TERM 1
WEEK 6

5th March 2013

Tuesday 5th March
School Banking

Wednesday 6th March
Learning & Support Team Coordinator in-service – Miss McKelvie

Final Kinder Rest day

Thursday 7th March
Mr. Colin Parker, Regional Director visits

Friday 8th March
Riverina Swimming Carnival @Albury
This week we welcome Leanne McGuinness to our teaching team. Leanne will be replacing Brooke while she is on leave. Brooke has not been feeling too well of late and needs to take some time in the lead up to the birth of her second child. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brooke for all of her hard work at Matong and wish her, Bill, Eva and the wider Lucas clan every happiness as they welcome their new addition. We can’t wait to meet bub!

Tomorrow, I will attend the Learning and Support Team Coordinator’s in-service, where I will complete module 2 of this mandatory training. This in-service will be held in Griffith. Leanne will teach Stage 2/3 in my absence.

On Thursday, we welcome Regional Director Colin Parker for his regular school visit.

Best wishes are extended to the contingent of students representing at the Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury on Friday. We are very proud of you and know you will put forward your best effort. Many thanks to Jen and Michelle Hatty for coordinating training over the last two weeks. The final training session is scheduled for tomorrow.

With your newsletter today, each family will receive new log-in cards for each student for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. We have been experiencing some difficulties with the rollover process with 3P Learning. Reading Eggs should be up and running, but we are still waiting on the issues with Mathletics to be rectified. Students will be notified when Mathletics is operational.

Regards,

Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal

All parents of candidates for placement should have received a letter advising them about the test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a test information bulletin.


The mobile library will be here again next Wednesday. Please ensure all resources have been returned to the box in the office.

Don’t forget that lunch orders are due in by Thursday each week.

District AFL/ Netball Trials – Wednesday 13th March, Ganmain Sportsground. Please ensure you have submitted your permission note.

Netball Clinic – students K to 6 – Thursday 14th March, Matong Public School – Please wear your sports uniform on this day. Regular uniform Friday.

To everyone who has sent in plastic 2L bottles. We now have plenty, thanks. Plastic jars or Chinese takeaway containers would still be appreciated.

Students from our school will again have the opportunity to participate in the UNSW Academic Competitions that will be held during term two and term three. These competitions are open to students from Years 3-6 and are completely voluntary. More details appear on the attached page to today’s newsletter.
TERM ONE – WEEK FOUR

Stage One Awards
Jerry Dang – always giving 100% effort.
Digby Currie – magnificent work in Phonics.

Stage 2/3 Awards
Erin Kreis – application to maths work – (addition)
Rosie Currie – for challenging herself in mathematics

RFF and Library Awards

TERM ONE – WEEK FIVE

Stage One Awards
Isabella Bateup – fantastic work in creative arts
William Altoft – wonderful effort in drama and improved attitude in class

Stage 2/3 Awards
Anthony Rudder – displaying positive behaviour at school
Grace Altoft – wonderful handwriting

RFF and Library Awards
Brodie Rudder – creating a fantastic playdough model of a shelter

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Luke Johns
A responsible attitude and impeccable manners

Ethan Lenord
Being a good friend to others
Proposed Mentor’s Program

In its planning stages, we are proposing a student mentoring program. To this end, we are calling upon community members to contact the school to lodge their interest in becoming a mentor. Further information can be given when you call. Student mentoring refers to situations where teachers, other adults or older students work on a regular, one-to-one or small group basis with students to achieve planned outcomes. It includes activities such as tutoring or coaching.

Parent tips and tricks

When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.


Andalites and yeerks

By Aiden Bensch – Year 4

Andalites are the mortal enemies of the yeerks. Yeerks are creatures that crawl, well actually, they slide into your ear. Then they take control of your body. But there is a force stopping them. They are the Andalites. They look like a cross of a human, scorpion, deer and a giraffe. They also have the power to morph. That means they can acquire the DNA of any animal they touch. So, hope yeerks don’t take over your body!

Stage 2/3 Writing

Spiders are very creepy but we know this because we are learning about them.

Crazy critters are our new art work. We have to get our crazy critters finished so we can write a description about them.

On Friday, our school participated in this year’s Clean Up Australia Day. It was a huge success! Stage One went out to clean up our school grounds and Stage 2/3 went out of the school grounds to clean up our community. They went up the dirt road along the side of the school. They also cleaned up near the train tracks. They returned with bags full of rubbish and should be praised for their tremendous efforts.

Rosie, Daneka, George, Ted, Kiarah, Connor and Tyler have been going to the Narrandera Pool toNewslette practise for this Friday’s Riverina Swimming Carnival. Transport has been provided by Jen and Michelle Hatty in their cars. We thank them for their assistance in transporting to and from the school.

Roving Report by Zaiden and Kiarah

Riddle of the Week

This week’s riddle

What’s black when you get it, red when you use it and white when you’re all through with it?

Answer to last week’s riddle

Q: What starts with T, ends with T and has “T” in it?
A: A teapot

Pie drive

Remember to keep on selling pies! Orders are due back to school on Tuesday 19th March.

P & C Meeting

The next P. & C. meeting will be Thursday 21st March at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Coolamon Library News

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 this 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!
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.

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

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.