TERM 2
WEEK 8
17th June
2014

JUNE
Wed 18th
Scripture
Mobile Library
Mrs Moore –
Principal’s training

STUDENT LED
CONFERENCES
next TUESDAY
please return
interview response
sheet tomorrow

Outstanding Notes:
Student /family
information updates
Child Protection &
Volunteer forms

All in a day’s work

Stage One –
Beaut Butterflies
Our stage 2/3 students have begun their project with Paraguay with students busy replying to their new ‘friends’ and preparing their hero presentations to share on Edmodo. Please take the time to speak with your children about the project and some of the 21st Century technology tools they are using to collaborate in this global space. In Term 3 as part of our open day all parents and carers will have the opportunity to sit with your child while they show you how they use these tools.

Congratulations to Rosie Collins for her stella efforts at the District cross country last Tuesday and a big ‘Good luck!” to our students travelling to Albury next Monday for the Riverina Athletics. Great job.

Thank you once again for all our community support for the students and our school. I would like to say a huge thank you to our school community members who attended the working bee at the school on Saturday. We at the school really appreciate the hard work and dedication of our school community and our grounds look so much better for it, thank you.

This week we welcome another work experience student from Narrandera High School. Jacqui McGuiness will be working with Mrs McGuiness in the Stage 2/3 room.

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Graeme and Helen Hatty. Stage 1 are looking forward to their special day on Wednesday when Mr and Mrs Hatty will be coming in to speak to Stage One with slides about changes in the Matong township as part of their Unit of work on growing and changing.

Consultation is continuing around the Pre-Kinder opportunities we can provide for our younger children in readiness for beginning school. More information will be coming however at present we are planning to hold a Friday afternoon session from 2.30-3.10pm in the Stage 1 room where our pre-kinder children can join the stage 1 students for developmental play. At present the general agreement would be for this to happen on the first Friday of each month. It has also been floated that we could offer a parent co-ordinated playgroup in the library on the third Friday of each month which will then include those families with children of a younger age than preschool.

Just a reminder that with winter now well and truly here please ensure students do come in their winter uniform every day.

Have a most enjoyable week.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Please find attached to today’s newsletter information about our student led conferences to be held next Tuesday 24th June. Please return the Interview request form at the bottom of the form tomorrow, so that we can allocate a time for you that is convenient.

FRUIT DONATIONS

Donations of fruit for our students to share would be gratefully accepted, thank you to those families who have already contributed. We are also planning to make some Lemon Cordial to sell at the upcoming P&C street stall. Donations of lemons would be appreciated.

KIDS HELPLINE

The weekly video conference with counsellors from Kids Help Line is being very well received by our students. The students now feel very confident in ringing Kids Help Line both at school and at home when they need some additional support. Did you know that there is a Parents Helpline too?

PARENT LINE

FREE Professional help for parents and carers of children 0 - 18 in NSW.

CALL 1300 1300 52

Call to speak to a professional counsellor for personalised advice.

Monday - Friday 9am to 9pm
Saturday - Sunday 4pm to 9pm
Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children ages 0 to 18 who live in New South Wales. Our service includes the Early Childhood Intervention Infoline since early 2011.

Parents, grandparents and carers anywhere in the state can call Parent Line on 1300 1300 52 for no more than the cost of a local call. We are available 9am to 9 pm Monday to Friday, and 4pm to 9pm on weekends.

Calls are answered directly by our team of trained, professional counsellors. Our staff are paid professionals with training in parenting programs and qualifications in social work or psychology. Each of our counselling staff have many years of experience in helping families deal with ordinary parenting dilemmas and a range of more difficult problems.

We can also provide support and information for professionals working with parents and children, including advice for supporting parents, referral to services, details about how we can support families, newsletter articles and more.

Parent Line has been supporting NSW parents for over 15 years. We answer over 10 000 calls each year. http://www.parentline.org.au

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

Students competing at the Riverina Athletics carnival next Monday will be given a red/black Coolamon/Ardlethan singlet on the day of the carnival from Danae Conlan (team manager).

We suggest that Matong students go dressed in their sports uniform and change their shirt when they get to the carnival.

Good luck to all our competitors.

STUDENT DETAILS, VOLUNTEER FORMS and WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that our records are up to date for effective communication and in the case of emergency. Parents who volunteer their time and transport other children need to have completed a working with children check. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need assistance to complete this requirement.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MUFTI DAY

Students may come dressed in mufti for the cost of a gold coin donation on the last day of school. All money raised will go to Ronald McDonald House.
P&C NEWS

*Working bee:* Luckily the weather held off for the working bee to go ahead last Saturday. Thank you to those who attended. It was good to get some jobs completed.

*Wood raffle:* Attached to the newsletter are your raffle tickets to sell for the P&C annual wood raffle. The tickets are due back to school on the first Friday back of Term 3. Extra tickets are at school if you require more.

*Street stall:* P&C are holding a street stall in Ganmain on the Thursday of Week 1 Term 3, July 17th. If you are able to help out on the stall please let Kristie know (69277828 or text 0429311277). We will be selling cakes, biscuits, slices etc on this stall, so any saleable goods would be greatly appreciated.

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 23rd July. Note that this is not our regular second Wednesday of the month due to the school term.

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

The school holiday program is being finalized and will be available soon. Some of the activities include "Fun with cartooning", "Hip Hop" workshop, Loom Band Fun, and Cupcake decorating. Further enquiries phone the library - 69272492.

Our next Storytime session will be this Friday 20TH June @ 10.30am - theme "1,2,3,4,5" everyone is most welcomed to attend.

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.

The next "Heart and Soul" gathering will be Tuesday, 24th June @ 10.30am. We welcome our "Women's Rural Gathering" committee members to discuss and inform the community of this great upcoming event to be held in Coolamon. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded - join us now!
Football, or soccer, is truly a World Game, with an unmatched ability to bring people from different backgrounds together. With attention focused on Brazil for the FIFA World Cup, there is no better time to discover the contributions Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made to the World Game.

Did you know?

- Harry Williams is the only male Aboriginal player to represent Australia at a World Cup. He joined the Socceroos in 1970 and later played in the 1974 World Cup in Germany.

- In 2008, Jade North became the first Aboriginal player to captain the Socceroos. He has a tattoo with his tribal name, "Biripi", on his left arm and recently played in the 2014 A-League grand final.

- Lydia Williams and Kyah Simon are the first two Aboriginal women to play together in a World Cup. Lydia played in the 2007 and 2011 World Cups, and Kyah played in 2011. In 2011, Kyah became the first Aboriginal Australian to score a goal in a World Cup.

- Charlie Perkins was offered a contract to play soccer for Manchester United before becoming the first Aboriginal person to graduate from the University of Sydney.

- Travis Dodd was the first Aboriginal Australian to score a goal for the Socceroos.

Some quick statistics...

- The Football Federation of Australia (FFA) estimates that there are 2,600 registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soccer players.

- Harry Williams played 6 matches for Australia in the 1974 World Cup qualifying campaign.

- After playing 17 games for South Australia, John Moriarty was the first Aboriginal player to be selected to represent Australia in soccer in 1960.

- John Moriarty Football is sending 8 young Indigenous boys and girls from Borroloola in the Northern Territory to the FIFA World Cup Finals, based on school attendance, behaviour and talent with the round ball.
Stuff you didn't know you didn't know!

# Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

# It is impossible to lick your elbow.

# The first novel ever written on a typewriter - Tom Sawyer.

# Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

- Spades - King David
- Hearts - Charlemagne
- Clubs - Alexander, the Great
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar

# 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321

# Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

A. One thousand

# Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

# In Shakespeare’s time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase... ‘Goodnight, sleep tight’

# It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride’s father would supply his new son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

# In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them ‘Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down.’ ...It’s where we get the phrase ‘mind your P’s and Q’s’

# Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. ‘Wet your whistle’ is the phrase inspired by this practice.

# At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!