TERM 4
WEEK 8
25th November 2014

SWIMMING everyday

Wed 26th
2015 Captains Vote

Tues 2nd
Mrs Moore/Mrs Evans - Finance Meeting

Sport

Jack & Jake - Muffin Making

Dance
Our students began intensive swimming this week with everyone participating really well. Even with the light rain students were excited to finally begin swimming with no complaints. Students listened carefully to all instructions and were in and out of the pool with no fuss and in record time.

Preparations are well under way for our end of year concert with students spending time each day practicing their dances and speaking parts. Towards the end of term we will be practicing in the hall with information about the new routine being sent out closer to the time.

Next Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December our Year Six students will be attending Narrandera High School for transition activities. On these two days we will be offering transition opportunities for Year Two and Kindergarten. Our Year Two students will participate in taster sessions in the Stage 2/3 room, we will be welcoming our 2 new enrolments for 2015 Charlie and Jack for transition in Stage One room and we are also inviting our 2015 Kinder students to come along on these 2 days. We all look forward to seeing a preview of what our school will look like next year.

We are all looking forward to Week 10 Messy Christmas activities, Wednesday 10th December with all parents, carers and school community members invited to come along to participate and join us for a final afternoon tea to celebrate a wonderful year and to thank all our wonderful helpers this year.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal

2015 Year 3 Taster and Kindergarten Transition Days Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December

With our Year 6 students attending transition to High School next week, we will be taking the opportunity to provide additional transition opportunities for those students going into Kindergarten and Year 3 in 2015, along with our two new students, Charlie and Jack. These two days will provide everyone with an opportunity to see what our wonderful school will look and feel like in 2015.
Year Two will be joining stage 2/3 and Charlie and Jack, along with the 2015 Kindergarten students will be joining us in Stage 1 room.
As we will be swimming on both of these afternoons leaving school at 12.30pm, if you wish for your 2015 Kindergarten child to participate in swimming, we would ask that you accompany them to the pool (the students and their parents can travel on the bus) and remain with them at the pool. Please let the office know if your 2015 kinder child is able to make it for either or both of these days and if you would like them to attend swimming.
STAGE ONE NEWS

Last Friday, we said goodbye to Miss Strano and Miss Crouch and we hope to see them soon.

In maths, we have been learning about 3D objects like prisms and pyramids. We have also been learning about giving directions and using left and right. Miss Strano took us on a treasure hunt around the playground and we found playdough and a bendy pencil as our treasure. David and William Beard participated in the Little Athletics at Griffith on Sunday. We are very proud of them! Swimming school started on Monday and will continue for a fortnight. Most of us are looking forward to swimming school.

Stage One and Miss M

Stage One Home Learning

Students are expected to continue to engage in DAILY home reading for the remainder of the term.

News topic will be Free Choice from week 8.

Muffin Mania Cooking Utensils

Thank you to all the families who sent in utensils to assist in the cooking of the Marvellous Muffins. We have a few unnamed items still at school. Please check and advise if you are missing an item.

STAGE 2/3 NEWS

This week students have been composing poetry about themselves called Bio Poems and the results have been very thoughtful and interesting. The openness with which some of the students have written about themselves is amazing and we have all learnt something new about each other.

Your child may have excitedly mentioned that we have begun our Smiggle Advent Calendar countdown; with daily draws to win a piece of Smiggle Stationery for students upholding the values of Matong Public School.

All about Samantha.

Samantha
Trustful, careful, funny & lazy.

Lover of snakes that can’t hurt you.

Who is able to do one handed cartwheels.

Who feels joyful when running.

Who worries will there ever be world peace?

Who fears high school.

Who would like to be a teacher.

Who dreams of world peace.
Students are enthusiastically practising for the end of year concert; it is great to see so many talented and clever students dancing, singing, acting and playing musical instruments.

Students made posters last week of all our ideas for the new room design, yesterday we voted on a range of furniture, storage, wall displays and paint ideas. Students have incorporated these ideas into an online room design program to bring their dreams to reality and are enjoying the challenges of designing and decision making as a class.

Lea McGuiness

STUDENT NEWS

Swimming

From Monday this week we are going to the Ganmain pool for swimming school. You need to bring sunscreen, rash shirt, towel, swimmers, and swimming caps and goggles if you need them.

Thank you

A big thank you to Maryanne Costello for getting us pillows for us to sit on. Thank you to Mrs Beard for bringing your ducks for us to look at. Thank you Miss Buchannan, Miss Strano and Miss Crouch for being our teachers.

Classroom Designs

Stage 2-3 are getting ready to put exciting new furniture into our classroom. If you have any ideas let us know or if you have anything at home that you think the school would like and you don’t need, please consider donating it to the school.

Labelling items of clothing

Please put your child’s name in their jumpers, jackets, hats and swimmers.

By Jaylene

When were you happiest at school today?
Horse
Horse trots softly
Horse trots softly, beautifully
Trots softly, beautifully, gracefully
Softly, beautifully, gracefully
When it sees me.

Cat
Cat meows adorably
Cat meows adorably, cutely
Meows adorably, cutely, loudly
Adorably, cutely, loudly, gracefully
When it is hungry and thirsty.
By Jaedyn Kreis

George’s Bio Poem

George
Active, talented and funny

Lover of music, water skiing

Who is able to water ski, turn around a header, give an answer to 1+1 and drive a car, ute and a motor bike

Who feels relaxed when playing the piano

Who wonders what I am going to be when I grow up

Who fears Ebola coming to Australia

Who would like to get a good house and a grand piano and play for the Queen

Who dreams of driving a truck (Kenworth) and getting the trailer to transform into a stage

Harley Davidson
Harley Davidson rides coolly
Harley Davidson rides coolly, dangerously
Rides coolly, dangerously, loudly, sweetly
Coolly, dangerously, loudly, sweetly
When it wants to.
By Gus R
In my role at school, I spend time with students in the class and in the playground. I sometimes notice aspects of their school life that may need a helping hand! This week it is:

When things change unexpectedly...

I was helping out a family member the other day and it was something that I had done before so I assumed that I knew what to expect. Wrong! It took longer than what I anticipated and required me to make choices around how I was going to do it because the task had to be completed one way or another.

What happens for you when things change? When what you expect doesn’t happen and you have to accept the new way of doing things without question? Things like – your car breaks down or it’s more work than what you hoped? Or the Teacher or your mum/dad asks you to do something that you don’t want to do/it’s more than what you did last time?

Do you easily adapt to new situations? Do you need to be more open to adapting? Have a think about it because you might just be surprised at how you respond.

Jeremy Polkinghorne (Mr P)

Matong Public School Chaplain
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### AWARDS

**Stage One**
Jessica Rudder, Noah Kitching

**Stage 2**
Jack McGovern, Angus Richardson

**Stage 3**
Charlotte McGuiness, Jaedyn Kreis

**Special Awards**
William Beard, Jaedyn Kreis, Rosie Collins, Chontal Costello

**Principal's Award**
Ella Collins
Science and Technology

Science and Technology develops students’ skills in thinking, investigating and problem-solving. It gives them knowledge and skills in scientific investigation and inquiry, design and applying technologies. Children pose questions, test ideas, and develop and evaluate arguments based on evidence.

Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)

Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) provides opportunities for students to explore how people, events and forces from the past have shaped their world. They investigate their personal and community identity and gain an understanding of their nation and its place in the world. They learn to participate effectively in maintaining and improving the quality of their society and environment.

Mighty Milk!

Reduced fat milks are encouraged for children over 2 years.

Reduced fat milks provide the same important nutrients as full cream milks (such as calcium and protein) but less saturated fat. The nutrients in milk also protect against tooth decay.

Plain reduced fat milks are preferred.

Flavoured reduced fat milks are a healthier choice than sugar sweetened drinks such as soft drinks, cordial etc.
The simplest way
...to make healthy Santas.

This Christmas, get your kids eating strawberry Santas – they're cute to look at, and delicious to eat!

Follow these instructions to keep your Christmas fun and healthy:

1. Wash your strawberries, dry, then slice off the tip.
2. Spoon/pipe reduced-fat ricotta or cream cheese on the larger half, then put the 'hat' on top.
3. Top hat with a little more of the cheese to make a pom pom.
4. Cut a small amount of sultanas up for the eyes and place on gently.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Eat It To Beat It!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 8: Tips for Parents

There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to:
- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.
- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework.

BOSTES
NEW RESOURCES
GUIDES FOR PARENTS

PARENTS WILL APPRECIATE THESE EASY-TO-USE, PRACTICAL GUIDES.

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN ABOUT GRAMMAR
HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO WRITE
HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO READ
HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN TO DO MATHEMATICS

SPECIAL OFFERS
All 4 books $55
Any 3 books $40
Any 2 books $25

Food for Fines

Do you have outstanding overdue fines?
Are your current loans overdue and attracting fines?

Coolamon Library is offering you the chance to pay off your overdue fines with a donation of non-perishable food items. These items will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul office in Coolamon to be distributed to those in need over this festive season.

For more information
Phone Helen
Coolamon Library - 69272492
CHRISTMAS CLEANING

Need help getting your house clean ready for Christmas celebrations?

Call Rosie
$25 per hour
Ph 0431544314

Experienced cleaner, references can be provided.

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be participating in a “Day of Action” scheduled for the Friday, 5th December. This campaign is to aid the NSW Libraries Australia Funding Campaign. Throughout the year the library collected signatures for our petition in order to keep our library funding sustainable. The library will be having a display on “Love your Library” - we encourage our community to support this day by visiting the library.

Our “Food for Fines” campaign has started again at the Coolamon Library. This is a great opportunity to clear all outstanding fines by donating non-perishable food in lieu of money. All collected food will be donated to St Vincent de Paul in Coolamon. They will then distribute the food to our local families within our shire.

Storytime dates for the month of December are Friday, 5th theme “Love and Cuddles” @ 10.30am and then our final storytime for the year will be held on Friday 12th December. A small Christmas party will follow and a very special guest will be appearing. Hope everyone can join us for this special occasion.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded - join us now!

Join the library today - Free membership.
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Name this top Australian sportsman.

2. On which Australian island can you see this event?

3. In which country did this extreme weather event occur last week?

4. Which country has this flag?

5. This Australian politician has been in the news a lot lately. What is her name?
Weekly Quiz

1. What unusual find has been discovered in the suburbs of Sydney?
   a. an ancient aboriginal rock art site  
   b. a dinosaur skeleton  
   c. an unexploded WW II mine

2. A recent report has calculated the number of people living as slaves across the world. How many people do they estimate are living in slavery?
   a. 3.6 million  
   b. 13.6 million  
   c. 36 million

3. Why has the Australian Cookery Book been in the news recently?
   a. it's a republished version of the first Australian cookbook  
   b. it includes recipes such as battered kangaroo brains deep fried in emu oil  
   c. both of the above

4. Which world leader received criticism from Foreign Minister Julie Bishop over comments made about climate change threatening the Great Barrier Reef?
   a. David Cameron  
   b. Xi Jingping  
   c. Barack Obama

5. Why did a Melbourne policeman get a nasty surprise when he searched a cyclists backpack?
   a. a rat had stowed away in the bag  
   b. there was a one 1m long python in the bag  
   c. there was a grenade in the bag

6. What is World Toilet Day about?
   a. making people aware of the 2.5 billion people that don't have access to proper toilets  
   b. making people aware of the huge amount of water that is used by flushing toilets  
   c. making people aware of the increase in world population

7. What crashed through a roof of a Perth home last week that made the news?
   a. a drone  
   b. a glider  
   c. a blade from a planes' propeller

8. A Frenchman has set a new world speed record of 207mph for which type of vehicle?
   a. jet boat  
   b. bicycle  
   c. skateboard

9. A row has started between the Ministry for Fisheries and the City of Stirling over the cost of removing a Humpback whale carcass which washed up on Scarborough Beach. Approximately how much did the removal cost?
   a. $28,000  
   b. $188,000  
   c. $240,000

10. What caused commuter chaos in Brisbane last week when train services were halted?
    a. a severe storm  
    b. train drivers went on strike  
    c. a hoax bomb scare forced major train stations to be evacuated

11. A recent awareness campaign features high profile celebrities including Will Farrell, Ben Affleck and Ellie Goulding looking into the camera but saying nothing. What is the campaign raising awareness of?
    a. HIV  
    b. Ebola  
    c. slavery

12. Why has baby Gammy been in the news again?
    a. he has been removed from the surrogate mother and put into state care  
    b. he has been adopted out to a couple from New Zealand  
    c. his surrogate mother has applied for Australian citizenship for baby Gammy

13. Why was historic Fremantle Prison in the news last week?
    a. a package believed to contain explosives had to be destroyed by the bomb squad  
    b. it is starting major structural repairs as part of it is unstable  
    c. it is being closed to the public while part of the latest Bond film is being shot there

14. What is the name of the US entertainment service which charges a fee to watch TV series and movies ad-free that is launching in Australia next year?
    a. MegaNet  
    b. Netview  
    c. Netflix

15. Which continent has the most people?
    a. North America  
    b. Asia  
    c. Africa
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What unusual find has been discovered in the suburbs of Sydney?
   a. an ancient aboriginal rock art site - The site, located in Sydney's north shore area, is in a pocket of pristine bush that has kept the art hidden for generations. Locals were not aware of the presence of the site because it was either obscured behind vegetation or dismissed as graffiti. The art is thought to be tens of thousands of years old.

2. A recent report has calculated the number of people living as slaves across the world. How many people do they estimate are living in slavery?
   c. 36 million - The Walk Free Foundation published the index with a report listing Mauritania, Uzbekistan, Haiti, Qatar and India as the nations where modern-day slavery is most prevalent. India has around 14 million people who are victims of slavery.

3. Why has the Australian Cookery Book been in the news recently?
   c. both of the above - A colonial-era cookbook featuring some unusual recipes has been republished 150 years after it was written by a Tasmanian gentleman farmer.

4. Which world leader received criticism from Foreign Minister Julie Bishop over comments made about climate change threatening the Great Barrier Reef?
   c. Barack Obama - the Foreign Minister wrote a letter to Obama's office outlining the efforts being taken to protect the Great Barrier Reef, following the US president's comments about the reef in a recent climate change speech.

5. Why did a Melbourne policeman get a nasty surprise when he searched a cyclist's backpack?
   a. a package believed to contain explosives had to be destroyed by the bomb squad - a former prisoner contacted authorities claiming explosives were hidden beneath a wooden floor. Police said the bomb squad was called to the former prison and discovered the package, believed to be at least 25 years old.

6. What is World Toilet Day about?
   a. making people aware of how many people don't have access to proper toilets - The 19th November was World Toilet Day which is a UN initiative to raise awareness about the 2.5 billion people around the world without access to toilets.

7. What crashed through a roof of a Perth home last week that made the news?
   a. a drone - A Perth couple have discovered a drone in their living room after hearing a loud bang. Police have advised people not to fly drones in populated areas.

8. A Frenchman has set a new world speed record of 207mph for which type of vehicle?
   b. bicycle - Francois Gissy has ridden a rocket-equipped push bicycle into the record books by attaining speeds of 207mph (333km/h). To watch him accelerate to his top speed faster than a Ferrari: click here (NB: you may want turn volume to low)

9. A row has started between the Ministry for Fisheries and the City of Stirling over the cost of removing a Humpback whale carcass which washed up on Scarborough Beach. Approximately how much did the removal cost?
   b. $188,000 - The Minister for Fisheries has stated that the removal is not in their jurisdiction because a whale is a mammal not a fish. The 17-metre carcass washed ashore on Scarborough on November 3.

10. What caused commuter chaos in Brisbane last week when train services were halted?
    a. a severe storm - A severe storm caused chaos in Brisbane on Wednesday evening, with flash flooding in the city centre trapping commuters and submerging cars, and widespread power outages reported. Major train stations in Brisbane’s inner city were closed, forcing delays across the rail network as far as the Gold Coast.

11. A recent awareness campaign features high profile celebrities including Will Farrell, Ben Affleck and Ellie Goulding looking into the camera but saying nothing. What is the campaign raising awareness of?
    b. Ebola - A video by the international campaigning group ‘One’, titled , Ebola: What are we waiting for?, features celebrities such as Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman and Ellie Goulding sternly staring into the camera, which prompts the viewer to ask what is being done?

12. Why has baby Gammy been in the news again?
    c. his surrogate mother has applied for Australian citizenship for baby Gammy - Gammy’s Thai surrogate mother has lodged papers at the Australian embassy in Bangkok and said she hoped it would give more certainty to his future and that he could be entitled to Australian welfare. The application could be approved within weeks.

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14. What is the name of the US entertainment service which charges a fee to watch TV series and movies ad-free that is launching in Australia next year?
    c. Netflix - Online video streaming service Netflix says it will expand into Australia and New Zealand next March. Netflix launched in 2007 and currently has more than 53 million members in what will soon become more than 50 countries.

15. Which continent has the most people?
   b. Asia - the continent has 4.3 billion, a lot higher than Africa (1.1 billion) and North America (0.35 billion)

VISUAL ANSWERS
1. Adam Scott
2. b. Christmas Island - the annual migration of Red Crabs
3. United States - massive snowfalls in the North-East kept emergency services busy last week. There are now concerns the snow will cause flooding in many areas when it melts.
4. Brazil
5. Jacqui Lambie

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