TERM 1
WEEK 11
8th April 2014

April
Tues 8th
Staying Safe BBQ

Wed 9th
GRUNT performance
Narrandera

P&C Meeting
7.30pm

Thurs 10th
Stage 2/3 Easter
Craft (permission note
attached please return
tomorrow)

Fri 11th April –
School ANZAC Day
Service 10.30am

Fri 25th April -
ANZAC Day Parade &
Service 10am
Ganmain

Swingin’ Scripture

Sporty Students

Go Gus!

Terrific ‘Tin lids’ with the magnificent Men’s Shed
What a wonderful finish to our first term today with our barbeque to celebrate the culmination of our Staying Safe Program. Our students enjoyed an extended drumming session with Frank, kindly donated by Relationships Australia and our marvellous Men’s Shed friends attached the amazing tin lids to the front fence. I hope you all get the opportunity to stop by and admire the students’ handy-work. The ceremony was well attended by parents and managers from our partners in the program CaMHs and Relationships Australia, Mr John Dean, Bernadette Post and Alexandra Faulkner as well as Mary and Kitty.

Students are to be again congratulated on their participation in the Athletics Carnival at Ardlethan last Tuesday. Well done to all students. Matong PS students did very well on the day with some outstanding results.

Our students also enjoyed a vibrant and entertaining session with Rick George on Wednesday. Rick certainly has found a very entertaining way to share his message.

Congratulations to our year 6 Peer Support leaders in the mature and responsible way they approached their peer support training last Thursday. We are looking forward to watching them grow in their roles as leaders, especially in our Peer Support program which will begin next term.

We are all set to enjoy the remaining few days of term with our Grunt excursion tomorrow and finishing with our school ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday at 10.30am. We are looking forward to seeing as many as possible attending on Friday.

Students are encouraged to attend the ANZAC Day march in Ganmain on Friday 25th April to pay tribute to all our current and former members of the Australian Defence Force. Students are to wear their summer uniform and meet at the Park at 9.45am.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support during the term and to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
**SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS**

**Junior Girls Champion:** Ella Collins  
**Junior Girls Third:** Jaedyn Kreis  
**Junior Boys Champion:** Albert Booth  
**Junior Boys Runner-up:** Tyler Smith  
**Junior Boys equal Third:** Angus Richardson  
**11 Years Girls Champion:** Samantha Costello  
**11 Years Girls Third:** Kyesha Hines  
**11 Year Boys Third:** Phoenix Manely-Freeman  
**Senior Girls Champion:** Rosie Collins  
**Senior Girls equal Runners-up:** Gracie Collins  
**Senior Boys Champion:** Charlie Collins

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**TERM 2 Upcoming Events**

**TERM 2**  
**Week 1**  
**Tues 29th April** – Students return  
**2nd May** – District Cross Country – Ganmain

**PLEASE RETURN PERMISSION NOTE TOMORROW**

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.
Hello, my name is Jeremy Polkinghorne (Mr P or Mr Polkinghorne to the students) and I'm the 'new' Chaplain at Matong Public School. What's a Chaplain you say? Well that is a very good question – essentially I'm the 'spiritual professional' in the school and am around to answer any questions that the students (or parents or teachers) may have of a spiritual nature. When I'm not doing this I'm getting in there and helping out where I can, playing basketball at lunch, teaching some students how to tune and play the guitar, assisting with student ‘time outs’ so that they can better concentrate on their studies the rest of the time. I do this two days a week – Monday and Wednesday’s generally.

My understanding is that the previous Chaplain – Neena Evans used to give a bit of a glimpse of the Faith Families article (attached) each time it came out. So here is a snapshot of what I got out of this article.

This issue carries four different sections with it - you might want to take one section each day or one day a week for 4 weeks and discuss what is on that page. The first page talks about celebration and why we do what we do. Things like birthdays and Easter and anniversaries are milestones throughout the year and the each serve as an opportunity to discuss *(and maybe do some research into)* the meanings of these celebrations.

The second section is about using physical touch appropriately and how when you do it can be a wonderful and empowering thing for us all as we live out our lives here on earth. By the same token it can have a devastating effect on people if misused and abused so I encourage you to read the article and have a discussion with your family about what you each think is appropriate and respect each other’s opinions because I’m sure that they will be different.

Page three is about Easter and what it means to different people and the fact that its coming up in a couple of weeks is a good reason to have a conversation about the biblical meaning of Easter and why it can be a celebration but only after the death and suffering the comes first.

The back page is about being a good Citizen and a bit about what that means. It could be a good opportunity to discuss what it means to be a good ‘citizen’ of your family and how you can all work together on that.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of Faith Families and don’t be afraid of coming up and introducing yourself to me if you see me around.

Jeremy Polkinghorne (School Chaplain)
STAGE ONE MESSAGES

As this is the final week of Term One, there will not be any homework. Students are strongly encouraged to continue daily home reading this week and throughout the holiday break.

Extra home readers will be sent home with your child. Please read with your child on a regular basis during the holidays and return the books on day one Term 2. Early bed times and plenty of sleep will help everyone enjoy the various special activities planned for this week.

Have a wonderful break.

Warm regards, Miss McKelvie

SCHOOL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Parents and community members are invited to join us for our School ANZAC day ceremony this Friday 11th April at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow, a plate to share would be appreciated.

GANMAIN ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

We hope to see all students at the Ganmain ANZAC day Ceremony on Friday 25th April. Remember that students participating need to be on the corner opposite the Ganmain Park by 9.45am dressed in their full Summer Uniform including black shoes. The March will begin at 10am followed by the service at 10.30am at the War Memorial.

YEAR 5/6 BORAMBOLA EXCURSION

In term 3, Year 5 and 6 will head to Borambola for their week long excursion. This will be held in Week 8 from the 1st - 5th September. Cost per student will be approximately $190 each.

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

There has been an outbreak of school sores over the last couple of weeks. School sores are highly contagious and children need to stay home until they have begun a course of antibiotics. The sores should be covered with watertight dressings. Impetigo is small red spots which change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands or scalp. Please be vigilant over the holidays to ensure your child receives the appropriate treatment should they begin to experience any of these symptoms.
Our Incredible Hats

Stage One has been studying sun safety. We have read many books about hats, learned what makes a hat ‘sun-safe’, conducted playground surveys and created posters promoting sun-safety. We also designed, made and wrote about our own incredible hats. We think everyone would love to own one of our wonderful creations. What do you think?

Me and My Hat

My hat is made out of rabbit skin. The hat has jewels, feathers and stars but they aren’t just ordinary …this is a magic hat! Now I will tell you what it can do. It can blow up, tickle, cook dinner and fly. It can make you fall in love.

by David Beard - Year Two

My Magic Hat

My magic hat is made from plastic, gems, stars, buttons, paper roses and feathers. It has buttons that make it do all sorts of things. It has purple, pink, gold, green, silver, yellow, blue and red. It can fly to the moon and roars like a school girl. It has four tails, three noses, one mouth and thirty-one eyes.

By Tegan Hatty - Year Two

many Thanks!

Kitty and Mary
The Anzacs

In 1914, ordinary men and women served our country in World War 1.
They got the call to serve our country and all they got was a hat and gun.
The Turks were ready in Anzac Cove, with guns which were covered in rust.
We had to run up the hill with shrapnel all over the place, but we had Anzac trust.
In 1918, the war had ended; the Anzacs went back to their families at home.

And this is my Anzac Poem.

by Connor Smith

Anzac

Anzac stands for Australia and New Zealand Army Corps.

New Zealand helped us in the war.

Zoof went the bullets by their heads.

Anzac is the day we remember those who fought in the war.

Centenary of one hundred years, we celebrate this year.

By Samantha Costello

ANZAC

Australia fought with New Zealand.

New Zealand helped us.

Zigzagging bullets.

Australia and New Zealand Army Corps.

Centenary.

By Chontal Costello
P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is this 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 11th April @ 10.30am theme - “Easter”. Join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along. Please note Storytime will not be held during the school holidays.

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.

Adult drumming classes has started in the library on Friday afternoons at 2.00pm, the cost is free. Every Friday for five weeks come and learn the fun of drumming with lots of laughs and a great opportunity to relax. Anyone interested in attending phone the 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!
SCHOOL JACKETS

An order will be placed at the end of the first week of next term for school Jackets. The jacket is fully lined with polar fleece, are shower proof with several large pockets and full zip front as seen in picture but Navy.

Sizes up to 14 will be $45.00 and Adult sizes will be $50.00. Payment will need to be made before orders are placed. Jackets in a number of sizes will be available for you to view and try on at the school, Monday-Wednesday. Please return slip below with your payment to place an order by the end of week 1 next term.

School jacket Order

NAME______________________________________

SIZE 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 S M L XL

STAGE 2/3 EASTER EGG CRAFT

Stage 2/3 will be participating in an Easter craft on Thursday which will involve blowing out raw eggs. Please return the permission slip below if you are happy for your child to participate.

I give permission for my child/children _________________________________ to participate in an Easter Craft involving blowing out raw eggs on Thursday 10th April. My child/children does not have a known allergy to eggs.

Signed __________________________

Parent/guardian