TERM 1
WEEK 9

26TH March 2013

Tuesday 26th March
School Banking

Wednesday 27th March
Combined Scripture Easter Service 10. a.m.

Mobile library visits

P.S.S.A. Netball training

Thursday 28th March
Coolamon C.S. Leaders visit

Tuesday 2nd April
Merit Selection Training

Surprise Mrs Lucas!

Special visitor in the Stage 2/3 classroom

Welcome to BILLABONG REST
A Place of Tranquility

FOR SALE: SISTER SWEETS
Mrs Brooke Lucas certainly got more than she had bargained for when she arrived at school last Wednesday. Expecting a quiet cuppa with staff, Brooke was surprised and delighted to be greeted by a host of parents for her ‘top secret’ baby shower. Thank you to everyone who was able to share this celebration with Brooke.

Ride2School day was a great success again this year with so many members of our school community riding or walking at least part way to school. We hope all participants enjoyed the journey to school followed by their hearty breakfast which included fresh eggs from our very own chooks. Our Shorts, Crocs and Long Socks fundraiser secured $67.00 for Stewart House. Mrs McGuinness said it best when she stated, “Mr Lucas would be absolutely stoked to see all the kids dressed up like him and having such a great time”. Thanks for your support and thanks again to Lea for her organisation.

Bleary-eyed but excited, Kiarah Lenord, Rosie Currie and I jumped on a bus early Sunday morning to travel to Sydney for the Young Leaders Conference. I was very proud of the manner in which our school leaders conducted themselves and am so pleased I could share this opportunity with them. Kiarah and Rosie will prepare a full report of their experience for next week’s newsletter.

Mrs Neena Evans also had a day ‘out of the office’ on Monday with a trip to Wagga Wagga for a Chaplaincy meeting.

Today, it was lovely to catch up with Mrs Annie Crocker and Mrs Toni Campbell who taught classes for Miss Walsh and Mrs McGuiness who were at Road Safety training.

Mrs Alison Johnston, Consultant Aboriginal Education Riverina Region, visited today to help coordinate the formulation of personalised learning plans for identified students.

Tomorrow afternoon, Miss Walsh will conduct training for the Coolamon-Ardlethan Netball team. Mrs McGuiness will teach Stage 1 for the last session of the day.

As part of the Coolamon Central School 2014 Year 7 transition program, Year Advisor, Elizabeth Eyles and Principal, Danny Henman, along with school captains John Watts and Hannah Craig will visit on Thursday 28th March.

Best wishes for a lovely Easter break and we will see everyone safely back at school on Tuesday 2nd April.

Kind Regards,
Valerie McKelvie
Relieving Principal

Our Year 6 Easter Egg Fundraiser turned out to be lots of fun and proved very popular with customers. Thanks to Mrs Turnbull for assisting students with the mass production of Easter Eggs.

Report:
- Easter Egg sales totalled $19.05
- Ingredients Cost totalled $39.28
- Ran at a loss of $20.23

Year 6 are currently investigating the possibility of more profitable fundraisers. If you have any suggestions, please talk to us.

A few parents/ carers have offered to become class helpers. Thanks to these people who are able to spend some time with us:

Jenny McCorry - 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (day varies based on work)
Jen Hatty Wednesday - 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Michelle Hatty - who will commence next term.

If you would like to help, but have not yet contacted us, please do so this week. The helpers roster will commence the week after Easter.

Helpers are required:

**Tuesdays**
9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays** 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

**Thursdays**
9:15 to 11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Laith Kitching
Listening to advice and improvement in mathematics

Florence Meier
Positive play and great attitude to learning

TERM ONE – WEEK SEVEN

Stage One Awards
Tegan Hatty – trying hard to be organised!
Gus Richardson – amazing effort all week.

Stage 2/3 Awards
Connor Smith – excellent grammar work
Blake Bateup – terrific effort

RFF and Library Awards
Amelia Altoft – working quietly and consistently at all times
Sam Booth – excellent art work

TERM ONE – WEEK EIGHT

Stage One Awards
Nick Dennis – super phonics work and outstanding word building
Ethan Lenord – impressive work in writing

Stage 2/3 Awards
Michael Curry – pleasing effort in writing
Grace Altoft – outstanding work and effort in all areas

RFF and Library Awards
Samantha Costello – an awesome attitude to school and her work
Isabella Bateup – showing kindness to others
Stage 2 Creative Arts Day - Beckom

Our Stage Two students have been invited to a Creative Arts Day to be held at Beckom Public School on the last day of this term Friday 12th April, 2013. Transport will be by private vehicle at a cost of $5 per student. A permission note is attached. Parents of students in Stage 2 are asked to please complete and return the note by Tuesday 2nd April, 2013.

Riddle of the Week

This week’s riddle

The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?

Answer to last week’s riddle

Q: What is in seasons, seconds, centuries and minutes but not in decades, years or days?
A: The letter “n”

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be here tomorrow. Please ensure all resources have been returned to the box in the office. Membership forms for joining the library should be placed in the box as well.

Lunch Orders

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

Mentoring Program Information and Training Session – Friday, 5th April.

The positive response to our proposed mentoring program is very exciting. Thank you to everyone who has lodged their interest. The vast majority of responses elected 10 a.m. to 12 noon as the preferred session time. We would very much like to hear from any males who may be interested in becoming a mentor. Please contact the school.

See you at 10 a.m. on Friday 5th April in the school library. Light refreshments provided.

Merit Selection Training

Schools in the Department of Education and Communities may from time to time employ permanent staff using the Department “merit selection” process. Teachers on panels all complete merit selection training. In some circumstances, panels allow for the inclusion of parent or community members to specific categories of membership for panels. E.g. A nominee of P. & C. or the Local Aboriginal Education Group (AECG). We have been advised that the Principal selection process will likely occur in early term 2. This process cannot start until a panel is convened and all panel members must be merit selection trained. Accordingly, Merit Selection Panel training will be conducted by School Development Officer, Mrs Lillian Dowell at our school on Tuesday 2nd April from 2:30 p.m. This training is available to anyone interested in being considered to be part of selection panels in the future where a parent or community member is required. Completing the training does not require or guarantee that you will be involved in a future panel. Please contact the school to lodge your interest to attend.

Stage 2/3 Reports

Young Leaders’ Conference

On Sunday Rosie, Kiarah, and Miss M travelled to Sydney for the Young Leader’s Conference. We are all looking forward to them coming back so we can hear more about it.

EnviroChamps

On Tuesday the 19th March, Daneka, Rosie, Kiarah, Amelia, Nick and Laith travelled to Griffith for Enviro champs. At EnviroChamps, we discussed the good and the bad parts of the school environment so we can improve the environment and make our school a better place to be.

Ride to School Day

On Friday we had ride to school day. Some of year six made some yummy chocolates that sold really quickly and they were yummy! Also, well done to everyone who rode to school or part way to school. Good job!

By Anthony, Laith and Daneka
Amelia’s Birthday

On the weekend I went to Amelia’s birthday. Of course, when I got there I played with Sammy! The people there were; Mandy, Sammy, Telly, Jess, Ella, Mum, Kyla, Dad, Grandma, Grandad, Amelia and I. We had so much fun! Everyone thought I had two cakes, but I didn’t. After that it started to rain so everyone went home.

By Grace Altoft

P. and C. News

We will be packing pies at the Ganmain Bowling Club from 10:30 on Thursday morning. The more people we have the quicker this job will be! Please note: you are responsible for picking up your order from the Bowling Club so if you can’t make it please organise someone to pick up your pies for you. Contact Kristie if you have any questions regarding this on 69277828 or 0429311277.

Thanks to those people who came to the P&C meeting last week. Our next P&C meeting will be held next term on Thursday 16th May. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parent and Carer Tips

School zone safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays.

School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April.

Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.

Find out more:

Head Lice

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Coolamon Library News

The International Women’s Day Scarf Appeal is still running with a lot of scarves being bought into the library. The scarves will be sent over to the Addis Ababa Hospital in Ethiopia to give to women in need. Donations can be left at the Ganmain Providore or here at the library.

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. Come and borrow some books to help complete the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Our next storytime session will be held Friday, 5th April @ 10.30am, theme “Pets”.

Closure times over the Easter period will be Good Friday, 29th March and Easter Saturday, 30th March. The library will re-open again on Tuesday, 2nd April. Have a happy Easter everyone!!!

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

Stage Two Creative Arts Day Beckom - Years 3 and 4 – 12th April

I give permission for my Stage Two child ___________________________________to attend the Creative Arts Day at Beckom PS on Friday 12th April.

___ I understand transport is by private vehicle.
___ I am able to provide transport for _____ students.
___ I am NOT able to provide transport and so enclose $_____ per child. ($5 per child)
___ My child will take his / her recess, lunch and water bottle.
___ My child has the following special requirements: Please include food intolerances, medical needs, known allergies. Please state NIL if there are no issues to report.

_________________________ Date: __________
School Holiday
Tennis Lessons with Roman Adamcewicz

WHEN: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th April
WHERE: Ganmain Tennis Courts
TIME: 9.00am – 12.00 noon
COST: $90.00 per child
Children must be of 8 years or older if not had tennis coaching previously.

If you need more information or would like to place your name on the list please call Kellie Hamblin 69276150 or 0419 276150.

Easter Holiday
road safety tips

As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

- Don’t set off on a long trip at the end of a day’s work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don’t drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Have a safe and happy Easter
From Matong Public School

Easter/ANZAC double dement period
Double demerit points apply to all speeding and seatbelt offences from Thursday 28th March to Monday 1st April inclusive. Demerit points also apply in the ANZAC period 24-26 April inclusive.

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important that they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Always buckle up in your car seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on bike, scooter or skateboard.

Have a safe and happy Easter
From Matong Public School

Matong Public
School Scripture

Parents, Grandparents & Community Members are invited to attend our special Easter Service to be held at
10.00 am on Wednesday 27th March at Matong Uniting Church Hall

Please join us for a Cuppa & hot cross buns to follow