TERM 3
WEEK 3
29th July
2014

JULY
Tues 29th
ICAS English
Wed 30th
Mufti Day
Scripture
Book Club Due
NHS staff Visiting - Yr 7 Transition 2.30pm
Thurs 31st
School Photos
Fri 1st
Kinder Taster 2pm
Mon 4th Aug
Riverina Athletics

Welcome Jack

Trust games

Matong - a great place to play and learn.
This week we welcomed Tessa Godbee and Amy Henderson who are Oral Health Therapist students from CSU in Wagga. Tessa and Amy will be visiting our school for the following two Mondays to teach our students about the importance of oral health and how to maintain good oral health. While Tessa and Amy were here today they spent time assisting the teachers in listening to students read and helping students in the classroom.

The Envirochamps again met this week and continued to impress with their planning and leadership skills in moving their projects along. They will be reporting in the newsletter along the way.

Thank you to our hard working and dedicated P&C parents, who kindly donated $2,100 towards the purchase of a new mower for the school. Our current one is very old and in desperate need of replacement. This kind donation allows us to redirect that money towards learning resources for our students.

We look forward to our 3 Kindergarten transition students visiting on Friday. I am sure all students will make them feel very welcome.

Congratulations to students who received their ICAS Science Competition certificates this week; Connor Smith, Credit and Charlotte McGuiness, Participation.

Please find included in the newsletter some important tips about keeping your children safe on the internet as well as some tips to support your students reading at home, one of the most powerful and simple ways to support your child’s learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff at Matong Public School, we have some of the most dedicated and passionate teachers and support staff you will find anywhere in the NSW Department of Education. Please take the time to talk with your children’s teachers as they enjoy sharing their good news with you.

We look forward to all our students and staff looking spick and span on Thursday for our school photos! Students are allowed a mufti day on Wednesday to ensure all uniforms (full winter uniform including black shoes) are clean and ready to wear on Thursday.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
STAGE ONE NEWS

Yesterday Amy visited us to teach us about oral health. She told us that we should brush our teeth twice a day – morning and night. We should eat healthy food, drink milk and water and visit a dentist regularly.

Stage One students have each been given a skipping rope to keep fit. This is theirs to keep. Happy skipping!
SCHOOL PHOTOS have been booked with Versatile Photographics for Thursday 31st July. If you wish your child to be photographed, please fill in the attached payment envelope. The school pack costs $25. There is a sample pack on display in the front office. To allow for laundering of student’s uniform we will be holding a Mufti Day on the Wednesday prior to School Photo day. Students can wear warm casual clothes for a donation of $1 to Stewart House.

AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

Julia Walsh
William Beard

Stage 2/3 Awards

Erin Kreis – improved application to her classroom learning

Jake Manley-Freeman – Showing a fantastic attitude

RFF and Library Awards

Erin Kreis – fabulous effort in Maths
Julia Walsh – for positive learning attitude

Special Awards

Chontel Costello, Digby Currie, Jack McGoven

Principal’s Award

Mandy Costello – fabulous learning attitude

STAGE ONE EXCURSION

In Human Society and Its Environment: History, Stage One students are currently learning about farming: past and present. Our studies focus upon local industry, in particular hay production, and upon the effects of technology changing farming methods and livelihoods.
To complement our classroom studies, Stage One students will participate in a day-long excursion to Ganmain and Coolamon on Tuesday 5th August, 2014. Please complete and return the attached newsletter by Friday 1st August.

**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 noon in the Library. This initiative is part of 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 return the Response form and Healthy lunch order by Friday 1st August.

**EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

Our school will be celebrating Education Week during Week 5. The highlight of our celebrations will be a book fair and open classrooms. The book fair will be open from 9.15am until 12 noon and then again after school from 3.15pm until 4pm. Parents and community members are invited to join us in the morning from 10am to participate in classroom activities followed by a shared morning tea at 11.15am while the children enjoy their packed lunch. We look forward to seeing you there.

**NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

Unfortunately our NAIDOC celebrations have had to be rescheduled. We will now participate in these activities early in Term 4.

**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.

The Annual School Report is also available for viewing. You will find it located under the Curriculum link.
THANKYOU

To the two lovely local gentlemen who helped me carry all the Scholastic Book Fair boxes to my car at the Post office on Monday. It was very much appreciated. - Neena

ONLINE SAFETY

Keep your children safe online:

Investigate and apply parental controls or blocking software

What do you need to keep in mind about your child and parental controls?

Generally, parental controls also include passwords and other ways to make sure that they can only be changed by the parent or guardian. However you may want to discuss with your child that parental controls protect them from inappropriate and unsafe content, and are not to be tampered with or changed in any way.

Because parental controls and blocking software are not always fool proof, you may also want to encourage your child to tell you if they see offensive or upsetting material as this may help you to refine some settings, especially through blocking software.

Online Safety Tips

- Spend time online with your kids. Check out good sites together. The internet can be a fun family activity!
- Help your kids use the internet as an effective research tool - learn about handy homework tips for kids and also good searching techniques
- Learn about the world out there. Kids are communicating in a diverse range of ways, from chat to IM, and from message boards to blogs. Learn how these work and what tools they offer to protect your child’s privacy
- Be aware of online stranger danger, particularly in chat rooms. Set house rules about what information your children can give out and where they can go online.
Worried about your child’s safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom
- Be reasonable and try to set reasonable expectations
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online - cultivate trust and communications because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence
- Talk with your child about how they use the Internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos
- Try to get your kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services.

When the family goes online

Parents can:

- encourage a positive approach to technology
- spend time exploring the Internet with your child
- set rules for Internet use
- direct your child to useful sites and save them as favourites
- ask your child to show you new skills they have learnt
- maintain good communication with your child and an active interest in their life
- teach your child to treat others online as he/she would like to be treated
- let your child know about potential dangers online and how to handle a situation if it arises.

More information at www.schools.nsw.edu.au

FOR SALE

Bark Chips for your garden. $20 per trailer load.

All money raised will go to our P&C.

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.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who sold or bought tickets in our recent wood raffle. Congratulations to our lucky winner Doug Tonacia.

Next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 13th August at 7.30pm. All welcome!
COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

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.

Local Government Week will be celebrated on Thursday, 7th August by offering “Storytime on the Road” sessions. We will be visiting several preschools and schools within our shire for this very special event.

It still not too late to come in and sign our petition to support our funding issue in NSW Public Libraries, we need your support. It will be debated in the Legislative Assembly later in the year. We are approaching 40,000 signatures statewide which is an amazing result; however we still need some more signatures. Call into the library, your support will be very much appreciated.

Our next Storytime will be this Friday 8th August @ 10.30am. The theme is “Zoo”. Come and join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!
1. What do athletes Alex Rowe, Sally Pearson and Benn Harradine have in common?
   a. they have all had to pull out of the Commonwealth Games due to illness
   b. they were all fined for turning up late to a games training camp
   c. they all compete in the hurdles track event

2. True or false, the black boxes from downed Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 have been found?

3. What birthday has Prince George just celebrated?
   a. 1st Birthday
   b. 2nd Birthday
   c. 3rd Birthday

4. True or false, over 150 Australian federal police officers have been sent to Europe to help secure the Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 crash site?

5. What type of animal escaped form the Lennon Bros Circus in Sydney last week?
   a. a monkey  b. a hippo  c. an elephant

6. Mr Fluffy has been in the news because of its link to a form of cancer. What is Mr Fluffy?
   a. a type of ice cream found to contain banned additives
   b. a brand of home insulation
   c. a children’s soft toy that has been banned because of toxic dyes used in the material

7. Why was Australian cyclist Michael Rogers in the news last week?
   a. he set a new world record at the Commonwealth Games
   b. he won the 16th stage of the Tour de France
   c. he has been banned form cycling for 2 years for doping

8. What did doctors extract from an Indian teenager’s mouth that was so unusual it gained international media attention?
   a. more than 200 teeth
   b. his fist
   c. a plant that had begun to grow after a bean got stuck in his back teeth

9. Of which Australian state is Campbell Newman the Premier?
   a. Tasmania
   b. New South Wales
   c. Queensland

10. Which one of the following statements about Earth’s climate is true?
    a. last month was the wettest June since record-keeping began
    b. last month was the coldest June since record-keeping began
    c. last month was the hottest June since record-keeping began

11. What is the name of the large music festival that attracted thousands of music lovers to northern New South Wales last weekend?
    a. Splendour in the Grass
    b. Splendour by the Sea
    c. Splendour on the Hill

12. In which country was the wreckage of a missing Air Algerie found?
    a. Brazil
    b. France
    c. Mali

13. What is the main language spoken in the city of Milan?

14. Why are Aboriginal groups in the Northern Territory angry about the McArthur River mine site?
    a. they are concerned about a rock pile that has been burning for seven months
    b. they are worried the mine will destroy sacred rock paintings
    c. they believe the mine sits on a ancient burial site

15. Which actor has been named Hollywood’s highest paid actor for the second year running?
    a. Dwayne The Rock Johnson (from Hercules)
    b. Robert Downey Jr (from Ironman)
    c. Will Smith (from Men in Black)
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Who ‘photobombed’ this photo by appearing in the background?

2. Which country has this flag?

3. In which country did this solemn scene occur?

4. Name the Australian athlete leading the team in this photo?

5. Name the Australian sportman in the centre of this photo.
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What do athletes Alex Rowe, Sally Pearson and Benn Harradine have in common?
   b. they were all fined for turning up late to a games training camp - The three athletes failed to arrive at camp in Gateshead in northern England before the deadline, as they instead chose to compete in warm-up events.

2. True or false, the black boxes from downed Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 have been found?
   True - A senior separatist leader, Aleksander Borodai, handed over two black boxes from the airliner downed over eastern Ukraine to Malaysian experts.

3. What birthday has Prince George just celebrated?
   a. 1st Birthday - William and Kate threw a private party with family and close friends at their Kensington Palace home to mark the occasion. George has only been seen in public on a few occasions, most notably on the royal tour of Australia and New Zealand in April.

4. True or false, over 150 Australian federal police officers have been sent to Europe to help secure the Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 crash site?
   True - Australia is still working for an agreement with Ukraine to allow an international police force into the country to help secure the crash site of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17.

5. What type of animal escaped form the Lennon Bros Circus in Sydney last week?
   a. a monkey - Livvie the monkey from the Lennon Bros Circus was on the back of a pony when she decided to make a run for it in Sydney's south. Livvie returned home after she got hungry.

6. Mr Fluffy has been in the news because of its link to a form of cancer. What is Mr Fluffy?
   b. a brand of home insulation - Two men who lived in so-called Mr Fluffy homes have been diagnosed with the asbestos-related cancer, mesothelioma. More than 1,000 houses across Canberra had loose-fill amosite asbestos installed in the roof space by the Mr Fluffy company in the 1960s and 1970s. A clean-up program 20 years later attempted to remove all the potentially deadly fibres but remnant fibres have been found in the living areas of at least 10 houses.

7. Why was Australian cyclist Michael Rogers in the news last week?
   b. he won the 10th stage of the Tour de France - Australian Michael Rogers finally earned his first stage victory in his 10th Tour de France. Rogers previously won two stages at the Giro d'Italia in May after coming back from a temporary doping suspension.

8. What did doctors extract from an Indian teenager's mouth that was so unusual it gained international media attention?
   a. more than 200 teeth - Doctors extracted more than 232 teeth from a swelling in the mouth of an Indian teenager during a seven-hour operation. The condition is known as complex odontoma.

9. Of which Australian state is Campbell Newman the Premier?
   c. Queensland

10. Which one of the following statements about Earth's climate is true?
    c. last month was the hottest June since record-keeping began - The combined average temperature over land and ocean surfaces globally was a "record high for the month at 61.20 Fahrenheit (16.22 Celsius)," according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

11. What is the name of the large music festival that attracted thousands of music lovers to northern New South Wales last weekend?
    a. Splendour in the Grass - The event was held at Byron Bay and featured over 80 acts including Outkast and Lily Allen

12. In which country was the wreckage of a missing Air Algerie found?
    c. Mali - The wreckage of a missing Air Algerie flight has been found in Mali's north, with reports suggesting there are no survivors. The flight crashed en route from Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso to Algiers with 110 people on board. A TransAsia Airways flight also crashed in Taiwan last week while trying to make an emergency landing, claiming 47 lives.

13. What is the main language spoken in the city of Milan?
    Italian

14. Why are Aboriginal groups in the Northern Territory angry about the McArthur River mine site?
    a. they are concerned about a rock pile that has been burning for seven months - a waste rock pile has been smouldering for seven months causing large smoke plumes after pyrite iron sulphide was placed into its top layers and it ignited in oven-like conditions. Traditional owners also fear corrosive acids from the McArthur River mine, one of the world's largest producers of zinc, lead and silver, could spread into the water catchment during the wet season.

15. Which actor has been named Hollywood's highest paid actor for the second year running?
    b. Robert Downey Jr (from Ironman) - The 49-year-old star - who earned an estimated $75 million for the year 2012 and 2013 - has topped Forbes' annual ranking of the highest paid movie stars after making a fortune from his portrayal of Iron Man. The Rock earned $52 million while Will Smith only $32 million.

VISUAL ANSWERS
1. The Queen - Hockeyroos players Jayde Taylor and Brooke Peris have become internet sensations after their selfie was photo-bombed by the Queen

2. India

3. The Netherlands (or Holland) - large numbers of people lined the roads in sombre silence as victims of Flight MH17 were transported through the country to military barracks.

4. Anna Mears - the champion cyclist was honoured to carry the flag for Australia at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

5. Alex McKinnon - the Newcastle rugby league player made an emotional first public appearance at Hunter Stadium since suffering his serious injury.

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