TERM 2
WEEK 4
20th May 2014

MAY

Tues 20th
ICAS Computer
Skills

Wed 21st
Walk to School

Biggest Morning
Tea

National
Simultaneous Story

Scripture

Mobile Library

Narrandera H.S.
Hands on High

Friday 23rd
Athletics Carnival at
Barellan

Stage One Artists

Carnival of Animals
What a wonderful day out the students had on Friday, attending the Carnival of Animals at the Wagga Art Gallery. The students also managed to get themselves onto Prime 7 News in the process! Thank you to all for your support for this valuable excursion which supports our Creative and Performing Arts Curriculum. We were very well looked after by the Art Gallery staff who took us on a grand tour of the Art Gallery.

I would like to invite all interested to attend an information morning tea next Thursday at 10 am till 11 am Coffee, Sponge Cake and Strategic Planning for 2015 and beyond. This informal gathering will be an opportunity for community to contribute to important aspects of the future directions of the school. Please RSVP to the front office by Monday afternoon 26th May. I would ask that participants bring a small plate to share. (editor’s note: because Mrs Moore says she can’t cook!!) You will also find on the school website a link to the ‘School Community Survey’ which I invite all members of the wider school community to please complete as part of the Matong Public School community consultation process. I would like to have all your completed surveys before the 10 am Coffee, Sponge Cake and Strategic Planning next Thursday.

Speaking of sponge cakes, our Biggest Morning Tea is on tomorrow, Wednesday 21st May following our Walk to School Day. The students are looking forward to morning tea. I have asked if parents aren’t attending, students bring a small morning tea item to share.

As discussed at our recent P&C meeting, I would like to introduce a monthly Pre-School activity session at Matong Public School. At this early stage I am interested in finding out who may be interested in accessing this opportunity. If you know of any parents who may be interested please let them know. More information below.

Thank you to all our parent helpers. Thank you to the 4 lovely mothers who assisted with sport on Thursday: Michelle Hatty, Kristy Smith, Hannah Richardson and Cathy Collins. Thank you also to our parents who assisted with some pretty big jobs around the school grounds: the Beard family and Andrew Barrow. Thanks also to the Booth family for their donation of a bike pump needle which is being put to good use in the sports shed. A huge thank you to all our parents, your support and assistance is always appreciated.

Anne-Marie Moore, Principal
The wait is over — National Simultaneous Storytime is this week!

We are thrilled to be participating in NSS 2014 where we will share a charming story about Eric the boy who had too many elephants in his house. Be sure to ask your children about this event.

**Home Reading**
Everyday,

**READ READ READ!**

**Fruit Donations**

If anyone has excess fruit on their trees at home, donations of fruit for our students to share would be gratefully accepted. Thank you.
LOST - New School banner, last seen at the Small School Cross Country carnival on the 20th March. Have you seen it?

HEAD LICE - we have experienced an outbreak of these little nasties. Please be vigilant in checking and treating your child if needed.

PEER SUPPORT

We have now completed three weeks of Peer Support. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes every Monday led by our student leaders and supervised by school staff. This year the students are exploring the theme “KEEPING FRIENDS” looking at the concepts of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. Next week the children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other’s lives. Please encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.

PSSA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Competitors need to be at Barellan Sportsground ready to start at 9.30 am. Those leaving from Matong Public School will need to leave at 8:20 am. Please remember to let your bus driver know that you will not be travelling in on the bus. The carnival is scheduled to conclude at approximately 2:30 pm. This means students will not be back in time for buses in the afternoon. Please make alternative arrangements.

Transport arrangements for the carnival are:

Jen Hatty - George, Gus, Tegan and Michelle Hatty
Lea McGuinness - Charlotte, Jake, Phoenix and Kyesha
Cathy Collins - Ella, Charlie, Grace, Rosie, Jaedyn, Erin and Samantha

All other students are travelling with their parents.
AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

Julia Walsh - Great work with patterning in Maths

David Beard - improving understanding of arrays in multiplication

Stage 2/3 Awards

Jaylene McFarlane - Great improvement in behaviour

Ella Collins - Trying and working hard in class learning

RFF and Library Awards

Angus Richardson - outstanding efforts in class

Samuel Booth - positive participation in class

Principals Award

Baxter Smith - Outstanding attitude and behaviour

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY - 2014

Schools across Australia are mandated to collect data on school students with disability. We have included a permission note with this newsletter to allow our students information to be included in the new nationally Consistent Collection of data for school students with disabilities. The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.
PRE-KINDER PLAY FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Parents and carers of children in our local area who would be of a pre-school age are invited to indicate their interest in their child/ren participating in a playgroup style of craft fun at Matong Public. This will be offered next term and would be open to all families regardless of which school their child ends up attending. Please contact the Matong Public School office if you are interested.

STEWART HOUSE ENVELOPES

Our school has been fortunate to send many students to Stewart House over the years. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please place your donation in the envelope and return to school by Friday 23rd May.

STUDENT DETAILS, VOLUNTEER FORMS and WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already done so.

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. If you would like to pay in instalments a suggested fortnightly payment plan per student is outlined below:

$30 Friday 23rd May
$30 Friday 6th June
$30 Friday 20th June
$30 Friday 18th July
$30 Friday 1st August
$40 Friday 15th August

Please join us in a cuppa to help fight cancer. Tomorrow morning at 9:30 am after Walk to School. Please bring a plate 😊
GRIP LEADERSHIP

We wish our school captains Samantha and Anthony all the best at the GRIP Leadership conference next Tuesday.

P&C NEWS

Willis Kefford's 21st

The P&C are working at Willis Kefford's 21st on Saturday evening 31st May at Ganmain. If you are able to help out and would like more information please contact Jen on 69277863.

Rural Women's Gathering

The P&C are catering for the morning tea at this event on Saturday 13th September. We will be asking for donations of slices/cakes/biscuits etc. There will be more information about this closer to the event.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 11th June at 7:30pm.
COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime will be held in the library this week. As part of this celebration we have the Ganmain and Coolamon Pre-School attending as well as St Michaels School and the Coolamon Central School. The book is called "Too Many Elephants in my House" by Ursula Dubosarsky. A reading session will be offered, a craft and then borrowing time.

The Library is hosting an author visit Mr John Sheahan on the Tuesday 27th May @ 10.30am. His debut novel “The Bracelet” 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 this Friday 23rd May @ 10.30am - theme “Colour and Shapes”, everyone is most welcomed to attend.

Our knitting mornings have commenced for another year, they are held every Thursday morning @ 10.30am. In association with the Riverina Regional Library is proud to support “Wrap with Love” annual community event. Instructions for making the squares are available at the library - everyone is most welcomed to attend. Donations of wool will be greatly appreciated.

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

CHOOKS FOR SALE

Multiple breeds and ages

$10 - $30

Call Jared on 0427 910363 or 69562179 after 4.30 pm or before 7.30am weekdays

Pekins 10-20 weeks   Araucanas 15 weeks   Silkies 20 weeks