TERM 1
WEEK 10
1st April 2014

April

Tues 1st
Athletics carnival

Wed 2nd
Bible Society visitor for Scripture

Thurs 3rd
Yr 6 Peer Support training

PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTE TOMORROW

Chontal and her ‘Tin Lid’

Batter up!

Japanese Drumming
What a fabulous session with all our students enjoying Japanese Drumming on Wednesday. Staff and students were introduced to basic drum beats, Japanese drumming instruments and some Japanese language as well.

Another busy week with our small schools athletics carnival to be held in Ardlethan on Tuesday this week. Thank you to all parents who have or will volunteer on the day, whether that be by offering to transport students to and from the carnival or by assisting with an event on the day. All of our students have been very excitedly practicing for the big day tomorrow and we wish them all the best for tomorrow. The District Athletics Carnival will be held next term, 23rd May at Barellan.

This Thursday, all Year 6 students will attend the Peer Support training day, which will provide students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and combine with other students from Ganmain and Beckom Public Schools. Students have really enjoyed this day in past years and I know are looking forward to their turn this year.

This has been a busy end of term however please check that all notes have been signed and returned to school to ensure your child’s participation in our exciting programs. We have been incredibly fortunate in the opportunities for our students at Matong Public School.

Next week our students will travel to Narrandera to participate in Grunt performance. We have been extremely fortunate to have received a subsidy from the Coolamon Uniting Church Parish to assist with transport for this performance.

We also look forward to seeing as many community members as possible to our thank you barbeque lunch at the school. Lunch will be served at 11.30 am. This event will be to celebrate a most successful term, to thank you our supporters and celebrate our most successful Staying Safe Program which has been running in our school this past term. We thank The Ganmain Men’s Shed, Relationships Australia and CaMHS for their most generous support for our school through this program. As always, a big thank you to all our helpers and supporters out there in our community, 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**

David Beard  
*Exciting progress in writing*  
Julia Walsh  
*Great effort learning to write*

**Stage 2/3 Awards**

Phoenix Manley-Freeman  
*Improved effort in Mathematics*  
Chontal Costello  
*Being a dedicated learner across all KLAS*

**RFF and Library Awards**

Mandy Costello  
*Always trying her best*  
Julia Walsh  
*Always participating with enthusiasm*

**Principal Award**

Noah Kitching  
*Always displaying friendship*

**YEAR 7 2015 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Forms were given out to all current Year 6 students. FORMS are now OVERDUE. Please return to school tomorrow.

**TERM 1 Upcoming Events**

**Week 11**

**Tues 8th April** – Staying Safe BBQ  
**Wed 9th April** – GRUNT performance Narrandera  
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm  
**Fri 11th April** – School ANZAC Day Service 10.30am  
**Holidays**

**Fri 25th April** - ANZAC Day Parade & Service 10am Ganmain (Please note this is an earlier start time than previous years)

**TERM 2**

**Tues 29th April** – Students return  
**Fri 2nd May** – District Cross Country

**PEER SUPPORT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Our year six students will attend a Peer Support Training day with Ganmain Public led by Mrs Moore & Mrs Evans this Thursday 3rd April.

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

**NOTES DUE BACK by Wednesday 9th April. Please don’t forget to include $4 per child for PSSA Levy. Apologies that this was not included on the permission slip to be returned.**
STAGE 1 LITERACY

On Sunday we went for a bike ride from Matong to Grongy. It was to remember Mr Lucas because he rode from Grongy to Matong and back lots of times. On the bike ride I fell off. I went up my cousin’s tyre and I fell off. I hurt my knee and kept on riding. We stopped at Pamandi and had a drink. There were lots of people riding. At the Sports Club at Grongy, we rode the bikes in the tennis court and we played on the playground. I had a go on the jumping castle. We went home. It was a big day and I was tired.

- Baxter Smith – Year 1

Yesterday Matong went to Ganmain for cross country. First, we walked the track. It was long and it was fun. After the walk we raced the schools and there was a dip and there was a dam and a train track. It was fun and exhausting. When the race started I was scared and I was proud of myself. When I got home I watched TV and I got dressed in my farm clothes.

- Samuel Booth – Year 1

Yesterday the schools went to Ganmain for the cross country. Firstly we walked the course then we went back to our tent then we raced. Fifteen minutes later mum and I went to the canteen and I got a tropical juice and a muffin. I was tired. Then we went back to school for two hours. The schools were Ganmain P.S., Beckom P.S. and Matong P.S. I liked it, it was fun.

- Noah Kitching – Year 2

I got a yellow ticket. I went for a run.

- Julia Walsh – Year K

Yesterday we went to an event and I came second in the event. It was fun and my dad came to watch David and I. When I was running I hit my leg on a stick.

- William Beard – Year 1

MPS Scripture – Kids Camp Out Narrandera

STAYING SAFE BBQ

Please return the note at the end of this newsletter to help with catering please.

P&C NEWS

Pie Drive
Thank you to the ladies who helped pack and deliver pies on Friday. Your help was greatly appreciated. Just over $1100 was raised for the P&C from this fundraiser which is a terrific amount for not a lot of effort!

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is next Wednesday evening, April 9th, at 7:30 in the Stage 2/3 classroom. It is not too late to become a member of the P&C; it costs just $2. Looking forward to seeing you there!
COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Our next storytime session will be held this Friday 4th April @ 10.30am theme - “Heads to Toes”. Join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

The school holiday program has lots of fun activities for our youth and primary aged children. Some of the activities include felt-making workshop, an Easter treasure hunt in the library, Bliss - Mother and daughter evening and bus trip to Regenerate - a youth festival to be held in Wagga. Further details are available from the library.

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!

GRONG GRONG EARTH PARK

We are aiming to have an initial meeting on Monday 7th April at Grong Grong Royal Hotel at 7.00 pm. Please advise if you are able to come as we will be ordering pizzas to share. Paul Lucas will be chairing the first few meetings to get our committee on its feet. Please join us and bring your ideas and big brains.

Contact:
Paul Lucas 0429 017 254
Gemma Meier 0413 155 191

STAYING SAFE THANKYOU BBQ

11.30 am Lunch

I/we ______________________
will be attending the Staying Safe Thank you BBQ on Tuesday the 8th April, 2014.

No of Attendees _________

Signed

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Parent/Community Member
School Holiday Tennis Lessons

With

Roman Adamcewicz

WHEN: Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

WHERE: Ganmain Tennis Courts

TIME: 9.00am - 12.00noon

COST: $80.00 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.

Creating in Stillness

Fri 4th Sat 5th Sun 6th April

Creating deliciousness in art form with RAW foods
Learn about Ancient Hot Wax Drawing
Participate in African Drumming, Yoga, Tai Chi, Meditation, Chakrasance
How can becoming healthy BE so much FUN?

If you are ready to take creativity to a whole new level, have fun and meet some beautiful people, then this is for you

Retreat will begin Friday 3rd
Doors open 5pm with a light dinner at 6:30pm and run through to Sunday 4pm
Stimulate your mind, body & soul while interacting with like minded people
Be inspired by creative tips & information
Relax in Stillness & re-energize in a nurturing healing environment
Enjoy laughter & joy & just being in the moment

Guest Presenters:
Joyce Spencer “Hot wax drawing”
Kate Pickering “Positive Rhythm”

Weekend package includes:

All deliciously healthy meals, 2 nights accommodation, all linen and towels
All sessions
Plenty of time to relax, rejuvenate and use the FIR sauna and Chi Machine
Investment for the weekend package is $390 if booked by 1st of April
Bookings after this date will be $350

Numbers are strictly limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

“If you want to do something you find a way. If you don’t want to do something you find an excuse.”

Bookings Essential

For bookings, directions or more information please contact:
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Centre of Stillness “Deepwater Station” Old Narrandera Rd
Approx 10kms west of Wagga – 6ks east of Narrandera
on northern side of the Murrumbidgee river

Walk in the direction of health with open eyes and an open heart