TERM 2
WEEK 6
3rd June 2014

JUNE

Tues 3rd
Envirochamps in Wagga

Wed 4th
Scripture
Mobile Library
ICAS Science

Thurs 5th
Mrs Moore – Principal Training

Mon 9th
QUEEN’s Birthday

Tues 10th
Back to school

Enviro Champs – making friends

Enviro Champs – having fun

Walk safely to school
It was lovely to spend the morning with parents at our coffee, sponge cake and strategic planning get together last week. Thank you to the parents who attended and for the lovely morning tea items. I am collating the information and will be taking this to our staff to begin to formulate our draft strategic directions which I will share for comment over the coming months. You will find a copy of the Melbourne Declaration on the school website. Everyone attending agreed the session was a useful exercise and we plan to hold one of these get togethers once each term.

Thank you to everyone who completed the school survey. The link will remain active on our website this week for those who have yet to complete this. Don’t forget our next P&C meeting will be next Wednesday 11th June. We encourage your attendance.

Our captains enjoyed their participation at the Grip Leadership conference in Wagga last week. They have come back to school with some great activities for the rest of the school which we look forward to them implementing in the near future.

Our Year 5 students head off to Environchamps introductory session in Wagga today where they will begin planning the project they will lead in the school.

Lastly, please remember to send in your updates for our student records and working with children confirmation. If you require any assistance with completing these, please contact the school office.

Good luck to Rosie Collins who heads off to Deniliquin next Tuesday for the Riverina Cross Country.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
CALLING ALL CRICKETERS!

Matong PS is set to host the Coolamon- Ardlethan PSSA District Cricket Trials later this year. We are looking for parents/ carers/ community persons with expertise in cricket who could assist with the trials and team selections. Please contact us at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

RIVERINA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations go to David Beard (100m), Jaedyn Kries (100m), Rosie Collins (100m), Gracie Collins (100m), Ella Collins (HJ) and Phoenix Manley-Freeman (SP, Disc) all of who will travel to Albury to represent our district PSSA at the Riverina Athletics Carnival, Monday 23rd June, Week 9 of this term. These students should all have received their permission notes at Barellan and need to return them to school as soon as possible please.
STAGE ONE HOMEWORK/HOME READING

Remember, home reading does not just need to be from books. Read from the Internet, food packaging, signs.... from where ever there are words to read! Include these reading experiences in your child's home reading record.

Kindergarten students have been issued with a bag of sight words for revision at home. This should form part of the weekly homework routine. Please refer to your child's homework sheet for details.

From this week, Year One and Two students will begin to engage with reader’s theatre as part of their weekly homework routine. A script will be attached to your child’s weekly homework sheet. Though the script is obviously written in parts, your child should rehearse the entire script.

Rehearsing the script at home could become your child’s regular home reading routine. It is not intended to be ‘extra’ reading. However, we will also continue to send home books for reading practise.

What Is Readers Theatre?

Readers Theatre is an integrated approach for involving students in reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. It involves children in....

- sharing literature,
- reading aloud,
- writing scripts,
- performing with a purpose, and
- working collaboratively.

Readers Theatre involves reading a script adapted from literature. Instead of acting out literature as in a play, the performer’s goal is to read a script aloud effectively, enabling the audience to visualize the action. Performers bring the text alive by using voice, facial expressions and some gestures

Readers Theatre helps to....

- develop fluency through repeated exposure to text.
- increase comprehension.
- integrate reading, writing, speaking, listening in an authentic context.
- engage students.
- increase reading motivation.
- create confidence and improve the self-image of students.
- provide a real purpose for reading.
- provide opportunities for cooperative learning.
Important note: Term Two Stage One weekly homework sheets will cease after Week 8. However, students are reminded to continue their home reading and preparation for news. Thank you for supporting your child’s education.

FOCUS ON READING - FLUENCY
Matong Public School staff are currently attending Phase 2 of the staff professional development series of Focus on Reading along with the staff at Ganmain and Coolamon. Phase 1, completed in 2013 focused on the Super Six Comprehension Strategies, while this year Phase 2 focuses in on Vocabulary Knowledge and fluent text reading.

Fluency refers to efficient, effective word recognition that allows comprehension of the text read. Fluency is accurate, rapid and expressive reading of text. Fluency aids comprehension by allowing readers to stay focused on the meaning without being distracted by the mechanics of reading individual words.

Try the following to assist your child with fluency:
Read more, read lots.
Practice reading out loud, with expression.
Rather than correcting your child if they make an error, try asking a question such as “Did that make sense?”, or “that didn’t quite make sense to me, can you try that again”. Often it is the punctuation or emphasis on a particular word that can change the context of the entire sentence as the following humorous cartoon demonstrates.

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.

STAYING SAFE SURVEY
Please complete and return the staying safe surveys in the confidential envelope provided ASAP so that we can adequately review this program.
**PEER SUPPORT**

Peer Support next week will involve the children exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practise these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them. Please encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don’t lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**Stage 1 Awards**
- William Beard - *Expressive reading*
- Tegan Hatty - *Switched on work in Maths*

**Stage 2/3 Awards**
- Charlie Collins - *Challenging himself in English*
- Edward Hatty - *Great work in Maths*

**RFF and Library Awards**
- Phoenix Manley-Freeman - *helping with library tasks*
- William Beard - *participating with enthusiasm*

**Principals Award**
- Edward Hatty - *showing responsible attitude*
PRE-KINDER 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 pre-kinder activity session 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.

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.
P&C NEWS

Willis Kefford’s 21st
Thank you to all the willing helpers that assisted at Willis’ 21st. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 11th June at 7:30pm.

Working Bee
A tentative date of Saturday 14th June has been set aside as a possible day for members and other parent volunteers to help out with a working bee at the school. More details next week.

LOST - New School banner, last seen at the Small School Cross Country carnival on the 20th March.
Have you seen it?
Could all families who attended the small schools cross country at Ganmain Sportsground last term, please do a double check of their collection of camping chairs. The misplaced school banner closely resembles a camping chair. Thank you.

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

The library is holding an exhibition of Elyne Mitchell - A writing Life. This nine display panels gives an insight into the life of an iconic Australian author and her love of the high country. It will be on displayed from the 24th June - 3rd July, come and enjoy this wonderful display.

Our next Storytime session will be this Friday 6th June @ 10.30am - theme "Pirates", everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The library is celebration "Men's Health Week" on Tuesday, 10th June @ 10.30am. It is to raise the profile of men's health and wellbeing in our community. Our guest speaker will be Libby Hanlon our primary health care nurse. Morning tea will be provided -everyone is most welcomed.

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 library is calling all Library Lovers to sign our petition for a fair deal in our public libraries. The State Government contribution to funding public libraries in NSW has now reached a crisis point. Call into the library for further details or visit the website at www.nsw.pla.org.au. The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded - join us now!
Mr McGee & the Biting Flea

Six whimsical stories by award winning author Pamela Allen

Belinda
Mr McGee
Alexander’s Outing
Brown Bread & Home
Mr McGee and the Biting Flea
Inside Mary Elizabeth’s House

School Holiday Fun
Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th July

Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre
www.civictheatre.com.au - phone 6928 9888

TAFE Open Day 11th JUNE

Please come along and check out what is on offer.
Register your interest in any course. If Narrandera doesn’t currently run the course you are interested in they will put you in touch with staff who can help you access what you need.