TERM 3  
WEEK 4  
6th August 2014

AUGUST  

Tues 5th  
Stage 1 Excursion  

Wed 6th  
Healthy Lunch 11.15  
Tree Planting 11.30  
Fruit & Veg Parent session 12 noon  
Scripture  

Fri 8th  
Captains Morning tea with the Mayor

Get well soon Mandy 😊

Kinder Taster

Sand fun

Maths with Miss Kew
What a terrific start to Week 4 with students so excited and engaged in their learning. We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful staff and prac students working in the best interests of our students well-being and learning. Yesterday we had our ‘SpICE’ girls visiting working with Miss Buchanan with stage 3 in the morning, then in the stage 2/3 room for the rest of the day assisting with fractions and science. With a few students away with sport yesterday, we actually had a student adult ratio of almost 1 adult between 2 students!

We welcomed 3 Kindergarten transition students on Friday and by all accounts everyone had a wonderful day!

Did you know that 90 percent of adults in NSW don’t eat enough vegetables? .... and 50 percent of adults don’t eat enough fruit? Come along on Wednesday for the Cancer Council ‘Eat it to Beat it’ presentation and enjoy a healthy wrap. We will also be planting a tree for all students new to the school in 2014. Thank you to Cathy Booth for organising the wraps for us to enjoy!

Our Captains will be enjoying a lovely morning tea with the Mayor and council staff on Friday. What a wonderful opportunity for Samantha and Anthony.

One of the best ways you can assist your children with reading is to talk to them about the books they are reading. Please find included in the newsletter some tips to support your students reading at home.

Claim the date! We hope to see everyone coming along to our Book Fair and open classroom next Wednesday. Students will be visiting the book fair next Monday to create their ‘wish list’. Thank you to Cathy Booth and Michelle Rudder for their assistance with the fair this year.

Looking forward to another great week of learning at Matong Public School.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal
STAGE 1 NEWS

Stage One students have created an e-book called 'Our Friday' from a unit of work of learning on “Time” during their Maths lessons. A link can be found on the school website or go directly to http://issuu.com/matongps/docs/our_friday

Well done Stage One!

STAGE 2/3 NEWS

Last week students completed Handwriting and Poetry entries for the Ganmain Show and over the next week will be creating more examples for the School Display at the Show. Our CSU Intern Miss Buchanan has been co-teaching in Stage 2/3 and she has fitted in very well, taking on new activities and opportunities with gusto. Miss Buchanan is starting the new HSIE and Science topics of "Environments" and "Living Things", following on from "Our Communities" and "Minibeasts" units. The final assessment of the "Minibeast" unit was an assignment over the school holidays, however at this point only ten students have completed the task. If any student is having difficulty completing the task please see Mrs McGuiness as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers that every Monday, homework is sent home with students, to be completed and handed in by Friday each week. There are about 10 students that regularly do this and while it is not compulsory, homework does help to consolidate new knowledge by providing practice and revision of work learned in class. A frequent comment during the Student Led Conferences last term was that homework was not making it home or not making it back to school, so support from parents and caregivers is needed.

Over the past three weeks all students have been participating in daily Reading Conferences and Reader’s Theatre to help build fluency and expression while reading out loud. The students appear to be enjoying the opportunity to discuss their chosen texts and favourite authors with Teachers, as well as performing short plays and poems to the whole class.

If there are any concerns regarding students and their learning please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet and discuss any issues.

Regards
Mrs McGuiness, Mrs Moore and Miss Buchanan
ON WEDNESDAY WE HAD MUFTI DAY AND ON THURSDAY WE HAD SCHOOL PHOTOS. STAGE ONE ARE CHANGING THEIR HOME READERS AND WE ARE DOING FRACTION LAP BOOKS.

😊

by Tyler Smith and Gus Richardson

Thank you, Miss M for finding the missing school banner. You are a Super Star. It was hiding in The Shed.

AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

Brody Rudder - contributing well to lessons on recount writing

Tegan Hatty - clever knowledge of line types in 2D space maths

Stage 2/3 Awards

RFF and Library Awards

Special Awards

Principal's Award

Julia Walsh
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**BORAMBOLA EXCURSION**

Medical and Consent forms and Travel Note are due this Friday 8th August and Final payment for Borambola excursion is due Friday 15th 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.

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.

FOR SALE

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

All money raised will go to our P&C.
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.

PARENT PAGE

Talking About Books at Home

Dear Parent,

One of the best things we can do to assist our children with reading is to engage them in talking about the books they read. Talking stimulates language development and helps children improve their comprehension.

As you get ready to share a book with your child, you might ask your child to talk about the cover, the title, and a few of the pictures in the book. This “before-reading” conversation will help your child to build the expectation that stories make sense. This is also a good time to help your child connect personal experiences to the reading. If there is a picture showing a picnic, for example, this would be a perfect time to talk with your child about a picnic you enjoyed together.

You can also invite your child into conversation during the reading by stopping now and then to ask, “What might happen next?”

As you know, children love to share their opinions. After reading, you might get your child started with questions such as:

- What did you notice?
- What did you like?
- How did it make you feel?
- Did this remind you of any experiences you have had?
- What parts of the story were your favorites?

Just choose one or two questions so that if feels like a conversation instead of a test. Happy reading!

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 13th August at 7.30pm. All welcome!
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. How many gold medals did the Australian swim team win at the Commonwealth Games?
   a. nine  b. thirteen  c. nineteen

2. What is the name of the deadly disease that is causing concern in western Africa?
   a. Ebola  b. Measles  c. SARS

3. Why was Australia Zoo on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast in the news last week?
   a. a keeper was bitten by a Sumatran Tiger
   b. a keeper was bitten by a crocodile
   c. one of the crocodiles escaped

4. Women in Turkey are protesting on social media over their Deputy Prime Minister saying that women should not ...?
   a. cry in public
   b. laugh in public
   c. speak loudly in public

5. Australia has become the largest producer of Wagyu outside of Japan. What is Wagyu?
   a. a type of Japanese beef
   b. a type of Japanese car
   c. a type of Japanese fruit

6. Which of the following was not a sport at the 2014 Commonwealth Games?
   a. Judo  b. Table Tennis  c. Rowing

7. Which sequel will Iggy Azalea have a Cameo in?
   a. Fast and Furious 7
   b. The Hunger Games 3
   c. The Scorpion King 4

8. Of which country is Benjamin Netanyahu the Prime Minister?
   a. Israel  b. India  c. South Africa

9. Which team did the New South Wales Waratahs beat in the final of the Super Rugby championship?
   a. the Crusaders
   b. the Brumbies
   c. the Chiefs

10. True or false, under the Government’s new policy measures for the unemployed, jobseekers will have to apply for 40 jobs a month?

11. What language is spoken in Madrid?

12. Why were cricket bats signed by former cricketer Brett Lee in the news recently?
   a. they have been mistakenly coated in a substance found to be toxic
   b. they were meant to auctioned off for charity but were stolen
   c. the bats were given to Indian officials involved in asylum seeker negotiations

13. According to current research 15 people die in Australia every day because of ...
   a. road accidents
   b. alcohol related causes
   c. skin cancer

14. What does “showrooming” refer to?
   a. when retailers pass off fake items as branded goods
   b. when consumers rate goods online
   c. when people try stuff on in a shop and then buy it cheaper online

15. Where is the Garma Festival celebrating indigenous culture held each year?
   a. Northern Territory
   b. Western Australia
   c. Queensland
1. What is the name of this Australian animal?
2. What is this man's name?
3. Which Australian city is shown in this photo?
4. Which country has this flag?
5. What is the name of this Australian coach?
1. How many gold medals did the Australian swim team win at the Commonwealth Games?
   c. nineteen - With 57 Commonwealth Games medals in their bags, including 19 gold, the Australian swimming team headed home early to get ready for the Pan Pacific Championships

2. What is the name of the deadly disease that is causing concern in Western Africa?
   a. Ebola - Australian health experts are making contingency plans to manage the Ebola virus in case the deadly disease arrives from West Africa. Security forces in Liberia were ordered to enforce the measures as part of an action plan that included placing all non-essential government workers on leave.

3. Why was Australia Zoo on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast in the news last week?
   a. A keeper was bitten by a Sumatran Tiger - The keeper suffered a puncture wound to his leg while trying to move the animal to a different enclosure at Australia Zoo. The animal was treated by paramedics and taken to the Nambour Hospital in a stable condition.

4. Women in Turkey are protesting on social media over their Deputy Prime Minister saying that women should not...? 
   b. laugh in public - Women were sharing photos on Twitter of themselves laughing after Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc’s comments that not laughing out loud in public is among requirements of being an honorable woman.

5. Australia has become the largest producer of Wagyu outside of Japan. What is Wagyu?
   a. A type of Japanese beef - Wagyu is a very expensive and highly sought after type of Japanese beef. Wagyu can fetch anything from $15,000 to $30,000 per animal in Japan. Australia’s Wagyu herd was founded on live animals and genetic material imported from Japan in the ‘90s. Since then, Australia has stopped exporting its own Wagyu genetics.

6. Which of the following was not a sport at the 2014 Commonwealth Games?
   c. Rowing - It was held every Games until 1998. It has only been included once since then at Edinburgh in 1998.

7. Which sequel will Iggy Azalea have a cameo in?
   a. Fast and Furious 7 - Actor Vin Diesel let it slip during a recent interview that Iggy Azalea will have a cameo in the latest Fast and Furious.

8. Of which country is Benjamin Netanyahu the Prime Minister?
   a. Israel - Israel has vowed to continue its military campaign in the Gaza Strip for as long as needed and with as much force as necessary despite concerns from the UN.

9. Which team did the New South Wales Waratahs beat in the final of the Super Rugby championship?
   a. The Crusaders - NSW won its maiden Super Rugby championship with a 33-32 final win over the Crusaders at the Olympic stadium on Saturday evening.

10. True or false, under the Government’s new policy measures for the unemployed, jobseekers will have to apply for 40 jobs a month?
    True - Jobseekers will have to apply for 40 jobs a month, and those under 30 will have to perform 25 hours a week of work for the dole, while those under 50 will have to do 15 hours. Under current national statistics there are nearly 5 unemployed people per job vacancy.

11. What language is spoken in Madrid?
    Spanish

12. Why were cricket bats signed by former cricketer Brett Lee in the news recently?
    c. The bats were given to Indian officials involved in asylum seeker negotiations. Former Australian cricketer Brett Lee claims he was unaware that bats signed for the Immigration Minister would be given to Indian officials involved in asylum seeker negotiations. A deal was struck in which 157 asylum seekers were sent to the Curtin Detention Centre to be assessed by Indian officials. They have since been moved to Nauru after refusing to meet with the Indian officials.

13. According to current research, 15 people die in Australia every day because of...?
    b. Alcohol related causes - Up to 15 people die and more than 430 are admitted to hospital every day in Australia due to alcohol-related illnesses, new research shows.

14. What does “showrooming” refer to?
    c. When people try stuff on in a shop and then buy it cheaper online. Australian retailers are saying that “showrooming” is becoming a big problem. The government has warned that if they are not buying goods from retailers within Australia you may not be covered by normal guarantees or legislation.

15. Where is the Garma Festival celebrating traditional cultures held each year?
    a. Northern Territory - Held every August, the Garma Festival is Australia’s most significant Indigenous event, and fociusses on self-determination, reconciliation, Indigenous knowledge sharing, transfer and exchange.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. Bandicoot
2. Usain Bolt - The Jamaican sprinter is considered the World’s Fastest Man.
3. Melbourne - The Australian Grand Prix is set to stay in Albert Park until at least 2020 after a new deal was signed.
4. Switzerland
5. Eric Hollingsworth - Athletics Australia has suspended the head coach indefinitely over criticism of team captain Sally Pearson

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