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## Calendar

### Term 2, Week 9

Thursday 25 June Mr Perry, Year 7 Advisor 2021, from Cootamundra HS to visit

### Term 2 Week 10

Early Week 10 Reports home

Thursday 2 July Party day

Friday 3 July Last day of term and Reward Day

### Term 3 Week 1

Monday 20 July Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 July Students return for Term 3

## Feature Photo



*Finn putting, watched by Liam, Matthew, Oliver and George C*



## Kindergarten Transition Program

We understand that a child's first year of school is an important one for both the child and their families. Our Kindergarten Transition Program is an ideal opportunity for your child to explore our wonderful school and begin their 'lifelong learning'. **If you know of anyone who is thinking of starting a Kindergarten student in 2021, could you please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible?** We'd love to hear from any interested families so we can add them to a distribution list for upcoming transition dates.

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## A message from Meg

We are busily working on Semester 2 reports which will go home early next week. Although we have had many conversations and sometimes even a zoom call with you regarding our students' learning, teachers will be available for an optional phone interview/conversation for those of you who would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report. Please note the following available times. Phone calls will be 10 minutes in duration to ensure an equitable distribution of time. If these times are not suitable, please let the office know and we will organise alternative arrangements for early next term.

**All staff will be available from 9:00am-9:30am and 1:15pm-1:45pm, Wednesday 1 July, Thursday 2 July and Friday 3 July.**

**Mrs Reynolds:** Wednesday 2:00pm-3:00pm and Thursday 2:00pm-3:00pm

**Miss Molloy:** Thursday 2:00pm-3:00pm and Friday 9:00am-10:00am

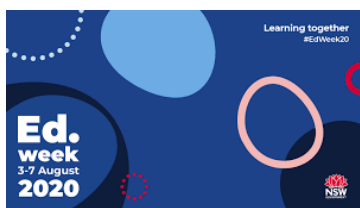
**Miss Callow:** Wednesday 2:00pm-3:00pm and Thursday 12:30pm-1:15pm

## Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Will Hodge to the Illabo Public School staff team. She will be working in the K-1 classroom on Mondays and Wednesdays for Semester 2. Will is a valuable addition to our staff.

## Education Week 2020

We will celebrate Education Week in Week 3 next term with the theme **Learning Together**. We know the best learning takes place in a partnership of students, teachers, parents and the community, and this year has really reinforced that understanding for us all.



Education Week will run from Monday, 3 August, to Friday, 7 August. It's our annual week of celebration, held in NSW for more than 50 years, to highlight the achievements of our students and staff and the role of public schools as the cornerstone of their communities.

Some of the key messages for Education Week are:

### Schools are the cornerstone of communities

Parents and carers are our partners in learning. Schools and families benefit from strong, respectful relationships where responsibility for student learning is shared.

### Change and resilience

Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. Learning together makes us stronger and creates resilient communities.

### Connect better and learn together

Our school staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. Technology enables learning together anywhere, any time.

Details about how we will mark this special occasion will be sent out next term.

It is wonderful that the majority of school-based activities have resumed or will resume next term but it is important not to become complacent. **All activities on our school site will occur in line with infection control procedures and the additional health, safety and distancing requirements outlined in the AHPPC Guidelines or in NSW Health advice.** Non-essential visitors are still not allowed on site or at events – this includes parents/carers. Thank you for adhering to these guidelines.

## Party Day and Reward Day

Next **Thursday 2 July**, we are having a party day to acknowledge the students who had birthdays during the learning from home phase or the remainder of this term. This will be managed by staff, and strict hygiene practices will be in place. We will also have an informal assembly to present our students with merit awards, in recognition of their engagement and achievements in learning, both at school and at home.

On **Friday, 3 July** we will have whole-school reward day. Our very capable school leaders are organising a morning of sport and an afternoon of creative arts. We are very much looking forward to ending the term in such a fun and relaxed way!

## Hot Lunches

Our hot (warm) lunches are proving to be very popular, especially on these cold wintery days! The routine is running smoothly. Thanks to parents for writing your

child's name and providing a suitable aluminium foil/ heat proof packaging/ container for heating.

## School Sport

At present, sport and physical activity programs will continue to focus on non-contact sports.

- Inter-school sport competitions such as zone sport, state wide competitions and knockouts, gala days or inter-school carnivals are not permitted.
- School carnivals such as athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals are not permitted.
- Full contact and semi-contact sports are not permitted.

From Term 3, all school sport and physical activity programs may resume in alignment with relevant health restrictions. Schools must continue to comply with safety and hygiene requirements as detailed in the [Infection Control Practical Guide for sport and physical activity](#).

## Updating medical details

A reminder to update any changes to your child's medical conditions as soon as possible. It is very important for school to have the most current information on your child's medical conditions on file.

Also, if your child has anaphylaxis or asthma, we need a signed ASCIA (Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or Asthma) from your child's doctor to be kept with your child's medication and on file. This plan needs to be reviewed yearly. **This is a DoE requirement and should be attended to ASAP.**

In conclusion, I would like to thank my staff, parents and grandparents for your continued support throughout this term. Your resilience and adaptability has been astounding! Illabo Public School is lucky to have such a wonderful community working together to improve the educational outcomes for our students.

And lastly to the students... **a big thank you** for your efforts at school and at home this term. I hope everyone can enjoy a restful school holidays, relax and re-charge ready for Term 3. **Students will return on Tuesday 21 July.**

Happy Holidays

Meg

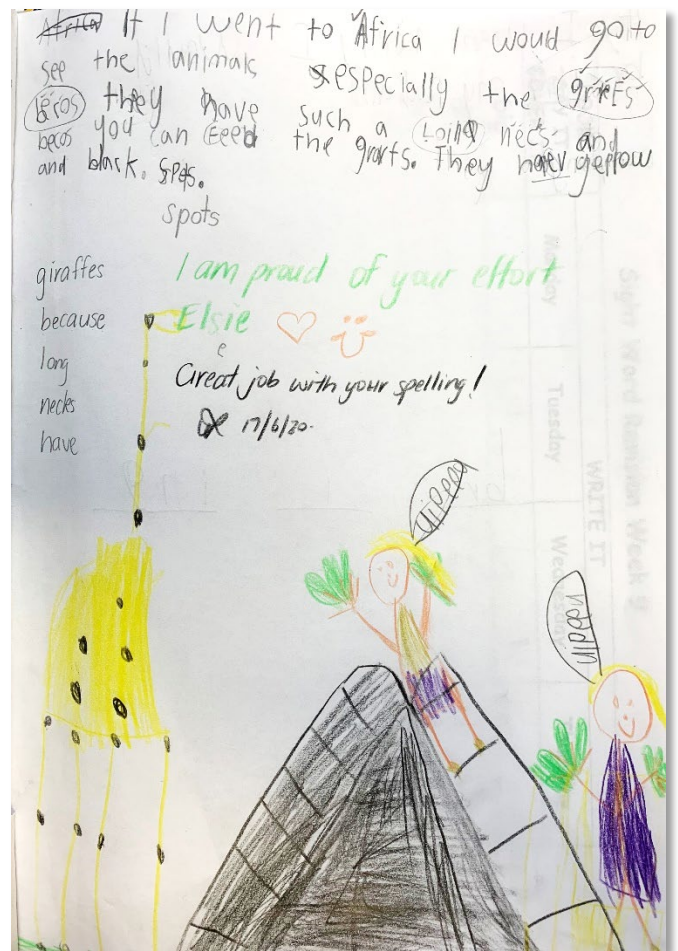


## From the Koalas' Classroom

For shared reading, we have been focusing on the Pig the Pug series. Last week we read Pig the Tourist. Pig travelled around the world visiting lots of different countries, causing mischief and mayhem.

Here are two examples of the students' responses to the text:

By Elsie Ryan



By Zailey Pratt



## Check names on school jumpers

We encourage families to check jumpers bought home from school, just in case it came home by mistake and belongs to another child. Please label all items, including all clothing, with your child's name!





## Student absences

If your child is unwell, they should stay at home. The school should be notified if your child is not going to be at school. Any child that is away for more than 3 days, is required to provide a doctor's certificate.

Parents can notify school via phone, email, absent note or by Schoolbag, with reasons of student absences. These should be received no later than one week after being absent.

If your child needs to be away for other reasons, eg appointments, please notify the school with the reason.