TERM 1
WEEK 8
18th March 2014

Wed 19th
Ride2School
Cross Country
Notes Please

Thurs 20th
Cross Country

Friday 21st
Aussie Rules
Trials

Sunday 23rd
Ian Lucas Ride and Hike

FOR YOUR DIARY

March
Wednesday 26th
Japanese Drumming
Scripture Mobile Library

Thurs/Friday 27th-28th
Mrs. Moore at Primary Principal’s Conference

April
Tues 1st Athletics carnival

Thurs 3rd Yr. 6 Peer Support Training

A terrific tall tower
Well done Phoenix & friends

Congratulations David and Digby
John O’Brien Writing Competition

MY School without bullying

Bullying No Way!

Friday 21st March
Another very busy week this week with our annual Ride2School, cross country and AFL/Netball trials keeping our students very busy indeed. Students have been very busy training in sport time, fitness and also in some break times to fine tune their skills and build their fitness.

With our focus on music and creative and performing arts, we will be accessing a range of performance based activities this year. We are looking forward to the Japanese Drumming interactive performance visit next week at Matong Public School. This will be followed by a special visit from DRUMBEAT later in the term, kindly organised and subsidised by Relationships Australia as part of our ‘Staying Safe’ social skills program.

Congratulations go to Kyesha Hines, Jaylene McFarlane, Phoenix and Jake Manley-Freeman for having their entries accepted into the Wagga Council Harmony Day Art Exhibition to be displayed in Wagga for Harmony Day. The Council were very impressed with the entries from the young people of Matong Public School.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on bikes tomorrow for Ride2SchoolDay and again on Sunday for the Ian Lucas Memorial Ride. You also have the option to take the lovely walk to Bundigerry Creek rather than riding on the day.

Again thank you to all our helpers and supporters in the community. It is always lovely to see our parents and friends at the school as a common occurrence not reserved for special days only, lending a helping hand or just calling in to say hello. We really do have a wonderful school community.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal

LIBRARY DAYS

Stage 1 Mondays
Stage 2/3 Wednesdays
AWARD WINNERS
Stage 1 Awards
Digby Currie
*Outstanding application to and progress in writing*
Brodie Rudder
*Focus on learning*

Stage 2/3 Awards
Rosie Collins
*Working well at set tasks*
Jake-Manley Freeman
*Enthusiastic attitude to the ‘Staying Safe’ program with Mary and Kitty*

RFF and Library Awards
Baxter Smith
*A positive attitude towards Library activities*

Charlie Collins
*A positive attitude to all areas of school*

Principal Award
Charlotte McGuiness
*Always showing a responsible attitude.*

EZ JAPANESE Tyke-Oh

*Japanese Drumming Incursion*

Our students have a great opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop led by Kiyomi Calwell. The students will learn about Taiko, Japanese greetings, counting and more. The cost will be $5 per student.

NOTES DUE back to school by Monday 24th March.

RIDE 2SCHOOL DAY
We are looking forward as a school community to participating in Ride2School Day tomorrow Wednesday 19th March. We hope that parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members might join us in riding, walking, scooting or skating to school where a delicious morning tea will be waiting for us. All students on wheels are required to wear helmets.
This will be a great warm-up and practice for the Mr Lucas ride on Sunday. Hope to see you there.

TERM 1 Upcoming Events

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YEAR 7 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Forms were given out to all current Year 6 students. FORMS DUE back to school Friday 21st March.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Matong will once again be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Thank you to Mrs Smith who will be coordinating this activity.

DON’T FORGET TO HEAD TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST NEWS STORIES AND SCHOOL PHOTOS
www.matong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

What is a Horseshoe Crab?
Last week, Stage One read a story called “Crab Moon”. It was all about horseshoe crabs which really are not crabs at all. This story led us on an interesting ‘Google’ discovery tour which led us to find that the numbers of these prehistoric creatures are declining due to human interaction. As a result, we applied our beginning exposition writing skills to share our thoughts on the topic.

Here are some of our writing samples:

**Horseshoe Crab**

*by Brodie Rudder – Year Two*

Horseshoe crabs should be left alone because they are endangered because the people catch the horseshoe crabs. Some people take the blue blood to make the medicines to keep people alive, but the horseshoe crabs could die. They are older than the dinosaurs. They lay 60 000 to
120 000 eggs. The shorebirds need the eggs to keep them alive or they will die.

KEEP THE HORSESHOE CRABS!

**Horseshoe Crabs Should be Protected**

by Digby Currie – Year One

These crabs should be left alone because they are endangered animals and everybody wants to see these creatures because they are so beautiful. And I bet you, your grandchildren will want to see them. They are older than the dinosaurs! When they lay their eggs, their eggs get taken by birds. No crabs, no birds. PROTECT THEM!

**Horseshoe Crabs by Jessica Rudder – Kinder**

If you get their blood, they won’t survive.

**HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH DEVELOPMENT**

Speech development is an important part of learning. There are many ways to help your child develop proper speech patterns and language skills.

Through interaction, prompting, labelling and reading, we can help children develop a stronger and more advanced vocabulary.

Reading to, and with, your child/ren everyday can significantly increase speech development. Practising speech exercises at home and helping your child extend and build their vocabulary is extremely beneficial.

**Stage One Home Learning Choices** include speech exercises tackling the sounds many students continue to find tricky. *Please engage your child with these activities as per their individual needs.* Correct articulation of sounds is an essential skill for success in reading, writing and comprehension.

Miss Valerie McKelvie,
Stage One Teacher

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**Ian Lucas Memorial Bike Ride and Hike**

Sunday 23rd March

9.00am Grong Grong Sports club
Registration at Grong Grong and Matong from 8:00am

DON'T GIVE UP MATEY YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!
- Ian Lucas

Riders can complete a course from Grong Grong to Matong and return or any part of the course they feel comfortable in tackling. Walk to be held concurrently to Bundigerry Channel and bush.

**Prices**
- $20 per adult,
- $10 per child,
- $50 per family.

Morning tea and lunch included in entrance fee.

Morning tea and lunch available for purchase on the day for non-riders and non-walkers

For information:
Phone Brian Cum 0417 677565
David Cumha 0417 777120

Primary school age children to be accompanied by an adult.
**P&C NEWS**

**Pie Drive**
Orders for the pie drive were due back to school today. If you didn’t get yours in and would still like to order pies please contact Kristie (69277828) by Thursday. Pie drive delivery is on Friday 28th March. We need your help to sort and pack the pies at the Ganmain Bowling Club from 9:30am.

**P&C meeting**
Thank you to those who attended last week’s meeting. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 9th April at 7:30pm.

**Ian Lucas Memorial Bike Ride & Hike**
Helpers still needed, please contact the school or Michelle Hatty on 69279140 if you can help on Sunday from 8am onwards.

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**COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS**

Join us for our author visit on Thursday, 3rd April @ 11.00am. John Sheahan will be visiting with his debut novel “The Bracelet”. The novel is a family saga, stretching across six generations of women for whom the heirloom bracelet has a symbolic link. His book will be available to purchase and morning tea will be provided.

Our next storytime session will be held this Friday 21st March @ 10.30am theme - “Families”. Join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

An International Women’s Day celebration will be held at the Up-to-Date Store in Coolamon on Wednesday 26th March, 7pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy High Tea after hours along with complimentary champagne. Guest speakers will talk around this year’s theme ‘Inspiring Change’. Entry is a donation towards the Jane McGrath Foundation. Please RSVP to bhatty@coolamon.nsw.gov.au for catering purposes or the Coolamon Library – 69272492.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has commenced for another year with a wide selection of books available at the library. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students. Details can be found at www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au or phone the library – 69272492.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!
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2014

AN EASTER MUSICAL
by
WAL SPENCER & JOE ROMEO

Where?

The Plaza Theatre
35 Bolton St, Narrandera
(C.R.C. Church)

Performances?

April 2014

11am Matinee:
Tuesday 8th
Wednesday 9th
Thursday 10th
Friday 11th

7pm Evening:
Thursday 10th
Friday 11th
Saturday 12th
Sunday 13th

Tickets?

Bookings welcome from 1st March 2014
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Email: grunt@theromeos.com.au