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Calendar

Term 2, Week 7

Thursday 3 June GRIP Leadership conference
(Parents to organise transport)

Term 2 Week 9

Friday 18 June Bongongo vs Illabo Touch
knockout at IPS

Term 2 Week 10

Friday 25 June Last day of Term 2

Term 3 Week 1

Wednesday 14 July Small schools' athletics carnival
– Illabo Showground

Feature Photo



Students at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre.

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Kindergarten 2022

We understand that a child's first year of school is an important one for both the child and their family. 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 2022, could you please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible?

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A message from Meg

If you have been to school recently you would have noticed that there has been quite a lot of action happening!

We now have a great looking shade shelter over our sandpit which allows the students to utilise it in the summer months while being sun-safe. We have also had solar panelling installed on the roof of A Block. This means that solar radiation collected on the panels will be converted to electricity which will in-turn be utilised in the operation of the building, offsetting an equivalent quantity of grid electricity that would have otherwise been required to power our new Cooler Classroom air-conditioners.

Our students continue to be exposed to a range of educational opportunities to support their learning, through involvement in community excursions. We are very fortunate to have access to local expertise and knowledge, and participation and engagement from our students strengthen the connections they make with their community. Thank you to Mr Gill for coordinating the REEC excursion and to all staff for their active supervision on the day.

Congratulations to all students who have represented the school at sporting trials and events recently. We are proud of your effort and achievement. Following the REEC excursion, the school received some very positive feedback about the behaviour of the Illabo and Eurongilly students of which we are immensely proud. They were excellent ambassadors of their schools and participated in the day's activities with positive attitudes and exemplary manners. Well done!

The annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data will be taking place early in Term 3. Please see attached information regarding this.

Meg

REEC Excursion

On Friday 21 May, Illabo PS went to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre with Eurongilly PS. Our K-2 students participated in a dinosaur program which took them on a journey through time from the beginning of life on Earth. Students investigated and observed what a palaeontologist does and what fossils are.

Our Year 3-6 students participated in a program called 'What's in a tree?' This program was led by Aunty

Joycelan Williams and was a hands-on study that introduced students to bush tucker and the ways in which the Aboriginal people used resources available to them from Mother Earth.



What's happening in the Kookaburras Classroom?

This term in literacy, the Kookaburras have been working on their writing skills. They have all been working very hard on their recount writing. They have developed an understanding of what needs to be in a recount as well as the different skills you need to effectively write one.

The students have been enjoying the whole process of writing from the planning and sequencing to the publishing.

The students were asked to independently write about what they experienced at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre, here are some examples for your enjoyment:

On Friday we went to REEC and it was fun! It was so fun that we even got to dig up dinosaur bones. We watched videos on how to be a palaeontologist. Then we stuck our hands into history bags and then took the bus back to Illabo. I said to my mum it was a busy day!
- George B



On Friday we went to REEC. We dug up dinosaur bones. We learnt that the first animal on earth was a trilobite.
- Atticus



On Friday we went to school so early we had to wait for all the kids to arrive. When we got on the bus we found our seats with Eurongilly. It was fun! Steven led us to Aunty's classroom. Kindergarten to Year six got split up into two groups. We learnt about Aboriginal languages. After we had fruito, we were excited for the bush walk. It was a lot of fun and we tasted some bush lollies and bush food that Aunty gave us. We listened to stories on the walk and we loved it. At lunch time we talked about how we loved it so much. After that we went to the meeting place and saw how Aboriginal people lived and what they lived in. We then took the bus back to Illabo.

- Charlie M



Winter Uniform

As the weather becomes colder it is necessary for students to come to school in warmer clothing.

A timely reminder to ensure all clothing is **clearly labelled**, as it is very easy to misplace items.



Madam Mulch and the Great Fertiliso

On Tuesday 25 May, our students travelled to Junee to explore its interesting heritage. This excursion supports the history and sustainability topics we have been learning about at school.

Stage 2 and 3 students have recently been learning about the change and continuity in our local community. K-2 have been learning about the past, present and future. We spent the morning on Junee's heritage walk, discovering the history of the town. In the afternoon we took a tour of Monte Cristo and learned about the foundation of one of Junee's oldest buildings.

In the middle of the day we attended a waste production called *Madam Mulch and the Great Fertiliso*. Students were engaged in learning about waste management and ways we can reduce and reuse our waste at school.



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Thursday 3 June, Year 6 students will be attending the GRIP leadership conference with Miss Molloy at CSU Joyce Hall, Wagga. They will be involved in hands-on activities to equip them for any leadership roles and responsibilities they may have now or in the future. A permission note is attached for year 6 students.

Sandpit Shade

Our sandpit shade has been built and looks fantastic. Thank you to Gilmore Metals and Newmont Mining for their very generous donation that made this shelter possible. Our students certainly enjoyed watching the construction.





Sports report by Mimi

Last Friday Scarlett, Lydia, Mim, Nell, Angus, George C and Matthew went to zone PSSA touch football trials in Temora. We all participated in drills to show that we could communicate and be a team player. Then we were split up into teams and we played a few games. Amazingly, out of 30 boys, George C made it to the next round. George attended Riverina trials on Monday.

On Tuesday 25 May, Matthew, Scarlett, George C & George D competed at the zone cross country at the Harden showgrounds. Congratulations to Scarlett, who came second and will now go on and compete at the regional cross country at Gundagai.



We are all still skipping madly at school! All the students have improved their skipping skills and we are hoping for a visit from a very special guest performer in the future. We will keep you posted.

P & C News

P & C meeting Thursday 27 May 5.30pm at the Sporting Bodies. All welcome to attend.

Music

As part of our K-6 music program, the students recently experimented with some of the instruments we have at school, under the watchful eye of Mr Crouch. It was great to see the instruments, big and small, being

enjoyed. The students all presented a concert and it made for a very entertaining afternoon.



- Awards**
- Merit Certificate**
Kimiko, George B, Scarlett, Hailee and Hinata
- Wellbeing Awards**
Atticus, Matthew and Paddy
- Library Award**
Darcy



Congratulations to our award winners. Your effort is appreciated.