TERM 3
WEEK 7
26th August 2014

AUGUST
Tues 26th
Mrs Moore - course

Wed 27th
Mrs Moore - course
Scripture
Mobile Library
Stage 2/3 Library
Milo Day
P&C Meeting
7.30pm
Thurs 28th
Stage 1 Library

Congratulations to all our students who entered items in the Ganmain Show.
What a fabulous day for the show on Saturday, congratulations to our very own Stephen Hatty and the Ganmain Show committee. Congratulations to all our students who proudly put in their handy work. I had a lovely time looking through the exhibits and seeing so many Matong Public School students' names. Thank you to those who assisted in getting the students' items to the show and pulling down our display. Thanks to Miss M and her team for putting up the Matong Public School display. It looked amazing on the day.

Thank you to all our involved parents and carers. Your involvement in the school is not only appreciated by the staff, research shows that involvement in your child's school, positively affects learning outcomes. Some ways you might become involved is through the P&C which meets this week, 7.30pm Wednesday 27th August at the school. Parent helpers are always welcome to hear students read aloud. Our library would welcome any voluntary support, if you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Anne-Moore, Principal

STUDENT REPORT

We have three new Spice girls, Maheen, Roselynn and Caitlan from CSU. Borambola is in Week 8, Mr Polkinghorne and Mrs McGuiness are going with Stage 3. Stage 2/3 had a virtual tour of the Sydney Opera House last Monday and we are making a big mural for the classroom. Father's Day is very soon and we have begun making things for our lovely Fathers and Pops. The McGuiness family donated 5 sand pit sets and everyone is having lots of fun with them.

Stage 1 is making communication signs for the school.

By Samantha Costello

STAGE ONE NEWS

Stage One have been working very hard on their writing, they have written their own recount of our recent Stage One excursion. They are also designing their own signs as part of our communication unit in science.
RECOGNITION FOR OUR SAS STAFF MORNING TEA

Each year our school recognises the important work our School Administrative and Support Staff members do at our school. Whether working in the office, the library, the school grounds or in a classroom setting, the school recognises and celebrates the work our support staff as vital to the education of our students. This year we are inviting everyone to attend a thankyou morning tea for SAS Staff Recognition on Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} September at 11.15am, while the students enjoy their packed lunch. Please bring a plate to share.

KINDER TASTER DAY

Our next Kinder Taster Day is on Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} September at 2pm. Pre- Kinders need to bring their recess, hat and water bottle. While the children are in the classroom all parents are invited to attend a 25 minute Healthy Lunch Box Session, presented by the Cancer Council as part of involvement in the Eat it To Beat It program.

AWARD WINNERS

Stage 1 Awards

William Beard – for excellent expression when reading

Jessica Rudder – for contributing to class discussion

Stage 2/3 Awards

George Hatty – for trying his best with learning about time

Jaedyn Kreis – for working very hard in all areas of her learning

RFF and Library Awards

Sam Booth – Positive behaviour in learning

Albert Booth – Improved application to learning

Special Awards

Brodie Rudder, Florence Meier, Ted Hatty

Principals Award

Tyler Smith – for respectful attitude to others
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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? One size 8 and 12 school jumper is currently in the lost property box without a name. If this belongs to your child please let the office know so we can return it.
Dear Parents,

You have been watching your children draw since they were very small. Did you know that drawing is very essential to children’s understanding of the world? It helps them organize their thinking and satisfies a need for personal response to the world.

The next time you read to your child, you might think about asking your child to draw a picture about the story you read. It would be even better if you drew a picture, too, and then you and your child could talk about your drawings.

When children draw a picture about a story, they have to think about all of the important parts of a story, then choose the part that seems most interesting. While this may sound simple, it is the essence of reading comprehension—the ability to look at all of the information and pick out the important parts.

When children draw and write about a story or an experience, they learn even more. So, please keep reading and drawing!

Your child’s teacher

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**MILO T20 BLAST CRICKET GALA DAY**

Year 2-4 and Years 5 & 6 have been invited to participate in a Cricket Gala day to be held at Narrandera over two days. Years 2-4 on Wednesday 10th September and Years 5-6 on Thursday 11th September. If your child has expressed an interest in attending there is a permission note attached to today’s newsletter.

**MILO DAYS**

Our milo days are raising funds for our envirochamps project, improving the NOLA area as a lovely native outdoor learning area for all to enjoy. Thank you to Hannah Richardson for dropping in some milk on Friday.
INTERNS

Matong Public School has a long history of proudly partnering with Wagga Charles Sturt University in hosting teacher practicum students at our school. This term we are very fortunate to host Miss Tatum Kew and Miss Arnika Buchanan for their final internship. Internship is the final placement for our future teachers, as they are eligible for employment in our schools immediately following this internship.

Our interns are now in the final stage of their placement at Matong. For the next 4 weeks, Miss Kew and Miss Buchanan are leading the learning in the classrooms, with full programming supervision from their associate teachers, Miss M, Mrs McGuiness and I.

This program, I strongly believe, brings many benefits to our students. In stage 2/3, this opportunity has provided the ability for Mrs McGuiness and myself, along with Mrs Fisher and Mr Polkinghorne, to provide additional learning support to students of all abilities, either in small groups or individually. In stage 1, Miss M is able to develop resources and provide support for individual and small groups as required.

We are most fortunate to have two highly competent interns as we have. Both students have demonstrated they not only bring their own unique and individual skills, talents and ideas, they readily listen to feedback and demonstrate their ability to implement quality teaching experiences for our students in our unique setting.

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (HFMD)

Parents please be on the look out for the following symptoms as we have had a couple of confirmed cases of HFMD and some suspected cases in the school community this week. A full fact sheet is included at the end of the newsletter.

Symptoms:

Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.

School or home?

Keep home from school until all blisters have dried.

How can I help prevent spread?

Careful hand washing, especially after wiping the nose and using the toilet, and respiratory etiquette (covering a cough or sneeze and disposing of tissues in a rubbish bin).

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.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FUNDRAISING CATALOGUE

Get ready for Christmas and choose gifts that are perfect for your family and friends from Educational Experience. Browse our 350+ quality learning resources, toys and gifts and raise funds for our school.

Shop online for your Christmas gifts at www.edex.com.au/fundraising or browse through the Gift Essentials catalogue where every dollar spent provides 20 cents in educational resource vouchers for our school. Please nominate Matong Public School in your shopping cart. A limited number of catalogues are available at the office.
**A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health**

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

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**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.
Everyone is Welcome to attend a Combined Church Service at MATONG PUBLIC HALL ON SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2014 Commencing at 10.00am

It will be followed by a bring and Share Lunch

The service will be conducted by Rev Mike Perrott of the Anglican Church Narrandera and Coolamon/Ganmain.

P&C NEWS

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

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Our next Storytime will be held Friday 5th September @ 10.30am. The theme is "Buzzy Bees". Come and join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

The library will continue to host schools for our Book Borrowing Extravaganza during the month of September. Students will explore and discover the library and be given the chance to borrow items to earn rewards for their school.

A Gardening Workshop will held Thursday, 18th September @ 11.00am at the library. This is a free workshop presented by Kerry Geale through REROC. Bookings can be made by phoning the library - 69272492.

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!

General enquiries and registration
Registrations close
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e: info@nswruralwomensgathering.org
w: www.nswruralwomensgathering.org
facebook: Search ‘Coolamon Rural Women’

NSW Rural Women’s Gathering
12-14 September 2014, Coolamon

Program: Heritage with Heart
Interested in trying Basketball

Narrandera Basketball are about to commence their junior spring competition. The association takes single nominations and places children into teams. Players names and year at school are required please message Lee on 0409443711 Narrandera Basketball has a face book page you can message or email lee.longford@bigpond.com.au. Or contact the above mobile for more details.

Age groups are Juniors Div Yrs 1,2 & 3, Intermediate Div Yrs 4, 5 & 6 & Senior Div Yrs 7 +.

Junior Div games at 5.00pm, Intermediate Div games at 5.50pm & Senior Div games at 6.40pm concluding at 7.30pm.

Girls will play on Thursday afternoons and the boys for the first two weeks will play on Fridays and after the school holidays will play on Wednesdays.

Registration cost is $50 per child and games fees are $3 per week.

Competition will commence Thursday 11th September 2014. Name to me by the above methods by Monday 8th September 2014.

Looking forward to a new season of basketball.
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. Where was this photo taken last week?
   a. Adelaide University
   b. Royal Adelaide Hospital
   c. Adelaide Town Hall

2. This television personality has been in the news recently. What is her name?

3. Which famous landmark is shown in this photo?

4. Which Pacific nation has this flag?

5. Name this Australian politician.
Weekly Quiz

1. Which country's government did Clive Palmer refer to as 'mongrels' last week?
   a. Iraq  
   b. Russia  
   c. China

2. A 53 year old German IT worker was in the news last week because he was refused entry into Dubai due to the way he looks. What is different about him?
   a. he is the most heavily tattooed man in the world  
   b. he is the most pierced man in the world  
   c. he was badly scarred in a house fire

3. NAPLAN tests have shown a national drop in student writing skills. What is being blamed for the drop?
   a. the internet  
   b. an increase of non-English speaking students  
   c. an overly hard question

4. True or false, Australia has agreed to sell uranium to India despite its failure to sign a global agreement to stop producing more nuclear weapons?

5. Why have authorities evacuated areas in Iceland?
   a. a volcano has erupted  
   b. there has been a major chemical spill in a processing plant  
   c. flooding is threatening whole villages in low areas

6. Australian surfers are consistently successful at the Billabong Pro Teahupő (pronounced chow-poo) surf event. Where is Teahupő?
   a. Japan  
   b. Tahiti  
   c. New Zealand

7. What was unusual about the crocodile blamed for the death of a fisherman in the Adelaide River last week?
   a. he was blind  
   b. he had a white head  
   c. he had no tail

8. Which of the following was voted the funniest joke at the Edinburgh Fringe comedy festival?
   a. "I decided to sell my Hoover vacuum cleaner... well it was just collecting dust"  
   b. "My mate sat on my pumpkin. He butternut squash it."  
   c. "Would you like to hear a chimney joke - I've got a stack of them. The first one is on the house"

9. Which Australian city was named the world's most liveable city in a global survey for the fourth year in a row?
   a. Sydney  
   b. Perth  
   c. Melbourne

10. The Bledisloe Cup is a rugby trophy contested between Australia and New Zealand each year. When was the last time Australia won the Bledisloe Cup?
    a. 2002  
    b. 2007  
    c. 2012

11. Which popstar has had her concert cancelled by authorities in the Dominican Republic due to concerns it would negatively influence young people?
    a. Katy Perry  
    b. Miley Cyrus  
    c. Lady Gaga

12. Which charity event was held last Friday?
    a. Red Nose Day  
    b. Daffodil Day  
    c. Pink Ribbon Day

13. In which continent would you find the Andes mountains?
    a. North America  
    b. South America  
    c. Africa  
    d. Europe

14. True or false, Barack Obama has posted a clip of himself participating in the ice bucket challenge?

15. What type of animal was in the news for receiving mouth to mouth resuscitation after it was hit by a car?
    a. a koala  
    b. a dog  
    c. a wombat
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. Which country's government did Clive Palmer refer to as 'mongrel' last week?
   c. China - The mining magnate and MP, whose party wields crucial balance-of-power votes in the Senate, was responding to questions about his bitter legal battle with a Chinese state-owned company. The Chinese embassy in Australia has labelled Clive Palmer's stinging verbal attack on the country as "abusive" and "irresponsible".

2. A 53 year old German IT worker was in the news last week because he was refused entry into Dubai due to the way he looks. What is different about him?
   b. he is the most pierced man in the world - The world's most pierced man has been barred from Dubai where he was turned back at the airport on his way to a hotel nightclub appearance. The 53 year old sports 453 piercings plus two horns on his forehead.

3. NAPLAN tests have shown a national drop in student writing skills. What is being blamed for the drop?
   c. an overly hard question - The skewed results are being blamed on the difficulty of this year's writing task. Results show Northern Territory students remain behind the rest of Australia, with only 65 per cent of students meeting national minimum standards. Test scores for South Australia showed students were behind the national average in 17 out of 20 categories.

4. True or false, Australia has agreed to sell uranium to India despite its failure to sign a global agreement to stop producing more nuclear weapons?
   True - India has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty but has managed to convince Australian officials that the uranium will not end up in nuclear weapons. India currently has 20 nuclear power stations and around 100 nuclear weapons.

5. Why have authorities evacuated areas in Iceland?
   a. a volcano has erupted - The Bardarbunga volcano began erupting on Saturday under the ice of Europe's largest glacier. When the Eyjafjallajökull volcano erupted in 2010 over 100,000 flights were cancelled.

6. Australian surfers are consistently successful at the Billabong Pro Teahupo'o (pronounced chow-poo) surf event. Where is Teahupo'o?
   b. Tahiti - Teahupo'o in Tahiti is the only natural wave break in the world, that breaks below sea level. It is renowned for being the deadliest competition associated with surfing to this present date. The Billabong Pro Teahupo'o, has claimed a recorded 5 human lives since the founding of the surfing event in 1999.

7. What was unusual about the crocodile blamed for the death of a fisherman in the Adelaide River last week?
   b. he had a white head - Police said the man was taken when he waded in to untangle his fishing line. The 4.5 metre crocodile known by locals as "Michael Jackson", had a white head but a dark body.

8. Which of the following was voted the funniest joke at the Edinburgh Fringe comedy festival?
   a. I decided to sell my Hoover vacuum cleaner ... well it was just collecting dust - Ten judges scoured the festival for a week before nominating their three favourite jokes for a total of 30 jokes. The public then voted on those to find the top 10. Comedian Tim Vine took out the top prize for his vacuum cleaner joke.

9. Which Australian city was named the world's most liveable city in a global survey for the 4th year in a row?
   c. Melbourne - The Economist Intelligence Unit's survey rated cities out of 100 in the areas of healthcare, education, stability, culture and environment and infrastructure. Sydney, Adelaide and Perth also made the top ten. Vienna in Austria and Vancouver in Canada took out second and third place.

10. The Bledisloe Cup is a rugby trophy contested between Australia and New Zealand each year. When was the last time Australia won the Bledisloe Cup?
    a. 2002 - Unfortunately, with a draw in the first game and a 51-20 defeat on the weekend, The Wallabies will need to wait at least another year.

11. Which popstar has had her concert cancelled by authorities in the Dominican Republic due to concerns it would negatively influence young people?
    b. Miley Cyrus - The Dominican Republic government commission that oversees public performances is banning a September 13 concert by Miley Cyrus on morality grounds. Miley Cyrus has just announced she will be bringing her concert to New Zealand.

12. Which charity event was held last Friday?
    b. Daffodil Day - it was established in Australia in 1986 and is the largest national fundraising event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. The day raises around $10m for cancer research, prevention and support services

13. In which continent would you find the Andes mountains?
    b. South America

14. True or false, Barack Obama has hosted a clip of himself participating in the ice bucket challenge?
    False - President Barack Obama won't be taking part in the ice bucket challenge that is sweeping America to raise money and awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease, also called amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. Obama has however made a donation.

15. What type of animal was in the news for receiving mouth to mouth resuscitation after it was hit by a car?
    a. a koala - Firefighters and wildlife workers have revived an injured koala with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation after it was hit by a car and later fell from a tree where it was taking shelter.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. a. Adelaide University - Mounted police units were used as hundreds of people had gathered to express anger about issues including planned changes to university fees, policies on asylum seekers and marriage equality

2. Maggie Beer A company she owns has admitted its product origin labels could have made consumers think they were made in the Barossa Valley.

3. Big Ben - The famous London clock gets cleaned annually by an abseiling team.

4. Papua New Guinea

5. Bill Shorten - he has been the Leader of the Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition since October 2013

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Hand, Foot and Mouth disease

Hand, Foot and Mouth disease is a very common viral disease of childhood which is easily passed from person to person. It usually causes a mild illness. It is not at all related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals. Good hygiene helps prevent infection.

What is hand, foot and mouth disease?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is generally a mild illness caused by the coxsackievirus. It is not a serious illness and is not at all related to the foot and mouth disease that affects animals. It mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but can also occur in older children and adults.

What are the symptoms?
- Coxsackievirus infection may cause no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms
- When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums, and on the sides of the tongue, as well as on the hands and feet. In infants, sometimes blisters can be seen in the nappy area. Blisters usually last for seven to 10 days
- Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may be off their food for a day or two
- Very rarely, the coxsackieviruses can cause other illnesses that affect the heart, brain, lining of the brain (meningitis), lungs, or eyes.

How is it spread?
- Hand, foot and mouth disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact. The virus is spread from the faeces of an infected person to the mouth of the next person by contaminated hands. It is also spread by secretions from the mouth or respiratory system, and by direct contact with the fluid from blisters
- It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. The virus can remain in faeces for several weeks.

Who is at risk?
- The viruses that cause hand, foot and mouth disease are common and adults, including pregnant women, are often exposed to them without symptoms. There is no clear evidence of risk to unborn babies from hand, foot and mouth disease. However, infected mothers can pass the infection onto newborn babies who rarely can have severe disease
- Outbreaks may occur in child care settings.

How is it prevented?
- Good hygiene is the best protection: wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, before eating, after wiping noses, and after changing nappies or soiled clothing
- Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (for example: towels, washers and toothbrushes), and clothing (especially shoes and socks)
- Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing
- Ensure the mouth and nose are covered when coughing and sneezing. Wipe the nose and mouth with tissues, dispose of used tissues and then wash your hands.

How is it diagnosed?
The doctor can diagnose hand, foot and mouth disease based on the symptoms. Laboratory tests are not usually necessary.

How is it treated?
Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin. If the headache is severe, or if fever persists, consult a doctor.

What is the public health response?
Hand, foot and mouth disease is not notifiable. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried.

To help prevent spread, parents should report the illness to the director of the childcare centre or school principal.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 035 or visit the New South Wales Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)