 or if you have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection.

The Australian Government now advises all Australians reconsider their needs for overseas travel at this time. Regardless of the destination, your age or health, if overseas travel is not essential, you should consider carefully whether now is the right time to travel.

I want to assure you that the Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health and related Australian Government agencies to make sure appropriate measures are in place to support our students, staff and community.

All actions taken at Illabo Public School will be in direct response to the advice provided to us. As a result, the following procedures are in place:

- Promoting hand hygiene and appropriate hygiene relating to coughing and sneezing.
- Reminding staff and students to be washing and sanitising hands regularly.
- Advising staff and students who are unwell not to attend the school, this includes mild flu like symptoms and in particular, fevers or coughs.
- Staff or students who become unwell with flu like symptoms while at school will be sent home immediately with medical advice requested and followed up.
- Advising staff and parents of the latest advice from the Department of Health for self-quarantining and testing based on travel and contact with those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Preparing staff to work from home and for remote student learning, if required.
- Regularly checking soap dispensers are full in all bathroom facilities.
- Online learning will be available in case of students not being able to attend school or school closures: eg. Google classroom.
- Increased ventilation in classrooms.

The strategy moving forward requires social distancing to support ongoing school operations. The impact of this on IPS activities this term includes:

- No parents or community members to attend school assemblies until further notice.
- Baldry Shield cancellation.
- "Temporary ceasing until further notice"... of all Zone/District, Riverina and NSWPSA sports and activities including: primary AFL trials, primary boys' football (soccer) trials and primary swimming championships.
- Small Schools Athletics Carnival Postponed

- Responsible Pet Ownership visit TBA
- Parent/Teacher Interviews TBA

The free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools, can be found in the App store or Google Play

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>

Thank you for your cooperation so that we may effectively manage this situation in order to prioritise the health and well-being of our entire community at this important time.

We are delighted that Mrs Fiona Hodge is completing work experience at IPS and will be with us every Monday for the rest of this term and part of Term 2.

Harmony Week (Everybody Belongs) is from 15-21 March and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



On **Thursday, 19 March**

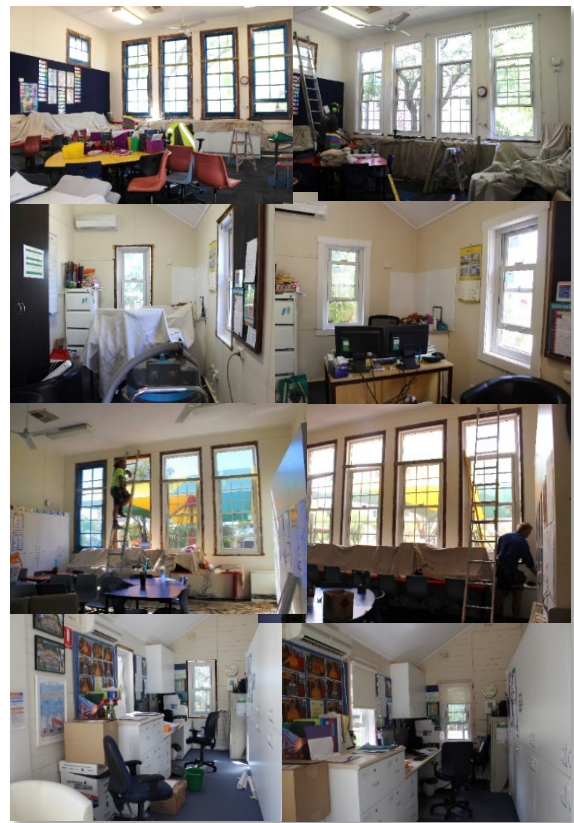
IPS will be celebrating Harmony Day with an international flavoured recess. If people are **living in harmony** with each other, they are **living** together peacefully rather than fighting or arguing. We must try to **live** in peace and **harmony** with ourselves and those around us.



Our new windows have finally arrived. Every window in the main building has been replaced and are looking great! During this time there has been disruptions to our regular rooms/offices and routine, which our students and staff have taken in their stride.

Meg

Photos from during renovation:



The Sports Report by Zoe and Lloyd

Last Friday, Liam and Angus went to Cootamundra for soccer trials. They had 1 hour for soccer drills and 30 minutes to test their skills on the field. Liam made it through to the next level and both boys enjoyed the experience. Congratulations and we wish Liam the best of luck when he travels to Wagga for the Riverina trials.

On Wednesday, Finn, Liam, George C, Mimi and Zoe went to Albury for Riverina swimming. They all did their best. Finn made it to State for breaststroke, beating his personal best time (PB) by 2 seconds and George made it for backstroke and breaststroke. George did a new PB in all his races on the day. We wish them the best of luck for State in Sydney.

Outstanding Year 6 moving into Year 7 2021 forms

Please return all outstanding forms ASAP. Thanks.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Next **Friday, 20 March** is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. At school we will be discussing strategies that students can use if they experience bullying.

Reading with students – to begin next term

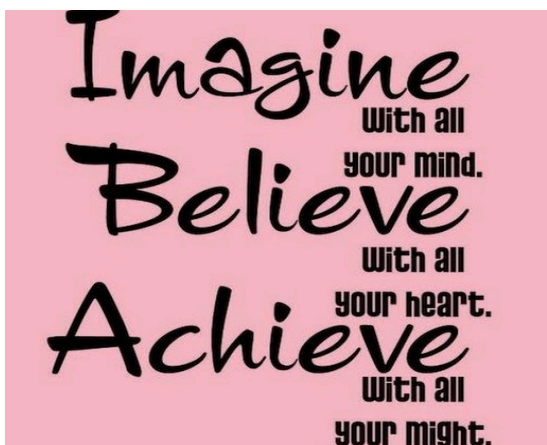
Thank you to the following who have indicated their willingness to come in to read to our students:

- Monday – Justi Croker
- Tuesday – Cheryl Carter
- Wednesday – Lyndal Ritchie?
- Thursday – Lyndal Ritchie?
- Friday –

We welcome more than one helper per day if interested, or there is an option to rotate with someone on your preferred day.

Illabo Store Price List

Please find attached a new price list from the store, as of this week.



Awards



Merit Certificate

Darcy Wilson, Elise Ryan, George Baldry, Zoe Brabin, Angus Baldry, Tully Pratt

HOW2Learn Certificate

Liam Rees and Toby Brabin



Community News



YOUTH WEEK
ART EXHIBITION
1 - 26 APRIL 2020 @ JUNEE LIBRARY



Cootamundra Bears Junior Rugby Union

Registrations are now open for:

U6 (touch rugby)	U10 Touch 7s
U8 (tackle)	U13 Touch 7s
U10 (tackle)	U16 Touch 7s
U12 (tackle)	U13 7s Girls (tackle)
U14 (tackle)	U15 7s Girls (tackle)

11-15 Year old girls have the option of playing both Touch 7s (in the morning) and Tackle 7s (in the afternoon).

To register, download the **Rugby Xplorer** app or go to myaccount.rugby.com.au



Training is held from 4.15pm on Friday afternoons at Country Club Oval. Please join us for our first training and BBQ on **Friday 20th March**.

Gala Days are held fortnightly on Sundays. Please join our facebook page to see our 2020 season draw.



For more information contact:
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Qualifies for the Rural Assistance Authority 50% training subsidy. Eligible farmers can claim back \$125 of the course cost.

FARM BUDGETING MASTERCLASS

No one can predict what this season or the next will bring. A budget is one tool which helps support your ideas and strategies for your business. Budgets are essential when discussing your plans with your bank and to take advantage of low interest loans and other assistance available as part of drought help packages.

Effective planning and management of cash flow in farming operations can mean the ability to take full advantage of opportunities as they arise and give you an action plan for disaster. A well written budget allows you to approach the season with greater confidence and less stress.

Improve your cash flow management and farm budgeting skills to complete the task in less time and with less stress

Wednesday 18th March – Junee Ex Services Memorial Club
9.30am to 2.30pm

\$250 per person, qualifies for the 50% RAA training subsidy. Discounts for multiple members of the same business. Includes morning tea and lunch.

For more information contact: **Carmen Quade** on 04 67 571 919
To book click [here](#)




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You can sign up to the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](http://healthy lunch box website)

healthylunchbox.com.au



Harmony Day – Everybody Belongs

