JULY

Tues 15th
Welcome back

Wed 16th
Scripture
Chaplaincy Chat & Kids Helpline @school Information Session 3.30pm

Thurs 17th
Mrs Moore & Miss McKelvie - Aspiring Leaders Forum
P&C Street Stall

Fri 18th
Wood Raffle tickets & money due
Borambola Expression of interest and deposit Overdue

Mufti Day
Welcome back to Term 3!
It was lovely to see parents and carers attending the student led conferences. The students valued the opportunity to share their learning with you.

With many opportunities for you to be involved in the school, please check the school calendar in the newsletter for dates and activities. Tomorrow we invite you to attend an information session at the school starting at 3.30pm. We will have a special guest speaker, Todd who will outline the kids helpline@ school program and take questions. Mr Polkinghorne will also be presenting a short session outlining the School Chaplaincy Program. We ask you to please bring a plate to share.

Our first Kinder taster afternoon for children of preschool age, will be held on Friday 1st August. Please see further information in the newsletter in coming weeks.

As always, if there are any concerns or good news to share with us, do not hesitate to contact the school at your earliest convenience. It is most helpful if you can call ahead if you would like to speak with any one of us so we can arrange time for that to occur. We look forward to seeing you involved in any of the many opportunities during the term.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
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**AWARD WINNERS**

**Stage 1 Awards**

Tegan Hatty – *Working well in technology work*

William Beard – *Perfect position Maths*

**Stage 2/3 Awards**

Angus Richardson – *Improving his story writing ideas, well done!*

Jake Manley – Freeman – *Excellent participation in Literacy lesson - indigenous culture*

**RFF and Library Awards**

Tegan Hatty – *Enthusiasm for learning in the library*

Anthony Rudder – *Cheerful manners in the playground*

**Special Awards**

David Beard, Samantha Costello, Connor Smith, George Hatty, Tyler Smith, Baxter Smith, William Beard, Noah Kitching, Albert Booth, Brodie Rudder

**Principal’s Award**

Brodie Rudder – *Enthusiasm for learning*
**CHAPLAINCY CHAT**

Parents and community members are invited to attend an afternoon tea with our School Chaplain Jeremy Polkinghorne tomorrow afternoon Wednesday 16th July at 3.15 pm. Jeremy will be sharing with us some of the aspects of his role here at the school. There will also be an update on the current Federal funding for this position and the implications for our school. This will also be a great opportunity for you to provide feedback and give input into your thoughts regarding chaplaincy services at Matong Public.

**KINDER TASTER**

The first of our Kinder Taster days will be held on Friday 1st August from 2pm until the end of school.

All pre-school aged children are invited to join Stage 1 for Recess, play time and an afternoon activity session.

Children will need to bring their recess snack, a bottle of water, their hat and dress appropriately for the weather.

We will require the permission note below to be completed prior to your child attending

**HEALTHY LUNCH & EAT IT TO BEAT IT FRUIT AND VEG SENSE SESSION**

Matong Public School will be hosting a Fruit and Veg Sense session for parents organised by the Cancer Council on Wednesday 6th August from 12 pm in the Library. This initiative is part the Eat it To Beat It program our school is currently running. We hope that you can join us for this informative workshop where you will learn how to save time and money, making healthy meals the whole family will love.

Prior to the session beginning, students, parents and presenters will enjoy a healthy lunch at 11.15 of chicken and vegie wraps at a cost of $2 per wrap.

We will also be celebrating National School Tree day during lunch when students new to our school in 2014 will plant a tree during the second half of lunch.

Please complete the order form attached to the end of this newsletter.
OUR SCHOOL DAY

8.45 – 9.10 Arrive
9.10 – 11.15 Morning Session
11.15 – 12.00 Lunch
12.00 – 2.00 Middle Session
2.00 – 2.30 Recess
2.30 – 3.10 Afternoon Session
3.15 Depart

SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK-UP INITIATIVE

Please find attached to today’s newsletter a DVD and CD from the RTA that provides information on setting up a School Drop off and Pick-up Initiative at our school. Please watch and listen and provide any feedback that you may have to the school.

There is also a brochure included about Safe School Travel: Tips for parents and carers.

MAGNETIC NEWSLETTER DISPLAY POCKETS

We have included with today’s newsletter a magnetic display pocket for storing your weekly newsletter. Put it on the fridge so you will always know where to find your school news.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don’t forget that all weekly newsletters are available for viewing on the school website as well as photos of some of the fun learning activities we have been involved in this year. www.matong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

ENVIRO CHAMPS

Our Enviro Champs, Connor, George, Jaedyn and Ella will be meeting at 9.30am on Monday 21st July with the parent mentors to discuss their environmental project/s for this year. We look forward to hearing about the ideas they will be initiating in our school.

WANTED URGENTLY

We require Bottles for lemon cordial please. Thank you.
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOK FAIR

We will celebrate Naidoc week and Education Week with Cultural Activities, a Book Fair and Open Classroom on Wednesday 13th August. We are seeking volunteers to assist with the book fair to co-ordinate, assist with the set-up, man the table and pack up the book fair at the end. If you have an interest in being involved in the fair in any way, please contact the office.

RIVERINA ATHLETICS

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

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.
**COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS**

Storytime will begin this Friday 18th July @ 10.30am. The theme is “transport” involving a craft session, everyone is most welcomed.

The next “Heart and Soul” gathering is at the library on Tuesday, 29th July @ 10.30am. Our local police officer Constable Brad Hallam will be our guest speaker. He will be providing practical information on road rules and updates of any changes that have occurred.

Our school holiday program was a great success, thanks everyone for supporting the workshops and activities.

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

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**Grong Grong Ganmain Matong Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**

There will be a meeting on Friday 18th July 5pm at Ganmain Bowling Club to discuss show catering. All interested people are more than welcome to attend.

All enquiries Sonya Currie 0269279110

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**FANNY LUMSDEN**

I am writing as we have an opportunity for any budding songwriters or musicians who would like to take part in a songwriters workshop this Saturday the 26th of July with Fanny Lumsden from Fanny Lumsden & the Thrillseekers.

The workshop is being put on for free (thanks to Western Riverina Arts Council) and will be held at 4:30pm at the Grong Grong Hall. It is happening as a part of the bands third annual Country Halls Tour of the Riverina.

We are also doing a call out for any local musicians/performers who would like to come and perform on the night to get in touch via emailing fanny.lumsden@gmail.com as we have two special opening spots for local performers (please see the flyer attached). We will be bringing full production including PA and lights and are expecting a great crowd so it would be an excellent opportunity to play in front of their community. We are encouraging any performers to get in touch by the end of the week.
KINDER TASTER DAY

I give permission for my child/children ________________________________ to participate in the Matong Public School 2014 Kinder Taster Days.

Allergies/medical conditions of which the supervising staff should be aware:

___________________________________________________________

Medicare number:

_________________________________________________________

In the event of illness or injury, I authorise the First Aid Officer to administer medical assistance on behalf of my child YES/NO

Emergency Contact Details:

1. Name ___________________________ Phone No._________________

2. Name ___________________________ Phone No._________________

Signature of parent/caregiver ________________________________ Date_________

Name: _____________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Phone Number: _______________________________________

Email : _____________________________________________

FRUIT AND VEG SENSE RESPONSE AND HEALTHY LUNCH ORDER FORM

Our family would like to participate in the Healthy Lunch on Wednesday 6th August, 2014.

We would like to order ____________ Wraps (Chicken, cheese, capsicum, tomato, lettuce, carrot and mayonnaise) at $2 per wrap.

I will/will not be attending the parent Fruit and Veg Sense Session at 12pm

I enclose $                ($2 per wrap)

Family Name: