2015 , Term 1, Week 2

MATONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4th
Optional—Kinder Swimming for sport
8yrs & older
P&C AGM 7.30pm

Friday 6th
Yoga

- PLEASE RETURN —
 Wednesday Swimming for sport Note

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS
Are you on Facebook?
To get all of the latest breaking news and previews of the coming school day ahead, like our school Facebook page and join the followers who stay up-to-date with our happenings via social media.

“Tiimmmberrrr!” Today we said goodbye to some great trees
Congratulations to all members of our school community who supported the Ganmain P.S. triathlon that was held last Sunday. Well done to those who participated, your efforts are to be congratulated.

Last Thursday, all stage 2/3 students, plus those from Stage 1 who turn eight years of age this year, headed to Ganmain Pool for sport in preparation for the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival which is to be held at Ganmain Pool next Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} February. Whilst the swimming carnival is being held, our stage one students who are not swimming in the carnival will remain at school with Mrs Crocker. The note regarding the swimming carnival is included in this newsletter and is to be returned by this Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} February to allow us to organise transport before next Friday. The district carnival will be held at the Ariah Park pool Thursday, 26\textsuperscript{th} February.

We look forward to recommencing Yoga with Sonya Currie for all students this Friday.

Tomorrow evening is the first meeting of our P. and C. for this year. It will be held in the staffroom from 7.30 p.m. and all families are strongly encouraged to ensure they are represented.

I look forward to catching up as many parents as possible at Wednesday’s P. and C. meeting.

Anne-Maree Moore
Principal

**STAGE 2/3 NEWS**

Mrs McGuiness and Miss Buchanan would like to welcome all new and existing students and their families into the Stage 2/3 classroom. We are currently putting together a note to send out to parents explaining the classroom routine and structure.

This week Stage 2/3 are getting back into routine, we have been completing morning literacy groups and completing daily maths activities in our selected stages.

Students’ books will be sent home at the end of the week for covering, please ensure each book is clearly marked with your child’s name and the subject.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday at the information night; we ask that if you have any questions to ring the school prior to the night to ensure we are able to answer your questions.

Mrs McGuiness and Miss Buchanan

Welcome to MPS—Mrs Crocker, Dylan, Jack, Laura, Charlie & Josef
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**SWIMMING FOR SPORT**

All students 8 yrs and above will be travelling to the Ganmain pool for sport this coming Wednesday to practise for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. Please ensure the note is returned to school tomorrow.

**SMALL SCHOOL’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Ganmain Public will be hosting this year’s carnival on Friday 13th February at Ganmain. The focus of this carnival is on participation and all students are strongly encouraged to enter as many events as possible on the day. The purpose of this carnival is to provide all students with every opportunity to compete in swimming events in a friendly and supportive environment. Whilst it serves a guide as to who will represent individual schools at the district carnival, it enables all students to “have a go” and achieve as many personal bests as possible on the day. Please find attached to today’s newsletter a permission note for those children who turn 8 years or older during 2015. All students under the age of 8 will remain at school with Mrs Crocker and Mrs Fisher.

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Each year the school provides all students with their textbooks and stationery needs. To assist with covering the cost of these items, we ask that family pay a voluntary contribution of $40.00 for each student, $80.00 for two students or $115.00 for three or more students. It would be appreciated if this contribution could be paid as soon as personal funds permit, either as a whole payment or in instalments.

**WANTED**

Empty 600ml glass soft drinks bottles - Please leave at the front office. Thank you
**WELCOME BBQ and PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

All parents and their families are invited to join us for a BBQ (sausage in bread $1, Steak Sandwich $3) and information night beginning at 5.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new families and hear what will be happening in your child’s classroom this year. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

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**CHILD PROTECTION**

As per the Department of Education and Communities Policies we would like to remind you that all parents, caregivers or volunteers who assist in the school in any capacity must have completed a Working With Children Check. Anyone providing transport for students will need to also ensure that the school has sighted your current drivers licence and car registration details. Comprehensive insurance is not required. Please complete the attached Volunteer Excursion form with your updated licence and vehicle registration details along with your Working with Children Check number at your earliest convenience.

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**P&C NEWS**

**Annual General Meeting**

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. The P&C does an amazing job supporting our students but can only succeed with your support. These meetings are a great way to be involved with your child’s schooling in a relaxed, casual environment. Everyone is very welcome so we hope to see you there.

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**AWARD WINNERS**

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**Need help managing stress or anxiety?**

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.
Interested in Playing Basketball
Narrandera Basketball are about to commence their junior autumn 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.

Boys will play Wednesday afternoons and Girls will play on Thursday afternoons.

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

Competition will commence Wednesday 25th February 2015. Names to me by the above methods by Friday 20th February 2015.

Looking forward to a new season of basketball.

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COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

Storytime will start again this Friday 6th February @ 10.30am theme - “Farms”. The morning is filled with lots of stories, songs and finishing up with a craft the children are able to take home - we welcome any new families to join us. The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 21st February @ 10.30am theme “Under the Sea”.

Our first “Heart and Soul” gathering for the year will be held Tuesday, 24th February @ 10.30am at the Coolamon Library. Yvonne Hitchenor from NERRCS will again be conducting these workshops. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

Another year well on its way the library has many resources available. The library has three public computers with free internet, printing services and photocopying all available. Also the library offers Inter Library loans and Inter Branch loans for those items which are not available in the library. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse - membership is FREE.
Weekly Quiz

1. Which country did Australia beat to win football’s Asian Cup?
   a. South Korea
   b. China
   c. Qatar

2. True or false, the black box flight recorder from the AirAsia plane that crashed in the holidays, has been found?

3. To whom did Tony Abbott award a knighthood that has resulted in major controversy?
   a. actor Rose Byrne
   b. cricketer Shane Warne
   c. Prince Philip

4. True or false, Queensland premier Campbell Newman lost the vote in his own Ashgrove electorate during the recent state elections?

5. In which country did an explosion of a gas truck devastate a maternity hospital last week?
   a. Britain
   b. Mexico
   c. India

6. What was the name of the film that starred Russell Crowe and was awarded the AACTA Award for Best Film?
   a. The Babadook
   b. The Water Diviner
   c. The Rover

7. True or false, Australia has the largest number of purebred camels in the world?

8. Allergic reactions during surgery have prompted calls to restrict the use of which over-the-counter medicine?
   a. panadol
   b. antihistamine
   c. cough medicine

9. Why has British soul singer Sam Smith been in the news recently?
   a. he has cancelled his Australian tour
   b. he is being made to pay royalties to another singer for his song *Stay With Me*
   c. he had to be rescued when his London apartment caught fire

10. True or false, until 1988 Australia Day was celebrated on the 3rd of January?

11. What is the main language spoken in the city of Madrid?

12. A High Court has ruled that it was legal for a group of 157 Sri Lankan asylum seekers to be detained at sea by Australian authorities last year. How long were they kept at sea?
   a. just over a week
   b. nearly one month
   c. three months

13. What crashed into the grounds of the White House in the US last week?
   a. a skydiver
   b. a drone
   c. a light plane

14. Why was a shipment of muesli bars rejected by the Manus Island detention centre?
   a. they were out of date
   b. they were found to be infested with weevils
   c. because of the brand name

15. Australian Nick Kyrgios has been in the media a lot recently. Which sport is he involved in?
   a. tennis
   b. cricket
   c. cycling
1. In which country would you see this landmark?

2. Name the woman standing at the front of this photo.

3. In which city was this photo taken in the holidays?

4. Which country has this flag?

5. What award has this woman just received?
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. Which country did Australia beat to win football's Asian Cup?
   a. South Korea - Australia won its first ever Asian Cup title with a nervy and dramatic 2-1 extra-time win over South Korea at Stadium Australia in Sydney.

2. True or false, the black box flight recorder from the AirAsia plane that crashed in the holidays, has been found?
   True - photo data from the black box flight recorder has provided information about what happened when AirAsia flight QZ8501 went down. The Airbus A320 vanished from radar screens in bad weather on December 28, during a flight from Indonesia's second-biggest city of Surabaya to Singapore. All 182 people on board were killed.

3. To whom did Tony Abbott award a knighthood that has resulted in major controversy?
   c. Prince Philip - The awarding of knighthoods and damehoods was discontinued in 1978 but brought back briefly in 1986 and then reinstated by Tony Abbott in 2014.

4. True or false, Queensland premier Campbell Newman lost the vote in his own Ashgrove electorate during the recent state elections?
   True - Kate Jones's win over Campbell Newman in Ashgrove constitutes only the second time in Queensland history a premier has lost his seat.

5. In which country did an explosion of a gas truck devastate a maternity hospital last week?
   b. Mexico - hundreds of rescuers, some with dogs, scoured the rubble of the maternity and children's hospital in the Cuajimalpa borough after the huge blast. A nurse and two babies lost their lives and many newborns were injured.

6. What was the name of the film that starred Russell Crowe and was awarded the AACTA Award for Best Film?
   b. The Water Diviner - Two feature films were awarded the AACTA Award for Best Film; The Babadook, by first-time feature film director Jennifer Kent and The Water Diviner - also a directorial debut for Russell Crowe. New television drama 'The Code' (ABC) led the tally for the television awards receiving an four awards.

7. True or false, Australia has the largest number of purebred camels in the world?
   True - an estimated 750,000 camels roam our deserts. Australia now even exports them to the Middle East. They were brought here in the 1960s to help open up the interior and have truly thrived.

8. Allergic reactions during surgery have prompted calls to restrict the use of which over-the-counter medicine?
   c. cough medicine - Anaesthetists are calling for over 50 cough medicines containing pholcodine to be restricted due to fears that they are causing severe allergic reactions during surgery. People who use pholcodine form an antibody which can react with some muscle relaxants used in anaesthetics and can cause death.

9. Why has British soul singer Sam Smith been in the news recently?
   b. he is being made to pay royalties to another singer for his song 'Stay With Me' - Sam Smith is having to pay rock icon Tom Petty royalties on his hit 'Stay With Me' because it was decided by a court that the tune too closely resembled the 64-year-old legend's 1969 song 'I Won't Back Down.'

10. True or false, until 1988 Australia Day was celebrated on the 3rd of January?
    False - Australia Day has always been celebrated on the 26 January as it marks the anniversary of the 1788 arrival of the First Fleet of British ships at Port Jackson.

11. What is the main language spoken in the city of Madrid?
    Spanish

12. A High Court has ruled that it was legal for a group of 157 Sri Lankan asylum seekers to be detained at sea by Australian authorities last year. How long were they kept at sea?
    b. nearly one month - The asylum seekers were picked up and held on a Customs boat for nearly a month last June after leaving a port at Pondicherry in southern India. Lawyers for the group argued the detention outside Australia was illegal and at odds with international obligations.

13. What crashed into the grounds of the White House in the US last week?
   b. a drone - This is the latest in a string of security breaches involving the White House, including the September incident in which an intruder jumped the fence and made his way inside the executive mansion. It is illegal to fly anything in the restricted air space above and around the White House.

14. Why was a shipment of muesli bars rejected by the Manus Island detention centre?
   c. because of the brand name - The company running the Manus Island detention centre has refused a $30,000 shipment of 'Freedom' muesli bars because the brand was thought inappropriate to give to asylum seekers who were locked up.

15. Australian Nick Kyrgios has been in the media a lot recently. Which sport is he involved in?
   a. tennis - Kyrgios reached the quarterfinals in the Australian Tennis Open in which he played against Andy Murray and lost 6-3 7-6 6-3. Nick Kyrgios first gained notoriety when he reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 2014.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**

1. Greece - The Acropolis
2. Serena Williams - Winner of the 2015 Australian Open
3. Sydney - thousands of flowers were left in Martin Place in a tribute to the victims of the Lindt Cafe siege.
4. Germany
5. Australian of the Year - Rosie Batty became one of the key voices calling for action on domestic violence.

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