TERM 1
WEEK 4
19th February 2013

Tuesday 19th February
School Banking

Wednesday 20th February
Kinder rest day

District Cricket Trials

Riverina Principals’ Conference – Miss McKelvie

Thursday 21st February
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Friday 22nd February
District Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan

Book Club order due – 26th February

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Principal’s News

Well, what a busy week!

The pleasing attendance at Tuesday’s Welcome BBQ and Information Evening indicated the success of our new combined format for the evening. It was lovely to catch up with everyone and wonderful to see so many new families in attendance. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of this event. Special mention to all of the cooks for their delectable morsels. Yum!

Congratulations to all students for their excellent participation in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Friday. Many parents and caregivers returned with very pleasing commentary about the great sportsmanship exhibited by our students as every student gave every event a ‘red hot go’. Thank you to all families who cheered for our students and volunteered to assist with transport and jobs on the day. Special mention to the following students for their achievements: Kiarah Lenord – Senior Girl Champion, Michael Curry – Senior Boy Champion, Daneka Hatty – 11 year Champion Girl. Congratulations.

We have a strong contingent of 17 swimmers attending the zone carnival at Ardlethan this Friday 22nd February and we wish them all the very best. Please ensure you complete and return the attached permission note by Wednesday. Students not competing at Ardlethan will be staying at school.

Stage One students thoroughly enjoyed the water fun activities organised by Mrs Brooke Lucas last Friday.

Nick McCorry and Alex Costello are heading off to the district cricket trials in Barellan tomorrow. Good luck, boys! Enjoy your day.

On Thursday, Stage 2/3 students enjoyed a two-hour session with Riverina Environmental Educators Paul and Bernie. Activities included collecting minibeasts from Hatty’s Dam and from the playground, examining creatures and plant samples under microscopes and conducting tests of water quality. We are extremely fortunate to have secured this visit and appreciate the time dedicated by Paul and Bernie. Outreach programs such as these afford opportunities to our students that would otherwise be too costly.

The P & C AGM and first general meeting for 2013 was held last Thursday night. We enjoyed a great roll up of 14 members, representing 11 families. Special welcome to all newcomers. A new executive was elected at the meeting. With Dave Currie having served his three-year term as President, Andrew Hatty was elected to this position. Michelle Hatty will continue in the role of treasurer, while Kristie Smith is the new secretary. Congratulations to these parents and a hearty thank you to the outgoing executive – Dave Currie and Marie-Anne Costello (secretary 2012) for their hard work and commitment.

A photographer from the Temora Independent visited our school on Friday to take photos of our Kindergarten students. Be sure to check out the Temora Independent this week for a very cute photo, which I have assured the boys, will make them famous!

Bron Lucas called into school last Friday to deliver a beautifully restored Matong ‘Great War’ Honour Board. Bron very kindly offered to follow up the restoration process Ian had begun. The board was restored, free-of-charge, by Narrandera Signs and Embroidery. We express our sincere gratitude to proprietors Steve, Ann and Matt Hunt for this very generous gesture. Hoping many will support this local business in the future.

Thank you to Judith Gawne, Dave Currie, Peter Turnbull, Marg Turnbull and Jess Walsh who spent many unpaid hours helping out at school on Friday.

Mrs Neena Evans is taking some leave commencing this week and this afternoon I am heading to Albury for this year’s mandatory Riverina Principals’ Conference to be held over the next two days. Miss Jess Grigg will be teaching Stage 2/3 in my absence.

Enjoy your week,

Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal
**Stage One helpers**

The Stage One helpers’ roster will commence next week. Parents are welcome to come along anytime between 9.45 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. to listen to individual students read.

Tuesday – Anna Dennis & Rosie Rowland

Thursday – Sonya Spencer

Thank you for your assistance and if anyone else would like to help, please feel free to contact me.

Jessica Walsh

**Lunch Orders**

Don’t forget that lunch orders are due in by Thursday each week. Plans for the continuation of this service were discussed at the P & C meeting last week with the decision to create a roster of volunteers. The job involves picking up the lunch orders from the Ganmain Bakery on Friday and delivering them to school at 1:15 p.m. Please contact Rosie Rowland to register your offer to help. More people on the roster will reduce the number of trips each volunteer needs to make. Thank you to the families who have already indicated their support.

**Expressions of Interest: Special Interest Groups**

Last year, based upon parent evaluations and in the hope of broadening student opportunities, it was decided to establish a program of Special Interest Groups in 2013. To do this, we are calling upon your help. We are looking for adult volunteers (parents, caregivers, grandparents, community people) to devote about an hour of their time on Friday afternoons from 2 p.m. to ‘teach’ a small group of students a skill, game or activity. We are hoping to secure enough helpers such that groups can remain at about 8 students per group. Activities can be just about anything – cooking, sewing, art making, sport, cane weaving, mosaic, metal /wood work, dancing, singing, aerobics, learning a musical instrument. The possibilities are endless. If you have an idea, let’s make it happen! Please indicate your interest on the return note.

**Library Volunteers**

With our recently installed shelving in the library, we are calling upon volunteers to help re-shelve books. If you can help out, please contact us at school.

**Permission Notes / Voluntary School Contributions / Family Details**

Many thanks to those who have already returned their permission notes, family details and medical updates and voluntary school contributions. For those who have not yet done so, it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible.

**School Sores (Impetigo)**

Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called ‘school sores’. Impetigo is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

- A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor to be sure that it is impetigo, because sometimes an antibiotic medicine is prescribed.

- Try to prevent your child scratching the sores as much as possible, eg cover sores with a watertight dressing and cut your child’s fingernails.

- Continue medical treatment until all sores are healed.

- Your child can go back to school, kindergarten or day care after 24 hours of treatment and when the sores are completely covered with dressings.

**Presentation Night DVD**

Orders are now being taken for 2012 Presentation Night DVDs. The cost is $10 per copy. If you would like one please send your order and payment in to the front office in a clearly marked envelope.

**Stage 2/3 Report of the Week – Swimming Carnival.**

Last Friday, we attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at the Ardlethan Swimming Pool. Everyone tried their best and we were the best – that’s what we think!
**Stage 2/3 Dam Expedition**

Last Thursday, Stage 2/3 went to the Hatty’s dam down the road and looked for mini beasts. When we went back to the school everyone got a container and looked for plant leaves, and looked at them with some microscopes. Then we did tests to see if the dam water was healthy.

**Stage 1 Water Fun Day**

When Stage 2/3 went to the swimming carnival Stage 1 was having a water fun day. They got to have water fights.

By
Alex Costello, Amelia Altoft & Mick Curry

**Upcoming Events**

**District AFL / Netball Trials**

**When:** Wednesday 13th March, 2013

**Hosted by:** Beckom PS / Matong PS

**Proposed Venue:** Ganmain

**Small Schools Cross Country**

**When:** Wednesday 10th April, 2013

**Back up:** Thursday 11th April, 2013

**Where:** Marrar PS

**Coolamon/ Ardlethan PSSA District Cross Country:**

**When:** Thursday 9th May, 2013

**Back up:** Friday 10th May, 2013

**Where:** Marrar PS

**Riverina Cross Country**

**When:** Tuesday 11th June, 2013

**Where:** Deniliquin

**Nominations 2013 Riverina Central Choir**

Nominations for outstanding vocalists, Yrs 4 -6, are sought for the primary division of Riverina Central Choir. Students wishing to audition must be able to sing and hold a given part in vocal music and consistently demonstrate exemplary rehearsal and performance behaviour. The first audition will be held Wednesday 27th Feb 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. at South Wagga Public School. If successful, commitment to the choir involves ongoing in-school rehearsals at South Wagga PS during as well as performances inside and outside the region. Fees of $10 per rehearsal. If you would like further information, please contact the school.

**Top Tips**

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more:

**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

**Speech problems**

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Find out more:

**Riddle of the Week**

Say my name and I disappear. What am I?

**Answer to last week’s riddle**

Q: How far will a blind dog walk into a forest?
A: Halfway. After he gets halfway, he's walking out of the forest.

**Coolamon Library News**

The library’s “Caught Reading” photo competition is still running. Grab a camera and take a photograph of someone caught reading. Submit
the photograph online for a chance to win. Winners from each age category will receive a $50.00 gift card, opened to school aged children. Entry forms can be found at www.nsw.gov.au with entries closing 28th February.

Storytime is on again this Friday 22nd February @ 10.30am theme "Bears/Teddy Bears". Come and join in the fun. Children are most welcomed to bring along their teddy bears.

There is a free grant writing workshop being held on Tuesday, 19th March from 10.00am – 2.30pm in the Up-to-Date-Store. This workshop is ideal for members of not-for-profit groups or organization seeking extra funding. Places are limited and bookings are essential, phone the Coolamon Library – 69272492.

Another year well on its way the library has many resources available. The library has three public computers with free internet, printing services and photocopying all available. Also the library offers Inter Library loans and Inter Branch loans for those items which are not available in the library. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse – membership is FREE.

Also remember the Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!

Private Tutoring
Jessica and Tarnya Grigg are available to tutor students from K-6 in literacy and numeracy. We are based in Narrandera and have session times available for parents who are looking for tutoring for their children. Sessions run for half an hour or one hour.

Tarnya Grigg and Jessica Grigg
Qualified Primary School Teachers
Cost: $30 per student per hour
Contact Tarnya on 0427218294
Based in Narrandera

Save the Date for Coolamon Shire Grand Designs

Coolamon’s newest event “Coolamon Shire Grand Designs” is being held on Easter Saturday 30 March 2013 and will feature a variety of ‘Grand Design’ homes and buildings. Coolamon Shire Grand Designs is being held in conjunction with Coolamon Rotary Markets and Narrandera Hot Rods Show’n’Shine display. Proceeds go to Coolamon Rotary and Coolamon Men’s Shed.

DATE/TIME: Easter Saturday 30 March 2013 from 9am to 4pm
VENUE: Cowabbie Street Coolamon
_TICKETS: $15 from Up-To-Date-Store (maps also available)
For more information go to www.coolamonshire.com.au or phone
Col Patterson 0427 173 010 or Grahame Miles 0428 694 448

To the Matong Community

We would like to thank everyone who attended our house fire on the 19th December 2012.

Thank you to the Matong P&C and the Matong community for your kind support and donation of a gift voucher to the value of $460 at Betta Electrics in Narrandera.

Thank you to the community for your kind support and various donations of food, clothing, toys, linen etc.

Please accept this as our personal thanks as there are too many people to name individually and numerous anonymous donations.

The support we received was overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for everything you have done to support us.

From,

Stewart, Chrissy, Tarnee-Lee, Summah, Ollie, Indilee and Zahli Menzies