TERM 2
WEEK 9
24th June 2014

JUNE

Tues 24th
Student led conferences

Wed 25th
Scripture
Peer Support

Fri 27th
Mufti Day
Peer Support Party
Movie

Outstanding Notes:
Borambola
Expression of interest and deposit due Friday

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Buddy Conferences
Peer Support
Well done to all our students, staff and community on a great term with many students saying how excited they are about our mufti day on Friday. Students are invited to come dressed in the ‘World Cup’ theme, which could be as simple as their local team colours and our Peer Support Group party will feature healthy snacks shared by the students with each other to support our ongoing focus on healthy living.

Thank you again to our school community for your support and assistance, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holidays and look forward to seeing everyone bright and fresh next term.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
STUDENT REPORT

Ella, David, Rosie, Gracie and Jaedyn made it to Riverina and are trying their best.

Stage 2/3 learned about Nick Vujicic last week. We decided to tape up the hand that we right with to experience what it might feel like. Stage 1 had a visit from Mrs Hatty and Mr Hatty to teach Stage 1 about the changes in Matong. We will have a Mufti day on Friday with a World cup theme. On Friday Stage 2/3 and Stage 1 might have a movie. School holidays begin on Saturday, have fun! Come back to school healthy.

By Jaylene and Samantha

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HOLIDAYS

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AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

Baxter Smith – For making connections in his learning

Jessica Rudder – for clever skills

Noah Kitching – for encouraging others to do their best
Stage 2/3 Awards

Samantha Costello – for positive attitude
Charlotte McGuiness – for beautiful manners at all times
Tyler Smith – for consistent library borrowing
Charlie Collins – for following instructions and playing well with other students

Principals Award

Angus Richardson – For responsible behaviour

THE OLDEN DAYS

On Wednesday, Mr Graeme Hatty and Mrs Helen Hatty visited Stage 1 to show us slides of what Matong was like in the past. We have been learning about changes.

The first pictures showed us how the school used to look. We noticed the children did not have a uniform, wore bare feet at sport and used wooden tennis racquets. There was a very small palm tree, an old toilet block, no grass, a verandah on the school building and lots of trees.

Some of the next pictures showed us the grain shed being built. We saw a steam train and learned that the railway crossing has been moved.

The last set of slides showed old farm machinery and hay making. They used sharp pitch forks and had a special way of making the stacks.

We had a great time watching the slides and learning about the past. We also thought the slide projector was awesome.

Thank you Mr and Mrs Hatty!

By Stage 1
STAGE 2/3 NEWS

I cannot believe that Term Two is nearly over, it has been a busy time of year and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays.

Last week I sent home a letter about a new computer-based educational program called Skoolbo, however due to a software incompatibility with the DEC network, students will not be able to access it at school but can continue to access it from home. Students are able to use and access Edmodo from home too so they can share their Paraguay work with family as well.

A short Minibeast project will be sent home this week as some students are very keen on this topic and would like to have some educational work to do over the holiday. If any families have insect specimens or books please send them in, we would love to look at them! All the best for a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs McGuiness and Mrs Moore

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES AND PORTFOLIOS

We have enjoyed the opportunity to share wonderful portfolios during student led conferences this week. Thank you to all families who have been able to attend. Families are welcome to take portfolios home for the duration of the holidays. Portfolios and Stars and Wishes sheets should be returned to school at the start of next term, please.

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

Change of date for Students competing at the Riverina Athletics carnival. This carnival will now be held Week 4 next term on Monday 4th August.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MUFTI DAY

Students may come dressed in mufti, World Cup Soccer/colours theme for the cost of a gold coin donation on the last day of school. Please ensure you wear warm clothes. All money raised will go to Ronald McDonald House.
PEER SUPPORT

In this week’s final session of the Peer Support Module *Keeping Friends*, the children will be participate in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills they have learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

LOST!!!

Tegan has lost her school jacket, size 8 with Hatty written on the inside. Please check your child’s jacket and return to school if it turns up at your house. Thank you.

2015 ENROLMENTS

Matong Public is now taking enrolments for 2015. If you have a child to enrol please contact the school for an enrolment pack.
**P&C NEWS**

*Wood raffle:* Raffle tickets are now on sale 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 Thursday July 17th, Week 1 Term 3. If you are able to help out on the stall please contact Kristie on 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.

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**COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS**

The Coolamon Library is hosting a Fruit and Veg Sense session on Friday, 27th June @ 10.30am - 12.00pm. Eating more fruit and vegetables could be the simplest change you can make to improve your family’s health. Some great resources are on offer to get your kids loving Fruit and Veg. Everyone is most welcomed.

The council July school holiday program is available with events and activities for the children to enjoy. Some of the activities include “Fun with Cartooning” Hip Hop dance workshop, cupcake decorating, Loom bands fun, Takadimi Drumming workshop. Further details of the program can be found on the council website - [www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au](http://www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning the Coolamon library for details - 69272492.

Storytime sessions for the month of July are - 18th of July theme “Transport” and on the 25th July - “Puppy Tale”. Both sessions start at 10.30am - everyone is most welcomed. Please note - Storytime will not be held during the school holidays.

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 “Rural Women’s 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!
AUSSIE FUN FACTS

Australia’s first police force was a band of 12 of the most well behaved convicts.

The ‘dingo fence’ in Australia is the longest fence in the world (5,530km) - about twice as long as the Great Wall of China.

0.02% of the Australian land mass is used by mines. More land is occupied by pubs.

In 1954, Bob Hawke was immortalised by the Guinness Book of Records for drinking 2.5 pints of beer in 11 seconds. Bob later became the Prime Minister of Australia.

The Australian Coat Of Arms has a kangaroo and an emu on it. The reason being, kangaroos and emus can’t go backwards, they can only walk/hop forward.

Australians eat the animals on their Coat of Arms – maybe because they can’t run backwards - as do 20 other nations.

The world’s longest mail run is from Cairns to Cape York. In one day, Postman Barry flies 1,450km in nine hours with 10 stops.

Australia is the only continent on Earth occupied by one nation.

The country’s largest cattle ranch is 34,000 square km. Bigger than Belgium and almost as big as Taiwan.

Australia’s first ever political party meeting was held under a gum tree.
Koalas sleep for 18 hours meaning that over an average ten year lifespan, they are only awake for 2 ½ years.  

When the English first saw a platypus they thought Australians were playing a joke on them by sewing a duck bill on a rat.

Amongst Australia’s most prolific inventions are the half-car-half-truck utility vehicle, (known as a ‘ute’), bionic ear, black box flight recorder, clothes line, notepad and stubby holder (used to keep beer cold).

Australians eat 260 million meat pies every year, around 12 per head.

Australian town and suburb names include Humpybong, Woolloomooloo, No Where Else, End Of The World, Mount Buggery and Ozenkadnook, which means ‘very fat kangaroo” in the local Aboriginal dialect.

Australia’s Snowy Mountains receive more snow than Switzerland.

There are four types of boomerang – the "hook", the "hunter", "the club", "the V". Only The Hunter will come back when thrown.

In 1838 it was declared illegal to swim at public beaches during the day. This law was enforced until 1902.

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The simplest way to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.

**Come to our Fruit & Veg Sense Session**

Improve your family’s health!

The Cancer Council are running this great session at the Coolamon Shire Library for parents.

**Date:** Friday 27th June

**Time:** 10:30am – noon (morning tea provided)

**Venue:** Coolamon Shire Library

Save time and money making healthy meals the whole family will enjoy. You will receive great resources too!

Register with Bron Hafy hafy@coolamon.nsw.gov.au or phone the Library 026724302

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
**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

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School Holiday Fun

Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th July

Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre

www.civictheatre.com.au - phone 8928 9888