TERM 3
WEEK 9
9th September 2014

Mon 8th – Wed 10th
Miss M – away at Professional Learning

Wed 10th
Yr 2-4 Milo Cricket
Stage 2/3 Library
Milo Day

Thurs 11th
Yr 5-6 Milo Cricket
Stage 1 Library

Saturday 13th
P&C Catering
Rural Women’s Conference
Helpers Wanted

Happy Borambola Campers

“Sheriff” Scarecrow

Healthy Lunchbox session

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Welcome back to Stage 3 from their exciting week at Borambola last week. It’s great to see our senior students settling straight back into their learning and leadership roles.

Year 6 students will be travelling to Narrandera High School next Wednesday for their next transition day. Year 2 students will also have a taster afternoon in the Stage 2/3 room on this day from 1.30pm and we look forward to future Year 2 transition days over the next term.

All students traveling to the Narrandera Milo Blast Cricket gala day should have their transport finalised by now. If you are unsure about transport arrangements, please contact the office to confirm.

Please take the time to view our new additions to the school website. I have added new information in the P&C section of the website and plan to continue to keep parents up to date on the DEC Reforms and our School Improvement Plans.

Last day of term 3 is next Friday 19th September, with all students returning for an 11 week term, in summer uniform on Tuesday 7th October. Christmas break beginning on Thursday 18th December.

Anne-Moore, Principal

STAGE ONE LEARNING

Stage one have been learning about communication in Science and Technology. Students will be learning about the mail system over the next two weeks. Students should be expecting a letter in the mail from a peer in the next week as part of this learning.
STUDENT REPORT

Stage one have been doing father's day activities, place mats, signs and reading. Stage 2 has been having a party without Stage 3 at school. Stage 3 have been having fun at Borambola.

By Ted and Gus

BORAMBOLA

1st September – 5th September 2014

Last week 10 students from Matong Public School travelled to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre for a week of fun, physical activities and team building. Mrs McGuiness and Mr Polkinghorne supervised us and from all reports everyone had a fantastic time.

Activities included archery, BMX riding, fencing, 2.5 hour bushwalk, camp-out cooking, kayaking, low rope courses, rock climbing, mini golf, tennis, basketball, orienteering, scream testing, shoe tossing, a scavenger hunt, table tennis, giant chess and flying fox. Night time activities included the Borambola night show, dance party and mini Olympics.

Stay tuned for the gossip and highlights next week!

By Charlotte McGuiness

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Last week I attended a two-day Live Life Well @ School professional learning workshop which promotes a whole school community approach to physical wellbeing and health.

Live Life Well @ School (LLWatS) is a joint initiative between the NSW Department of Education and Communities and NSW Ministry of Health that aims to get more students, more active, more often, as well as improving students’ eating habits. We are currently drafting our Matong PS LLWatS Action Plan for initiating a sustainable change in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Once approved, our school can receive an implementation grant of $2000 to make the change happen!

We will be seeking input from staff, students and parents/carers. Please watch this space!

Thanks – Valerie McKelvie
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

Digby Currie - Fantastic effort in all areas

Julia Walsh - Wonderful contributions to classroom discussions

Stage 2/3 Awards

Albert Booth - Positive attitude towards classroom activities

Jaylene McFarlane - Improved application to classroom activities

RFF and Library Awards

Brodie Rudder - Great attention to history lessons

David Beard - Focussed attention to music classes

Special Awards

David Beard, Amanda Costello, Chontal Costello, William Beard, Tyler Smith

Principals Award

Jack McGovern - Responsible work as sports shed monitor
P&C NEWS

RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING - HELPERS WANTED PLEASE!!!

We are catering the morning tea for 200 people at this event, this Saturday morning, 13th September.
We will be meeting at the Ganmain Hall kitchen at 7:00am Saturday morning to make the sandwiches. After this we will head up to Coolamon Central School and set up at 9:30 ready to serve morning tea at 10:15.
We are asking that you please help out in some way on Saturday morning.
Contact Kristie (0429311277) if you have any questions or if you can help out. Thank you.

P&C meeting
Our next meeting will be next Wednesday evening, 17th September at 7:30pm. All welcome.

SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS

Please visit the school website Matong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for information regarding bullying, reflective practices and reform agenda. New links can be accessed under the P&C tab. Also check out our exciting new school newsletter tab where you can view the newsletter in an e-book style, turning the pages like a book.
“SHERIFF SCARECROW” THANKS YOU

Newest MPS resident ‘Sheriff Scarecrow’ sincerely thanks all families who were so quick off the mark to send in items so that he could become a reality! Stage One/ Two and Charlie Collins collaborated beautifully to create the ‘Sheriff’ last Friday with the help of Miss Buchanan, Miss Kew and Miss McKelvie. ‘Sheriff’ will represent MPS at the Coolamon Scarecrow festival coming up on the long weekend in October. Further thanks to Mr Terrence Carroll. The sheaf of hay donated to us by Mr Carroll was put to many uses, with it coming in especially useful for making our scarecrow.

Be sure to go along to the festival to lend him your support! Thanks everyone!

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.

Thank you

WANTED PLEASE

# Old pairs of socks
# Old newspapers
# Fabric scraps
SEPTEMBER IS FRUIT AND VEG MONTH

Fruit salads are a good way to increase your child’s fruit intake. Ready chopped, bite sized fruit of different colours are very appealing.

Try adding chopped fresh fruit into yogurt or cereal for texture and flavor. Bite-size pieces make it easier and more likely it’ll be eaten.

If you’re having difficulty talking to your kids about nutrition, refer to Healthy Kids Association Nutrition for Kids: 5 Tips blog post to help you out! Kids largely only understand concrete ideas, which many nutrition concepts are not! Keep it simple when talking to kids.

If you’ve run out of ideas for healthy meals or if your children are craving something new, check out the Healthy Kids Association article on 5 Healthy Meals for Kids. It shows creative ways of spicing up ordinary meals, while loading the dishes with veggies. It may also give you inspiration to create your own healthier version of traditional meals.

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.

PLEASE SEND IN OUTSTANDING NOTES

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?

We recently received this photo from Wagga Wagga DEC Office. It is a photo of Wagga Wagga Director of Schools, Mrs J Whittaker with Matong children. Thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Menzies we have identified three of the four students as follows: Alana Steele, ?? mystery student, Rebecca Reilly and Stewart Menzies. Please contact the school if you have any information so we can update our records.
Self Reflection and Children
Help Kids to Develop Reflective Skills

So How Was School Today? (Without actually saying those words!)

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. Where is your favourite place at school?
4. Tell me an interesting word that you heard today.
5. If I called your teacher tonight what would she/he tell me about you?
6. How did you help somebody today?
7. How did somebody help you today?
8. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
9. When were you happiest at school today?
10. Who would you like to play with at recess that you’ve never played with before?
11. Tell me something good that happened today.
12. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
13. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
14. Who in your class do you think you could be friendlier to?
15. Where do you play the most at recess?
16. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
17. What was your favourite part of lunch?
18. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?
19. Tell me about three different times you wrote today at school.
20. Tell me two stars and one wish about how your day went.

Based on Reference: http://www.simplesimonandco.com/
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.

CAPTURE COOLAMON SHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd places in each of the five sections in the Youth Category for those aged 17yrs and under

*Landscape  *Built Environment  *Nature  *People/Portrait Study  *Creative

Entry $5 for a maximum of five entries. Entries close October 24, 2014

For more information please go to www.coolamonshire.com.au

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Our next Storytime will be held 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 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.

The school holiday program is being finalized – the program will be available from next week.

A Gardening Workshop will be 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!
School Holiday Tennis Lessons
With
Roman Adamcewicz

WHEN: Monday 22nd September - Friday 26th September
WHERE: Geenmain Tennis Courts
TIME: 9.00am - 12.00 noon
COST: $100.00 per child

Children must be of 8 years or older if not had tennis coaching previously.

If you need more information or would like to place your name on the list please call Kellie Hamblin 9927150 or 0419 276150.
Weekly Quiz

1. What crashed into the bedroom of a Melbourne couple last week?
   a. a police car
   b. a tractor
   c. an ice cream truck

2. What was a tanker carrying when it rolled and exploded, damaging a highway and injuring eight people in Queensland?
   a. fertiliser  
   b. petrol  
   c. alcohol

3. True or false, Ukraine’s and Russia’s leaders announced a ceasefire last week?

4. In which sport have the Australian Boomers been competing in Spain at the 2014 World Cup?
   a. Softball
   b. Hockey
   c. Basketball

5. True or false, the government is introducing a new law putting an R18 age restriction on energy drinks?

6. France has suspended a planned delivery to Russia due to the Ukraine crisis. What were they due to deliver?
   a. a cargo ship full of new cars
   b. two warships
   c. a train full of nuclear waste

7. Why have sales in vacuum cleaners greatly increased in Britain recently?
   a. restrictions in the power usage of vacuum cleaners means they will soon be less powerful
   b. new research has recommended that vacuum cleaners be replaced every two years
   c. the government has decided to subsidise vacuum cleaners to lower costs of allergies on the health system

8. After Sydney, what is the second largest city in New South Wales?

9. True or false, Clive Palmer did the ice bucket challenge last week?

10. Which state or territory of Australia has just opened the largest solar farm?
    a. ACT
    b. Western Australia
    c. Queensland

11. True or false, Joe Hockey has announced that the Abbott government has managed to scrap the mining tax?

12. Why has Gotye been in the news recently?
    a. his new song has reached No.1 on US charts
    b. he has started a political party
    c. he is facing charges of tax fraud

13. What was the final score in the Wallabies versus the Springboks rugby game that was held in Perth on Saturday evening?
    a. Australia 42 - 20 South Africa
    b. Australia 24 - 23 South Africa
    c. Australia 18 - 24 South Africa

14. In which language is Guten Tag a greeting?
    a. German
    b. Swedish
    c. Chinese

15. How much was a teacher awarded in a legal case after suffering a major breakdown caused by dealing with difficult students at a Melbourne school?
    a. $30,000
    b. $120,000
    c. $770,000
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. What sport does this photo from the weekend relate to?

2. This photo shows President Obama making a surprise visit to which famous landmark?

3. In which Australian city did this tragic event occur last week?

4. Which nation has this flag?

5. Of which country is this man the Prime Minister?
a. Fiji  b. Samoa  c. Tonga
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What crashed into the bedroom of a Melbourne couple last week?
   a. a tractor - A 34-year-old man and 41-year-old woman received minor injuries when the tractor ploughed through their bedroom in Lyndhurst about 12.45am. It’s believed the tractor, a 2009 John Deere, was stolen from a nearby market garden.
   b. a tractor - A police officer and four firefighters were among those hospitalised after a truck carrying ammonium nitrate rolled over and exploded near Charleville in south-west Queensland. A police spokesman said the blast was so powerful the truck disintegrated, destroying two firefighting vehicles along with it and causing huge damage to the Mitchell Highway.

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   b. ammonium nitrate - The tankers were carrying ammonium nitrate, a highly explosive substance used in fertilisers.

3. True or false, Ukraine’s and Russia’s leaders announced a ceasefire last week?
   True - the break in the five-month conflict that has killed at least 2,600 people has been welcomed by residents and combatants in eastern Ukraine, but many say they do not expect it to last.

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   a. Basketball
   b. Baseball
   c. Basketball

5. True or false, the government is introducing a new law putting an R18 age restriction on energy drinks?
   False - There has been speculation as to whether an R18 should be placed on energy drinks after a coroner’s report on a man who died earlier in the year suggested that the death was caused by caffeine toxicity attributed to energy drinks.

6. France has suspended a planned delivery to Russia due to the Ukraine crisis. What were they due to deliver?
   a. warships - The French government has suspended the planned delivery of the first of two helicopter carriers ordered by Russia, citing Moscow’s actions in Ukraine.
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   Newcastle - It has a population of 420,000 which puts it ahead Wollongong (280,000).

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10. Which state or territory of Australia has just opened the largest solar farm?
    a. ACT - Canberra’s first solar farm, and the first in the country to be connected to the national grid, was opened south of Tuggeranong on Wednesday, signaling the start of the ACT Government’s move to renewable energy.

11. True or false, Joe Hockley has announced that the Abbott government has managed to scrap the mining tax?
    True - The mining tax or the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) is a tax on profits generated from the exploitation of non-renewable resources in Australia. The tax, levied on 30% of the profits from the mining of iron ore and coal in Australia once a company’s annual profits reach $75 million. The new coalition government announced it would scrap the tax saying it had led to negative impacts on investment in mining projects, and resulted in significant compliance costs.

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