TERM 3
WEEK 9
16th September 2014
Wed 17th
10:30 am Sponge Cake & Strategic Planning meeting
11:15 am SASS appreciation and Arnika & Tatum’s farewell morning tea
1:30 pm Kinder transition Parent Info meeting
Stage 2/3 Library
Milo Day
P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs 18th
Insect hotels 1pm
Stage 1 Library
Fri 19th
Last day of school
Tuesday 7th Oct
Students return
We draw to the end of an extremely eventful term. Congratulations to our students and staff for their consistent efforts this term.

Matong Public School is a school that consistently achieves to a very high standard. For our excellence in Education, Matong Public School has been selected to feature in the Executive Director’s Report to the Minister recognising Innovation and Excellence in Educational Practice. Well done!

In our sporting arena, along with our recent outstanding Athletics achievements, we can now add cricket to our achievements this year. Congratulations to our students who travelled to Narrandera last week and won 3 out of the 4 matches on both days!!. Our students played against students from Narrandera Public School and Narrandera East. I am also happy to report that I have received many positive comments about Matong Public School students who displayed outstanding manners, participation and sportsmanship. Well done!

This term we have been fortunate to be part of the SpICE program and sadly we farewell our current students, Maheen, Roselynn, Caitlin and Dominique. We appreciate the sharing of their knowledge and expertise, and as outstanding role models for our young students. We wish them well in their careers and maybe our students may see them again at the CSU free Dental Clinic for children.

We also would like to congratulate Miss Buchanan and Miss Kew as they complete their final week of their internship and say how much we appreciate their dedication and professionalism in our school. We have seen enormous growth in the students' learning as a result of their teaching and learning programs in our classrooms.

We all enjoy seeing our community in our school and look forward to seeing many of you attending our meetings, morning teas and professional learning available tomorrow.

It has been quite a busy term and over the last few weeks especially, so I hope everyone has a restful and well deserved holiday and you can all recharge the batteries for term 4. I would like to extend to all the students, families and staff of Matong Public School my thanks for your support for our students and our beautiful school. I look forward to catching up with you in Term 4.

Anne-Moore, Principal

**STAGE ONE HOME LEARNING**

Stage One students will not be given their regular home tasks this week. Students are, however, expected to:

1. read every night
2. learn their spelling words
3. prepare for news groups.
STUDENT REPORT

This week stage 2 and year 2 went to cricket on Wednesday and stage 3 went to cricket on Thursday. Matong in stage 2 got 3 out of four and I was there.

Stage 1 has been learning in science about the mail - the process of writing and sending a letter. In English they have been writing persuasive texts.

Envirochamps have planted a hop scotch near the NOLA area. We are planting seeds in the vegetable garden and they are beetroot crimson globe, silver beet (chard) bright lights, dwarf bean brown beauty, dwarf bean snap bean. In the classroom stage 2-3 have been creating an animal as we have been learning about animal adaptation in our science unit Living Things. We are also making our insect hotels next week.

By Jaylene

Congratulations to our Hey Baby Competition Winners

The following students scored the most correct guesses:

Connor Smith, Jaedyn Kreis, Brodie Rudder, Digby Currie and Julia Walsh.

Thanks for participating.

Miss M

WANTED to borrow

Stage One will be creating a play based on the Flat Stanley books next term. If you have any Flat Stanley books in your home library we would love to borrow them please.

STAGE ONE LIBRARY

Stage 1 had their library session today. Students may also return/borrow this Friday

SUNSCREEN AND MOSQUITO REPELLENT

With the change in season we encourage all students to apply sunscreen before school and regularly throughout the day. Unfortunately the "mozzies" are out and about again too, so applying mosquito repellent before school would be a great idea as well.
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 17th September at 11.15am**, while the students enjoy their packed lunch. Please bring a plate to share.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**Stage 1 Awards**

Brodie Rudder - fantastic effort in writing

Jessica Rudder - Always being kind to others

**Stage 2 Awards**

Florence Meier - Extending herself in relation to explanation writing

Mandy Costello - Returning to school with such a positive attitude to her learning

**Stage 3 Awards**

Charlotte McGuiness - Trying her best in all areas

Grace Collins - Completing all set tasks

**Special Awards**

Connor Smith, Chontal Costello, Samantha Costello

**Principals Award**

Samantha Costello - responsible attitude at all times

**Tough Teeth**
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P&C NEWS

Rural Women’s Gathering

It was an early start Saturday morning, with our P&C ladies in Ganmain at 7am making sandwiches, then down to Coolamon Central school to set up and serve 200 ladies morning tea. There were lots of compliments on the delicious food and how good it looked. It was a fun day...Sonya and Valia weren’t in photo but did get to the early shift with us to make sandwiches.... $1200 for the school/P&C... for the kids!!!

A very big thank you to the lovely ladies who gave up their Saturday morning to help cater for this event. Your help was greatly appreciated! A special thank you to Cathy Booth and Michelle Hatty for the planning and organisation of the catering of our morning tea. The food was lovely and we got lots of positive comments. Well done!

P&C meeting

This Wednesday evening at 7:30. All welcome to attend.
MILO BLAST CRICKET
Congratulations to all MPS students who attended the Cricket Gala Days in Narrandera last week, not only on their excellent sporting skills but also for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.

The Year 2-4 students that attended on Wednesday played very well, highlights include some spectacular sixes, quite a few wickets and some classic catches. In the High Catching Competition Florence Meier came second overall in the girls competition and Ted Hatty made it to the top 4 in the boys competition. Well done to Ted, Tyler and Gus who not only played very well but mixed in with teams from other schools, your positive attitudes and skills were impressive. Some of the other school students were overheard saying that "Matong is the hardest team to beat" and that "Matong have really practiced as they are so good!" Wow!!!!

So after an awesome Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 turned up for some challenging cricket games last Thursday. All students participated and supported their team very well, including our 3 adopted Narrandera Public School students, who fitted in with us and we saw some impressive batting partnerships form. Lots of smashing sixes, awesome fielding, cheering and encouragement from team members plus "eagle eyes" Connor Smith was able to take quite a few wickets in each of the games. A final pat on the back for student behaviour, it was spot-on, with several parents and teachers commenting on how well MPS students conducted themselves over the two days.

I hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity as much as I did!

Leanne McGuiness

HELPERS WANTED
We have a large number of library books that have recently been accessioned ready to go on the shelves. Before they do, however, they need to be covered. If you are able to assist with this task either by taking the books home and returning or covering them at school it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.
INSECT HOTELS

During science this term stage 2/3 have been looking at Living Things, as part of this unit all student’s will be filling their own section of an insect hotel that will be placed within the Native Outdoor Learning Area (NOLA). This project will also assist the year 5 students with the envirochamps projects running within the school.

We ask that if possible, could your child please bring in any unwanted materials. Items such as

- Dried leaves
- Bark
- Logs (no longer than 30 cm)
- Old/broken bricks
- Old/broken pots
- Chicken wire

Stage one will each be filling a section of the insect house as well.

We are planning to construct the insect hotels on Thursday 18th September. Parents are welcome to come along and help at 1pm.

PORTFOLIO RETURN

Please return portfolios to school at your earliest convenience.
Remember your Stars and Wishes sheet.

WANTED PLEASE

- # Old pairs of socks
- # Old newspapers
- # Fabric scraps

Thank you

SEPTEMBER IS FRUIT AND VEG MONTH

Nothing is easier than raw veggie sticks and dip! A variety of vegetables can be used as well as some low-fat dips. Try hummus or a simple avocado yogurt dip to go with the veggie sticks. Peanut butter or cream cheese may also go well with a vegetable such as celery sticks.

Put a twist on fresh fruit by chilling in the freezer, it gives fruit a different texture. Freezing works with all fruits, but grapes, blueberries and bananas are especially tasty when frozen.
Lettuce wraps are a good way to pack a lot of veggies into a meal. Chop up any vegetables you have such as carrots, celery, and capsicum. Add spices to your liking and sauté it all together. If you don't have the time, the chopped veggies can also be served raw. Pile the mixture onto lettuce leaves and serve. It becomes an interactive and fun way for kids to eat. Try adding chicken, tuna, or egg salad for a boost of protein!

CONGRATULATIONS

Big congratulations to Jannelle Beard on her prestigious TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Recognising and Rewarding Excellence’ Award

The RARE Awards focus on recognising and rewarding behaviour and actions that are consistent with the Institute’s values of Customer First, Integrity, Innovation, Courage and Passion, as well as showcasing and sharing staff innovation and excellence.

A huge congratulations to our valiant Miss M on her premiership win with the Kooringal Wagga Wagga Netball Incorporation B2 Grade on the weekend.

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.

KINDER TRANSITION

If you know of a child considering starting school at Matong Public School in 2015 we would love to hear from them. Please inform us of their name/contact details so we can send an invitation to join us for an exciting Kinder Transition detailed below.
FOR SALE

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

WHO AM I?

Our mystery student is Bronwyn Camin. Thank you to those members of the community who helped us solve the mystery.

Parents or caregivers are required by law to provide an explanation to the principal to say why their child was absent from school.

A note of explanation should contain:
1. Date that the note was written;
2. Child's name;
3. Days/dates the child was absent from school;
4. The reason the child was absent;
5. The signature of the child’s parent or caregiver.

If more than one child from the same family has been absent, a separate note for each child should be written.

A note should be brought to school on the first day the student returns to school after an absence. Your school is required to investigate all unexplained absences (where a child has been absent and no explanation has been received) within two days.

Did your child give the note to their teacher? This can sometimes be a problem with younger children.
What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)

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.

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

A Gardening Workshop will be held this 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.

Our next Storytime will be held this Friday 19th September @ 10.30am. The theme is “Dinosaurs”. Come and join in the fun of stories and songs; we welcome new families to come along.

The School holiday program has lots of workshops and programs for children to enjoy over the holidays. Some of the activities include “Sweet Science” - science experiments involving tasty treats, “Scarecrow Storytime for Big kids”, Clowning Around and a Fishing Clinic to Narrandera. The program is available by visiting the Coolamon Shire website and at the Coolamon Library. Bookings and further information please phone the library - 69272492.

The library is a great place to study particularly for the upcoming HSC exams. It provides a quiet and different environment, as well as wifi access and a selection of study guides to borrow. Everyone is most welcomed.

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

1. In which part of the United Kingdom will a vote be held on Thursday to decide whether it should become an independent country and separate from the UK?
   a. Wales
   b. Scotland
   c. Northern Ireland

2. What did the Australian Federal Police leave at Sydney Airport which has resulted in an apology?
   a. a police sniffer dog
   b. explosives
   c. a taser

3. True or false, the new watch product announced by Apple will be called the iWatch?

4. The Reserve Bank is redesigning bank notes. How will they be different?
   a. they are changing the people on them
   b. they are adding security features
   c. they are changing the colours
   d. all of the above

5. In what unusual location did one of Rory McIroy's shots land while he was playing in golf's US Tour Championship?
   a. in a bird's nest
   b. in the club house restaurant
   c. in the pocket of a spectator

6. What is The Outback Way?
   a. an Australian film that is soon to be released
   b. the largest boutique shopping mall in Australia currently being built in Melbourne
   c. a road project which will seal 1,600 kilometres of roads between Queensland and WA

7. Why has one of Adelaide's most expensive private schools been in the news recently?
   a. the school is closing due to a severe drop in the roll
   b. the principal has been accused of using school funds for personal use
   c. the school wants to withdraw lunch funding for staff

8. Which recently released video game has been the most expensive game ever made?
   a. Virtual Reality
   b. Entity
   c. Destiny

9. Which famous race horse have museum staff found parts of his heart while searching through an inherited collection of specimens?
   a. Tulloch
   b. Carbine
   c. Phar Lap

10. Why has the Guinness World Records book been in the news recently?
    a. it's name will be changing because Guinness has sold the copyright
    b. it has been accused of making up some of the records
    c. it has celebrated it's 60th birthday

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12. Scientists have said that the layer which protects us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays is starting to recover. What is it called?
    a. the UV layer
    b. the ozone layer
    c. the alpha layer

13. In which country is biltong a popular type of food?

14. Why were the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in the news last week?
    a. Kate broke her arm while skiing
    b. the couple have been seen holidaying in a Queensland resort
    c. they have announced they are having another baby

15. Which annual sports event which is held in Melbourne has been in the news for making a record $60 million loss?
    a. Melbourne Spring Horse Racing Carnival
    b. Formula One Australian Grand Prix
    c. Australian Tennis Open
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. In which building was this photo taken?

2. Name the sportsman on the left of the photo.

3. What is the name of this Canberra festival?

4. Which country has this flag?

5. What is this man's first name?
Weekly Quiz - Answers

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   a. England - The referendum question is "Should Scotland be an independent country?" — voters can only answer yes or no. Polls suggest the vote will be close.
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    False - Health authorities triggered contagious disease protocols after it was revealed a 27-year-old man who had returned from West Africa in late August had complained of feeling unwell. Queensland Health confirmed tonight all blood tests taken from the man had returned a negative result.

12. Scientists have said that the layer which protects us from the sun’s harmful ultraviolet rays is starting to recover. What is it called?
    a. the ozone layer - Back in the 1970s, scientists first realized that we were rapidly depleting Earth’s ozone layer which protects us from the sun’s harmful UV rays. Scientists now believe it is recovering due to efforts in the 1980s to phase out CFC’s and other destructive chemicals.
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    b. Formula One Australian Grand Prix - The 2014 Australian Grand Prix posted a record $56.97m loss amid rising costs and declining revenue. The loss, subsidised by taxpayers in Victoria, outstrips last year’s deficit of $50.7m by over 18%.

Visual Answers

1. **The White House** - Obviously, the son of a retiring government advisor was not particularly interested in meeting President Obama in The Oval Office.
2. **Lleyton Hewitt** - Playing alongside Chris Guccione against Uzbekistan in the Davis Cup match.
3. **Floriade** - 2014 marks the 27th edition of this iconic event with 400,000 visitors expected.
4. **China**
5. **Oscar** - Oscar Pistorius has been convicted of culpable homicide, but not of murder.

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