TERM 1
WEEK 7
12th March 2013

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Our Riverina swimmers certainly had a large crowd of supporters as they participated in the carnival at Albury last Friday. All students gave their events their absolute best and achieved great results. Well done, everyone! Be sure to check out the Stage 2/3 Roving Report for more news on the event. Thanks again to the families who made the long trek to Albury.

During his visit, Mr Colin Parker was impressed with the improvements made to learning areas and storage facilities. He spent time observing, and speaking with, students and staff at work in their classrooms. Due to other commitments, Mr Peter MacLean was unable to visit on Friday, but did phone to touch base with us. He will reschedule his visit when possible.

Mrs Jannelle Beard visited our school on Friday to teach the art of card making. Some wonderful creations were made. Jannelle will join us again in the coming weeks to ensure all students have the opportunity to make a card. A hearty thank you to Jannelle for her time and effort.

We have another extremely busy week ahead. On Wednesday, Miss Jessica Walsh will accompany a contingent of students to the PSSA AFL/Netball trials. Best wishes to all of our participants. Mrs McGuiness will be teaching Stage One while Miss Walsh is away. Thanks ladies! On Tuesday and Wednesday, staff will complete after-school training in the formulation of personalised learning plans and undertake professional learning about the National Curriculum. On Thursday, we host a Netball NSW Clinic and Kiarah Lenord and Rosie Currie will sit their selective high school tests. Good luck, girls!

Thursday evening, Marg Turnbull and I will attend the ARCONA Small Schools’ Network meeting at the Grong Grong Motor Inn. On Friday, Catherine Wren visits to discuss maintenance issues; School Counsellor Tracey Jacobson will be here and Michelle Hatty will meet with me regarding the annual review of our chaplaincy program. To assist us, please complete and return the attached chaplaincy evaluation by this Thursday. Thank you.

We were sad to say farewell to the Fairfull family last week. We wish Alister, Kylie, Hayley, Georgie and Paul all the very best in their future endeavours and sincerely hope they stay in touch.

Warm Regards,
Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal

The next P. and C. Meeting will be held in the Stage 2/3 classroom on Thursday, 21st March at 7.30 p.m.

Progress is being made towards the establishment of our proposed mentoring program. Laurinda Motion, Mentors 4 Youth Project Officer, will be running information and training session on Friday, 5th April in our school library. Taking about 2 hours, the start time for the session is negotiable, so please indicate your preferred time on your expression of interest form and we will aim to please as many people as possible. If you are thinking about becoming a mentor, please come along to hear more about the program. Please be advised, there is absolutely no obligation to become a mentor. Come along to the session, get a better idea of what is involved and then make up your mind about your involvement. Mentoring can be highly worthwhile and rewarding, but you need to be sure it is the right thing for you. I am very excited about this program and look forward to seeing you at the session.

Parents of Kindergarten students are reminded that Kinder is now coming to school for the full week – Wednesday’s included.

In an effort to cut down on the spread of headlice, parents of girls with long hair are asked to ensure their hair is tied in a ponytail, pigtales, plaits or similar each day before coming to school.
Jewellery and Nail Polish

For safety reasons, jewellery, apart from watches, sleepers and studs, is not permitted. Nail polish should not be worn to school.

Behaviour on Buses

Our school staff was saddened and gravely disappointed to hear of negative behaviour on one of our school buses. Students are reminded that expectations for positive behaviour exist both at school and on the way to, and from, school. The excellent reputation of our school, staff, other students and the general school community are all affected when this sort of thing happens. Consequences will be enforced at school for any students who cannot behave in an appropriate manner. Transport via the bus is a privilege, not a right, and bus companies are well within their rights to refuse transit for up to 10 school weeks if the behaviour persists. I would ask all parents to discuss with their children the importance of appropriate behaviour on the school bus especially from a safety aspect.

Toys and Electronic Devices at School

To avoid problems and disappointments when precious items are lost, broken or taken, students are not permitted to bring any toys including electronic devices to school. Bouncy balls are provided at school, so there is no need for students to bring their own. Students should be aware that staff members will confiscate items for return to parents.

The Great Moscow Circus

Last week, attached to your newsletter, you would have found $2 discount vouchers for the circus which is coming to Bolton Park, Wagga. This week, we have complimentary vouchers to give away to students. These tickets can ONLY be used to any ONE of the following shows. Thursday 14th March @ 7.30 p.m., Friday 15th March @ 7.30 p.m. or Saturday 16th March @ 1.00, 4.00 or 7.30 p.m. These vouchers MUST be exchanged for a FREE ticket. To do this, winners will need to call into the box office on site or phone 0429 667 269. All tickets MUST be collected at least one hour prior to show time. Circus organisers ask that you present your voucher/s when collecting tickets. Tickets will be offered on a first in, first served basis. In order to be fair to students who travel, we will only accept calls AFTER 8.45 a.m. Wednesday. Please only ring if you can definitely attend one of these sessions.

Stage 2/3 News Report

Last Friday, Daneka, Rosie, Kiarah, Connor, George, Ted and Tyler went to the Riverina Swimming Carnival at Albury. It could not have been better! It went well and the PP5 team got about 6th place! It was well organised, but crowded, and there were lots of people. It looked like there were hundreds. The junior boys relay came about 8th. Well done to everyone who made it to the Riverina swimming carnival.

Good luck to everyone who is going to the footy and netball trials tomorrow.

Report by Nick and Kasey

Thank you

A huge thank you to Jen McCorry for volunteering her time to help at school. Great job Jen! Much appreciated!

Wanted

Donations of chook grain would be greatly appreciated.

Parent and Carer Tips

Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


**Upcoming Events**

**Netball Clinic – Thursday 14th March,** Matong Public School – Please wear your sports uniform on this day. Please wear regular school uniform on Friday.

Stage 2/3 – 9.30 – 10.30 a.m.
Stage 1 – 10.30 – 11.15

**Combined Scripture Easter Service – Wednesday 27th March.**

10 a.m. at the Uniting Church Hall, Matong. More details next week.

**Riddle of the Week**

**This week’s riddle**

What happens when you throw a yellow rock into a purple stream?

**Answer to last week’s riddle**

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

A: Charcoal

**Mobile Library**

The mobile library will be here again tomorrow. 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.

**Reminder**

Kids Camp Out forms must be returned to Mrs Evans by tomorrow.

**Coolamon Library News**

The library will be hosting an author visit on Thursday, 21st March @ 10.00am. Noeline Allen will present her debut book “Ellen: a woman of spirit”. Join Noeline 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.

Also the library will be conducting a free learning session called “Embracing e-readers”. As the popularity of e-books and e-audio books are continuing to grow more and more people are purchasing an e-reader. The session will look at three main types of e-readers, how to borrow e-books and e-audio books from the library. It will be held on Wednesday 27th March @ 10.30am at the library with morning tea provided. Please phone the library for further details. – 69272492.

The Premiers Reading Challenge has started again for another year. The books have been sorted into the different levels, so it is easier to find them.

Our next storytime will be this Friday, 22nd March @ 10.30am, theme “Easter”.

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

**Found**

One young female black and brown kelpie. Please call Michelle Rudder on 0467 625 711
Community Corner

**Grong Grong Progress Association Hall fundraiser**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY with the TIN SHED RATTLELS**

**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

**International Women’s Day Scarf Appeal**

Every year 100,000 women across the developing world find their lives destroyed by fistula, an injury sustained during difficult, obstructed labour.

Our 2013 IWD gathering’s focus is an appeal for the Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia. Every woman discharged from the hospital is given gifts when they leave, including a scarf. Scarves don’t need to be new, although they may be. So please have a look at home and if you have any you haven’t worn for a while please consider donating them.

Appeal will run until Easter © Ginninderra Providore or Coolamon Library

Something so very simple could give a woman on the other side of the world hope and let her know she is not forgotten.

**Mentoring Program Expression of Interest**

I would like to attend the Mentoring Information and Training Session on Friday, 5th April at Matong Public School.

My preferred timeslot is (please circle)

10 a.m. to 12 noon  
12 noon to 2.00 p.m.

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