TERM 1
WEEK 5

26th February 2013

Tuesday 26th February
School Banking
Inter District Cricket Trials

Wednesday 27th February
Kinder rest day

Friday 1st March
Schools’ Clean Up Day

Smiling faces at our recent Welcome BBQ

Go team Matong!
Mrs Brooke Lucas and Miss Jess Walsh recommenced workshops for Focus On Reading training last Tuesday. This training will continue for all teaching staff throughout the year.

Last Tuesday evening, I travelled to Albury to attend the Riverina Principals’ Conference, which due to the restructure of public education, is expected to be the last conference of its kind. A very worthwhile event, the two days were jam-packed with interesting speakers, meetings and informative workshop sessions while providing an important arena for networking with other Principals and schools.

Held in such high regard by his colleagues at all levels of the education system, many tributes were paid to Mr Ian Lucas throughout the conference proceedings. Regional Director, Colin Parker and School Education Director, Mr John Dowling spoke about Ian’s unswerving dedication to public education. In honour of Ian and his passion for Stewart House, a raffle was held at the conference dinner which raised $2200 for this most worthwhile charity. You can imagine how overwhelmed I was, when I was announced as winner of first prize, a short break in Beechworth.

On Friday, I accompanied our district swimming squad to Ardlethan. Congratulations to all students who participated – Ted Hatty, Tyler Smith, Jaedyn Kreis, Albert Booth, Sam Costello, George Hatty, Connor Smith, Daneka Hatty, Nick McCorry, Kiarah Lenord, Rosie Currie and Alex Costello. Everyone was most impressed with your high standards of behaviour and outstanding efforts in the pool which saw you improve your personal times on the majority of your events. Thanks to all parents, grandparents and other adult helpers who attended to transport and help with supervision and marshalling.

I was extremely excited to learn, that overall, Matong was awarded 3rd place (equal with Ganmain PS) in the championship table. What an absolutely wonderful result, all due to the hard work and great attitude of our students. Go Matong go! Special mention to George Hatty who achieved 3rd place in the Junior Boys Division and to Daneka Hatty, who backed up her great form from last year, to be named 11 Years’ Girl’s Champion. Edward Hatty is congratulated on his 1st place in the Boys 8 years 50-metre freestyle. Also, to the Boys Junior Relay team (Ted, Tyler, Connor and George) and the PPS relay squad (George, Kiarah, Rosie, Daneka and Nick) who created great excitement with their respective 2nd and 1st place achievements. A minute’s silence in honour of Mr Lucas was held just prior to the awards ceremony, with Kerrilee Logan speaking about Ian’s passion for educating, nurturing and challenging all students to be the best possible versions of themselves.

Edward, Daneka, George and the members of our relay squads have qualified for the Riverina Carnival to be held Friday 8th March in Albury.

To adequately prepare, I would like to see these students have at least a couple of training sessions together before the next carnival. If there are any parents / caregivers willing to transport, supervise and coordinate these training sessions, which can be held in school time, please contact the school so arrangements can be made.

Today, Nick McCorry, travelled to Griffith to participate in the interdistrict trials for the Riverina P.S.S.A. boys’ cricket team. Great job, Nick.

This Friday, we will participate in the annual “Schools Clean Up Australia” afternoon.

Have a lovely week,

Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal

As of this week, the Ganmain Bakery will assume the role of delivering lunch orders to school on Fridays. Many thanks to all parents / caregivers who have assisted with this service in the past and to those of you who had made offers to help this year. Thanks to Rosie Rowland who will continue to drop orders to the Bakery.

Friday 1st February, 2013 – School’s Clean Up Day
(Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday). Students should bring sturdy bags and gloves to help with the clean up on Friday. Stage One students will clean up inside the playground, while Stage 2/3 students will venture out into the areas surrounding the school grounds. If any interested parents or community members would like to help out, please join us at school at 2 p.m. this Friday.

AFL/ Netball Trials – Wednesday 13th March, 2013. This year, we are convening the Netball trials, with Beckom responsible for the Football trials. Our two schools have combined forces and will run both trials on the same day at the Ganmain Sportsground. Students wishing to participate must have high level skills and extensive playing experience in Netball /
AFL. Details will be sent home with interested students. Successful participants at this trial will need to be available for the Western Riverina trials in Griffith on 6th May, 2013. At these trials, we need to provide a qualified referee. If you are a badged umpire, or know of anyone who may be willing to help, please contact the school.

District swimming carnival and cricket trials!

On Wednesday, 20th of February Nick and Alex went to the district cricket trials in Barellan. They started off with a roll call and then started practising batting and catching. Overall, I heard they had a fabulous day and had lots of fun.

Friday the 22nd of February was the district swimming carnival at the Ardlethan pool. The day was hosted by Ardlethan Central School. The first event was the Girls open 100m freestyle and the last event was the Peter Dobson PP5 4x50m Relay. The day ended with the award ceremony with a minute of silence for Mr Lucas, and overall was a fascinating day.

On Friday, lots of people went to the swimming carnival. The order of events were 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m back stroke, 50m butterfly and then there was a lunch break, followed by junior 200m medley, then the senior 200m medley. The last events were the relays. Last, but not least, the presentation.

Report by Kiarah and Zaiden

Parent Tips

Multiplication Times Tables

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning the times tables = instant, painless recall in tests, exams and everyday life. Here’s School A to Z’s help sheet:


Riddle of the Week

This week’s riddle

What starts with T, ends with T and has “T” in it?

Answer to last week’s riddle

Q: Say my name and I disappear. What am I?
A: Silence

P. and C. News

A big thank you to our caterers Gemma Meier, Michelle Rudder, Rosie Rowland, Cathy Booth, Kristie Smith, Dawn Curry and Jen Hatty.

Thank you also to the following for providing food for the event - The Smith, Richardson, Dennis, Beard, Lenord, Rudder, McCorry, Currie, Meier, Bensch and Hatty families.

The day was very successful. The McCorry’s were very appreciative of our efforts. Well done Matong P & C!

Pie drive: We are having the pie drive again this year. Order forms are attached to today’s newsletter and need to be back to school by Tuesday 19th March. We will be packing the following Thursday, 28th March. More details regarding venue and time for this will be in the newsletter closer to packing date.

Coolamon Library News

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.

International Women’s’ Day will be celebrated at the Ganmain Providore, this year on Friday, 8th March from 7 p.m. Bring along your friends and enjoy this free event, with guest speakers, mocktails and canapés provided. This year’s theme is “Women in the Landscape” and we would like to recognize and celebrate what women in our local area are doing. Bookings are essential – phone 69272492.

The library will be hosting an author visit on Thursday, 21st March @ 10.00am. Noelene Allen will present her debut book “Ellen: a woman of spirit”. Join Noelene as she explores the life of Ellen Kelly, the mother of Australia’s most famous bushranger Ned Kelly. Take this opportunity to attend this free event with book sales available and morning tea will be provided.

Our next storytime will be Friday, 8th March @ 10.30am, theme “Colour and Shapes”.

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

**Auskick forms have been sent home to families with children in Kinder to Year 2. Cost for the season is $55, and you may bring the completed forms along to Rego Night on 8th March.**

**Ganmain Grong Grong Matong Junior Football and Netball Registration Afternoon**

Jnr Football U11’s & U13’s  
Netball U11’s; U13’s; U15’s  
Auskick & Net-Set-Go

Friday March 8th  
Ganmain Sports Ground  
From 5pm

Light Training and  
FREE Sausage Sizzle  
& Drinks for the Family

**Grong Grong Progress Association Hall fundraiser**

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY  
with the TIN SHED RATTLERS

MARCH 16TH from 7.30pm AT THE GRONGY HALL

- part of the JOHN OBRIEN FESTIVAL (visit: johnobrien.org.au) -

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR  
$10.00 a single or $20.00 a family

District residents are asked to bring a plate for supper please

**GRONG GRONG GOSSIP**

If anyone would like to receive the Gossip through an email please send an email to ianlucas3@bigpond.com and I will add them to the list.

*Bron Lucas*

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**Lost In Space KC02013**

**kids camp out 2013. march 23 - 24**

narrandera racecourse, racecourse road, narrandera, nsw.  
For kids in year 3 to 6

Your Group Coordinator: Hannah Craig  
Contact phone number: 02273849 or 0467006566

Registration forms are available from Mrs Evans and need to be returned to Hannah Craig by 11th March

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**Introduction to Grant Writing**

**FREE Grant Writing Workshop**

Regional Development Australia Riverina and Coolamon Shire Council are pleased to present a FREE workshop aimed at providing core skills in successful grant writing and the process of developing a strong proposal and liaising with funding bodies.

We will take you through a step by step guide in:

- How to grant writing and finding funders  
- Writing your goals and specifying the right awards  
- What costs do within applying for a grant

While we have applications on file, there are no grants available in 2013. We are unable to help you in this regard. Our primary aim is to involve people who may have had ideas for a grant writing or similar projects in 2014. Therefore if you are interested in coming along and learning more about the process, please call us on 102793 or email grant@dpc.ans on how to register.

Come prepared with ideas and enthusiasm.

This Workshop is ideal for members of not-for-profit groups or organisations working extra hard to make a difference in your community plus you will receive ongoing support for you as you grow and begin to achieve the results you want.

Presenters: Mary Coates RDA Director - Project Officer where roles to connect community, business & government to property, programs, services, funding and other people.

**PLACE**

Coolamon Library - 2 in 2032

**WEEKS**

19th March  
10am - 2.30pm (lunch provided)

**WHERE**

Up to Date Store, Coolamon.

**RSVP**

Wednesday, 13th March

Phone: Coolamon Library - 2 6972 2492

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