TERM 3  
WEEK 6
19th August  
2014

AUGUST 
Wed 20th 
Scripture
Stage 2/3 Library
Thurs 21st
Mrs Moore -  
Principal’s Meeting
Stage 1 Library

Mmmm – Milo days

Look out!
Here comes Leila

SpICE Girls

Stage 2/3 Art
Thank you to all our visitors last Wednesday. The students were very excited to show their classroom learning to our visitors. It was lovely to see our students have the opportunity to select from the Book Fair and the library received approximately $700 books which are currently being made ready for the students to read. We also took possession of our new lawn mower on Wednesday. Thank you again to the P&C for their support in purchasing this. We are offering our old mower for sale by tender.

Students are busy preparing their work to be displayed at the Ganmain Show which we encourage everyone to attend this weekend. Student poetry and handwriting have been sent for judging and our school display will be hung this Wednesday. If you would like to assist with the presentation of the display please let the front office know.

Last Friday, our year six students travelled to Narrandera High School for their year 7 transition programme. The children all appeared to enjoy the experience.

Stage 2/3 had a lovely ‘excursion’ to The Sydney Opera House yesterday. Our students came face-to-face with the iconic Sydney Opera House in a live, interactive digital excursion. The roaming tour of ‘The House’ brought to life the history and architecture of this significant Australian place, and explored how it has become synonymous with Australia’s cultural identity.

We welcomed our three new SpICE CSU Dental Therapy students Caitlin, Roselynn and Maheen who enjoyed assisting students in both classrooms with their learning on Monday. Our students certainly appreciate the additional attention the CSU students are able to provide whilst they are here.

Anne-Maree Moore, Principal

Year 7 transition
Open Classroom Day

On Wednesday 13th of August, Matong Public School had a book fair to raise money for the school. First, our parents came in to the classroom to look at our work. They also looked at our Three Little Pigs artwork and helped us to learn. Next, we went to the book fair and bought books. Then we came back into the classroom for literacy. After that, we had lunch with some of the parents. It was a fabulous day and we were feeling very happy.

by Stage One

SpICE PROJECT

Matong Public School has agreed to partner with Charles Sturt University to provide placement for SpICE students. SpICE students attend Matong Public School once a week to assist in the classrooms and develop learning opportunities for our students and community in their particular area of expertise. We are very fortunate to have been offered access to this program and currently have 3 dental health therapy and 1 speech therapy students attached to our school for this term.

SpICE (Specialist Integrated Community Engagement) is a partnership model of community engagement that uses students, in consultation and collaboration with communities, to develop skills in the rural workforce so as to reduce the unnecessary and unfair disadvantage faced by rural, remote and Indigenous families. CSU SpICE student placements aim to develop skills and knowledge inherent within good citizenship and contribution to community, and link the development of these attributes to discipline-specific learning from a number of CSU’s teaching programs. SpICE focuses on building the capacity of the community concerned by developing partnerships between government services, outreach specialist services, the non-government and university sectors, as well as with community members. By participating in activities with a specific focus, a 'Community of Learners' evolves. Together, the Community of Learners develops solutions to address local needs. SpICE placements run as either 'day-a-week' each semester of the University year for communities clustered around CSU campuses, or on 3 to 5 week block placements twice a year for more distant communities.
BOOK FAIR 2014

Thank you to all our helpers, parents, carers and visitors last Wednesday who helped make our open day and Book Fair a huge success. The students enjoyed showing their classroom learning activities. Thank you for the very kind donations from the following families: Smith family, Digby Currie, Dianne Brill, David and William Beard, Gus Richardson, Teagan Hatty, Julia Walsh, Ted and George Hatty, Florence Meier, The Collins Family and Albert and Samuel Booth. The Fair also generated a donation from Scholastic of approximately $700 worth of books! We look forward to getting these onto the library shelves as soon as possible. Thank you to Cathy Booth and Michelle Rudder who set up and manned the Book Fair this year, and who are already thinking about our next year’s fair!

STAGE ONE CHILD PROTECTION HOME TASK

All Stage One students are asked to bring in a photo of themselves with their relatives, friends and acquaintances in situations such as family celebrations or other special events. Please bring in photos by Monday 18th August. Please ensure photos are labelled with your family name. All photos will be returned.

AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

Noah Kitching - for being punctual and tidy

Sam Booth - perseverance in maths

Stage 2/3 Awards

Erin Kreis - for creating a great piece of creative writing

Florence Meier - A positive effort in all areas of her learning

Special Awards

Samantha Costello, Digby Currie

Principals Award

George Hatty - a wonderful eisteddfod performance
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### Library Days

**Stage 1** Library will now be on Thursdays with Miss M.

**Stage 2/3** Library day is **Wednesday** with Mrs Moore.

### Found

Who is feeling the cold? A size 12 school jacket has been handed in without a name. If this belongs to your child please let the office know so we can return it.
HEADLICE

We have had a couple instances of headlice reported in the last week, could parents please check your children's hair and treat if necessary. 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.

FOR SALE

Bark Chips for your garden. $20 per trailer load. All money raised will go to our P&C.
TENDERS WELCOME

We have available for tender the old school ride-on mower and a bar fridge. If you would like to submit a tender for either item, please lodge in writing to the school office. Tenders close 3rd September, 2014. All reasonable offers considered.
Dear Parent(s),

When children write, they learn a lot about reading. They see how words go together and they develop a better understanding of how to communicate.

The writing activity that follows is designed to help children of all ages improve their ability to write descriptively. It can be done with favorite foods you already have in your kitchen, and it should be fun for everyone!

1. Help your child to select one favorite food item from your kitchen. This might be a marshmallow, a chocolate kiss, a scoop of ice cream, a piece of fruit, a cookie, a breakfast cereal, or something else.

2. Explain to your child that you are going to use all of your senses to experience this special food (sight, hearing, smell, touch, taste).

3. Using your eyes: Hold the food item up and really look closely at it. Help your child to describe in detail what he or she sees. Are there wrinkles? Is it smooth? Is there color? As you and your child describe the item, work together to write all of the descriptive words you are using.

4. Use each of the other senses to continue this descriptive process. Are there any sounds associated with this food? Any smells? When you touch it, what does it feel like? When you taste it slowly, what textures and tastes come to mind?

5. Assist your child in reading the list of words you have created about this food experience.

6. We will have a special bulletin board at school waiting to showcase these food explorations. Please have your child draw a picture and then write about this food experience. As your child writes, encourage the use of descriptive words and phrases from the list you created together.

Enjoy!
P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday 27th August at 7.30pm. All welcome!

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Our next Storytime will be held this Friday 22nd August @ 10.30am. The theme is "It’s Bear Time". Come and join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

Our next “Heart and Soul” gathering is on the 26th August @ 10.30am at the library. The session is called “Introduction to law for our Seniors”. Matt from Commins Hendricks Solicitors will offer helpful and practical legal advice. Everyone is most welcomed.

Book Week celebrations are being held this week, several schools are visiting the library during the week.

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.

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

1. Which British television show does this image relate to?

2. These triplets were in the news last week. What type of animal are they?

3. Name this important politician (on the right) who visited Australia recently.

4. Which country has this flag?

5. Name this entertainer.
Weekly Quiz

1. What was found on a remote island off the Northern Territory coastline that may prove contact between Aboriginal people and Chinese people in the 1700s?
   a. a skeleton
   b. Chinese pottery
   c. a Chinese coin

2. Which politician has received criticism for suggesting that a fuel tax increase wouldn’t affect poor people because they “either don’t have cars or don’t drive very far”?
   a. Tony Abbott
   b. Joe Hockey
   c. Clive Palmer

3. True or false, the World Health Organisation has ruled that people infected by Ebola can be offered untested drugs?

4. True or false, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has said that under no circumstances will Australia participate in any military action in Iraq?

5. A three-year-old Russian girl has survived 11 days and nights in the Siberian wilderness. What has been given credit for her survival?
   a. her puppy kept her warm and then fetched help
   b. she had put on her mothers fur coat
   c. she had taken a toy whistle with her which allowed rescuers to find her

6. In what city is the City2Surf fun run held each year?
   a. Sydney
   b. Brisbane
   c. Perth

7. Alex Douglas has resigned as the Queensland parliamentary leader of which party?
   a. Liberal National Party
   b. Palmer United Party
   c. Katter’s Australian Party

8. Which tennis star has had their 300th career win during a Masters tournament?
   a. Roger Federer
   b. Rafael Nadal
   c. Serena Williams

9. What type of flu has been hitting Australia this winter?
   a. swine flu
   b. bird flu
   c. bovine flu

10. Which volunteer organisation is celebrating its 100th year of service?
    a. Oxfam Australia
    b. The Red Cross
    c. St John Ambulance

11. The acronym YOLO has been added to the Oxford Dictionary. What does it stand for?

12. What was the score in rugby’s Bledisloe Cup opener between the All Blacks and the Wallabies?
    a. Wallabies 19 -12 All Blacks
    b. Wallabies 12 -12 All Blacks
    c. Wallabies 12 -19 All Blacks

13. A British air accident was in the news recently. What was unusual about the accident?
    a. it was caused by the pilot sneezing
    b. the accident was caused when the pilots prosthetic arm had fallen off
    c. the pilot had temporarily blacked out during landing after hitting his funny bone

14. What language is spoken in the city of Madrid?

15. Why has Austin Hospital in Melbourne been in the news recently?
    a. it has had an outbreak of gastroenteritis (stomach bug)
    b. nurses have gone out on strike over working conditions
    c. they accidentally sent false notifications to the doctors of 200 patients saying they had died
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What was found on a remote island off the Northern Territory coastline that may prove contact between Aboriginal people and Chinese people in the 1700s?
   - a. Chinese coin - Elcho Island where the brass coin was found, is part of the Wessel's group off the northeastern tip of Arnhem Land, and came to prominence when 1,000-year-old African coins were found on one of the islands in the 1940s.

2. Which politician has received criticism for suggesting that a fuel tax increase wouldn't affect poor people because they "either don't have cars or don't drive very far"?
   - a. Joe Hockey - In his role as Treasurer, Mr Hockey has defended the budget measure to reinstate a biannual increase to the excise by saying that high income earners will be hit hardest because low income workers either don't have cars or don't drive very far.

3. True or false, the World Health Organisation has ruled that people infected by Ebola can be offered untested drugs?
   - True - Liberia said it planned to treat two infected doctors with an unproven Ebola medicine called ZMapp. They would become the first Africans to receive the drug, which has already been given to a Spanish priest - who later died - and two US aid workers. WHO said only about 10 to 12 doses of the drug had been made.

4. True or false, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has said that under no circumstances will Australia participate in any military action in Iraq?
   - False - Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has not ruled out assisting the United States with military action in Iraq, but says she does not envisage Australia will send troops back into the war-torn country. The Prime Minister Tony Abbott has arrived in London to discuss the deteriorating situation in Iraq, as Islamic State hardliners continue to threaten Kurdish territory.

5. A three-year-old Russian girl has survived 11 days and nights in the Siberian wilderness. What has been given credit for her survival?
   - a. her puppy kept her warm and then fetched help - Karina Chikitova's puppy kept her warm in the wilderness for over a week before it returned home to get help.

6. In what city is the City2Surf fun run held each year?
   - a. Sydney - The fun run was in the news recently due to a tragic incident in which a 27 year old collapsed and died of cardiac arrest (heart attack) at the finish line at Bondi Beach. Over 80,000 competitors participated in the event.

7. Alex Douglas has resigned as the Queensland parliamentary leader of which party?
   - b. Palmer United Party - Palmer United Party MP Alex Douglas has resigned as the Queensland parliamentary leader and intends to quit the party. Or Douglas said he believed PUP was planning to release a list of preselected candidates using a process that he did not support for next year's state election.

8. Which tennis star has had their 300th career win during a Masters tournament?
   - a. Roger Federer - Federer won his opening match at the Western & Southern Open last week which was his 300th career victory during a Masters tournament. He's the first player to reach the mark - Rafael Nadal is second with 281 such wins.

9. What type of flu has been hitting Australia this winter?
   - a. swine flu - Australia has seen a resurgence of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, with the virus accounting for the majority of reported influenza cases this year, experts have said. There had been more than 21,000 reported cases of influenza so far this year, up from about 15,400 this time last year.

10. Which volunteer organisation is celebrating its 100th year of service?
    - b. The Red Cross - one of Australia's longest running volunteer organisations, is celebrating its centenary. It was established a week after the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914. A century later, it is a billion dollar organisation, with services stretching from the Blood Bank Service to humanitarian and disaster relief programs.

11. The acronym YOLO has been added to the Oxford Dictionary. What does it stand for?
    - You Only Live Once - Other entries include binge-watch, humblebrag and neckbeard.

12. What was the score in rugby's Bledisloe Cup opener between the All Blacks and the Wallabies?
    - b. Wallabies 12 - 12 All Blacks - The Wallabies denied the All Blacks a record 18th consecutive Test win in a 12-12 draw in the Bledisloe Cup and Rugby Championship opener in Sydney. The Wallabies must win the final two Tests to win the cup back.

13. A British air accident was in the news recently. What was unusual about the accident?
    - a. the accident was caused when the pilots prosthetic arm had fallen off - The pilot had checked that his prosthetic lower left arm was securely attached to the yoke clamp, but as he performed a maneuver just before touchdown the limb became detached. He corrected with his other arm but the plane still bounced and landed heavily.

14. What language is spoken in the city of Madrid?
    - Spanish

15. Why has Austin Hospital in Melbourne been in the news recently?
    - c. they accidentally sent false notifications to the doctors of 200 patients saying they had died - A Melbourne hospital has been left red-faced after it incorrectly sent out notifications to 200 doctors saying their patients had died while in hospital, instead of telling them they had been discharged.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. Doctor Who
2. Panda or Pandas
3. John Kerry - Secretary of State for the United States (the role is similar to that of Foreign Minister in Australia).
4. Greece
5. Robin Williams

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