2015, Term 1, Week 6

MATONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

MARCH

Wednesday 4th
Optional—Kinder
Scripture

Friday 6th
Mrs Moore—
Principal Meeting

Schools Clean Up Australia

Great swimming David

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Every child...Every chance...Every day...
Congratulations the students who competed at the District Swimming Carnival at Ariah Park on Thursday and thank to parents and carers who assisted on the day. We wish Ted and George Hatty along with the MPS P5 relay team all the best at the Albury Riverina carnival next Monday.

Please find attached to the newsletter a letter inviting you to attend your child’s Student personalised Learning Plan meeting in Week 8. These meetings are a chance for you to sit with your child and their classroom teacher to determine their learning goals as we know that we are more likely to succeed when we set clear goals. Please return your preferred time on the note attached.

The builders have completed the wall removal with carpet to be repaired in the next two weeks. Once the library shelves arrive we will be able to proceed with purchase of new furniture items and the possibility of painting and redecorating the room. It certainly does look very different in there now! If you are passing by, please feel free to drop in and take a look.

Thank you as always to parents and students who take the time to have the discussions with me directly which allow us to move our school forward.

Have a great week

Anne—Maree Moore
Principal

**CHANGES TO HOMEWORK - STAGE 2/3**

Please note that there have been some minor changes to the homework for Stage 2/3 students. Due to observations within the classroom, teachers have decided that the current spelling program is not working as well as we had intended. We will now be using a spelling program called Sound Waves, it is a comprehensive program that will better support our diverse range of learners within Stage 2/3.

Please also note that homework should only take around 10-15 minutes per night. The activities within the grid are activities that students can do of an afternoon to be active and to help around the house; only three options need to be completed once each week. We are in the middle of organising home readers to be sent home with Stage 2 to assist with reading at home, as we as teachers encourage all parents to read with their children each night.

Thank you and enjoy your week!
STAGE ONE NEWS

Last week we wrote a senses poem about War. This week we are learning about Simpson and his donkey called Duffy.
We have been learning about times tables. We have been learning about vowels and verbs. The Stage 2/3 wall has been knocked down. It looks much better.
We have been playing nice games together. Mrs Crocker will be sending home some phonics charts for Kindergarten this week.

Stage 1 and Mrs Crocker

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**War**

- Looks like a day gone dark
- Sounds like loud guns going off
- Smells like smoke
- Tastes like stale popcorn
- War feels like pain

By Laura Hatty

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**War**

- Looks like... Holes in the ground
- Sounds like... Bombs exploding
- Smells like... Runny blood
- Tastes like... Dirt and smoke
- War feels like... Sad and unhappy

By Dylan Star
DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who attended the district swimming carnival at Ariah Park last Thursday. You all did a fantastic job in the pool and represented Matong Public School perfectly with your support for one another and your beautiful manners on the day.

A big thank you once again to our parents who came on the day and who helped out with duties. We are very lucky to have such helpful and supportive parents who make it possible for us to attend sporting events.

I am currently awaiting the final results of who has made it to Riverina and will inform students and parents as soon as possible.

Arnika Buchanan
VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those families who have already made a voluntary contribution. It would be appreciated if this contribution could be paid as soon as personal funds permit, either as a whole payment or in instalments. To assist with student costs we ask that each family pay a voluntary contribution of $40.00 for each student, $80.00 for two students or $115.00 for three or more students.

Stage 1 Awards
Josef Meier—Creating a wonderful sensory poem
Jessica Rudder—Great application in Maths
Laura Hatty—Displaying great sportsmanship when playing games with her peers

Stage 2 Awards
Brodie Rudder—Having a very positive attitude towards Literacy groups
Noah Kitching—Writing a great narrative
Tegan Hatty—Always being a polite student

Stage 3 Awards
Chontal Costello—Great narrative writing
Albert Booth—Having a positive attitude towards learning
George Hatty—A fantastic thank you speech at the District Carnival

Principals Award
George Hatty & Connor Smith—Outstanding leadership
P&C NEWS

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday night 11th March.

Helpers required to assist with catering and serving on Sunday 29th March at the Ian Lucas Memorial Bike and Hike. Please see back page for more information.

HELPERS NEEDED

UNIFORMS

Sport Polo Shirt
Children 6 to 12 -$25.00

Sport Shorts
Children's 6 to 14 - $16.50

Sport Track Pants
Children's 4 to 14 - $23.00,

Fleecy Jumpers
Children's 6 to 14,- $30.00

Hats -$15.50

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

The next storytime for will be held this Friday 6TH March @ 10.30am theme "Hats and Hair". Children can bring along their favourite hat to wear for this session. We welcome new families to join us.

The Coolamon Library is hosting author Anne Flood, who will speak about the First Light Horse Regiment. Anne has published "In the Footsteps of the First", an accurate record of the horror of the WW1. The story is personalized and she will highlight the soldiers that came from our local area and present their stories. It will be held on Thursday, March 12th @ 11.00am and copies of her book will be available to purchase. Morning tea will be provided - everyone is most welcomed.
Tips and Ideas for Children (5-12 years)

60 minutes, every day.

**Active and Fun**
- Encourage children to play active games like obstacle courses, tag, skipping or throwing a ball or frisbee.
- Visit playgrounds, parks, nature reserves, pools or beaches.
- Get children involved in a variety of different sports and activities.

**Active and Safe**
- Start slowly and build up the amount and intensity of physical activity.
- Protect children from the sun—ensure children wear sun-protective clothing, including a hat, and apply sunscreen regularly.
- Always supervise children appropriately when in and around water.
- Speak with your doctor or other health professional if your child has a medical condition.

**For Stronger Muscles & Bones**
- Encourage children to:
  - Skip, run, hop and jump.
  - Climb or swing on monkey bars and climbing frames.
  - Play games like tag, leapfrog and hopscotch.
  - Do structured activities like dance, gymnastics and martial arts.

**Active at Home**
- Limit time for watching TV and using electronic games.
- Store remote control devices out of sight.
- Enjoy a walk with children around your local area.
- Children can help with gardening activities like digging, weeding or raking.

**Active Travel**
- For short trips, walk or ride safely.
- For longer trips, park the car some distance away and walk with children for the rest of the trip.

Tips for Reducing Sedentary Behaviour and Screen Time

- Reward the kids with a trip to the park instead of TV or computer time, and enjoy the quality time together.

- Set a ‘no screen time’ rule at dinner time and before school.

- Make bedrooms a ‘TV and computer free zone’.

- Give gifts like skipping rope, balls or hula hoops to encourage active play.

What will you do?

Make your move – Sit less – Be active for life!

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“Go Fish” Kids Camp Out

March 21-22, Narrandera Racecourse
For More information please contact:
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An activity of the Riverina Presbytery, Uniting Church in Australia
Weekly Quiz

1. True or false, all food currently sold in Australia is legally required to list its country of origin on the label?

2. In which country has a massive avalanche taken more than 165 lives?
   a. Afghanistan  b. Chile  c. Nepal

3. What was the result of the Cricket World Cup match between Australia and New Zealand on the weekend?
   a. a narrow win to Australia
   b. a tie
   c. a narrow win to New Zealand

4. Prime Minister Tony Abbott has said that his Government has lost confidence in Human Rights Commission president, Gillian Triggs, due to her report about …?
   a. women’s rights in Australia
   b. Aboriginal rights in Australia
   c. the treatment of children in detention

5. Which film won the Best Picture Award at the Oscars?
   a. The Theory of Everything
   b. Birdman
   c. The Grand Budapest Hotel

6. True or false, Qantas was in the news last week because they made another massive financial loss?

7. Which of the following NRL teams has been hit by a drug scandal?
   a. Gold Coast Titans
   b. Brisbane Broncos
   c. South Sydney Rabbitohs

8. Why were over 100 animals removed from a private Mexican zoo?
   a. they were all illegally imported endangered animals
   b. many of the animals were found to be carrying the Ebola virus
   c. they were being kept in cramped abusive conditions

9. Why has one of Queensland’s biggest quarry operators, Karreman Quarries been in the news?
   a. quarry workers have reported the company for unsafe work practices
   b. the company has been temporarily shut down as an inquiry into tax payments is carried out
   c. they have been accused of illegally dumping chemicals and waste oil

10. A father and son from NSW have been in the news for inventing which of the following?
    a. a machine that milks cows without any involvement from people
    b. a vaccine to protect against asthma
    c. a device to extract honey without having to disturb a beehive

11. In which country is Johannesburg the largest city?

12. What caused a partial closure of Perth’s Kwinana freeway last week?
    a. a fuel truck exploded in a collision
    b. a bush fire burning in the area
    c. a sinkhole had opened up

13. What unusual type of racing is Broome well known for?
    a. crab racing
    b. camel racing
    c. rabbit racing

14. Why was Prince Harry in the news last week?
    a. he has just become engaged to be married
    b. he has decided to leave his job in the military
    c. he was injured when an army vehicle he was travelling in rolled

15. Who is Tasmania named after?
Weekly Quiz - Visual

1. What is this singer’s name?

2. Which two colours does this famous dress have?

3. In which country was this photo from last week taken?

4. Which country has this flag?

5. Sadly, the actor who played this character has passed away. What television series is the character from?
1. True or false, all food currently sold in Australia is legally required to list its country of origin on the label?  
   False - Mr Abbott confirmed last week that his government was determined to deliver on changes to origin of food labelling that would require food labels to include the approximate percentage of the product that is Australian.

2. In which country has a massive avalanche taken more than 165 lives?  
   a. Afghanistan - Over 165 deaths have been confirmed in the Panjshir Valley, which is about 100 kilometres from the Afghan capital, Kabul. The Afghan army deployed 1,000 soldiers form the Kabul Corps to the Panjshir Valley, to help in the rescue efforts. Rescuers were using shovels and their hands to scoop away snow from the estimated 100 homes destroyed in the avalanche.

3. What was the result of the Cricket World Cup match between Australia and New Zealand on the weekend?  
   c. a narrow win to New Zealand - New Zealand’s shaky run chase finally succeeded when Kane Williamson courageously hit the ball for six with only one wicket remaining. The match was one of the most dramatic cricket internationals of all time.

4. Prime Minister Tony Abbott has said that his Government has lost confidence in Human Rights Commission president, Gillian Triggs, due to her report about …?  
   c. the treatment of children in detention - Mr Abbott has said the commission’s damning report into children in detention was "a blatantly partisan, politicised exercise". The HRC report, titled The Forgotten Children, found immigration detention was a "dangerous place for children" and called for a royal commission into the practice of putting asylum seeker children into mandatory detention.

5. Which film won the Best Picture Award at the Oscars?  
   b. Birdman - The film about a washed-up former superhero actor, played by Michael Keaton, and his struggle to make a comeback stood out among eight nominees to receive the film industry's highest honour.

6. True or false, Qantas was in the news last week because they made another massive financial loss?  
   False - Qantas has announced a first-half of the year profit of $203 million, achieved partly by cut-price fuel and continuing cost cutting. The result was in stark contrast to the record full-year loss of $2.8 billion posted by Qantas for the 2013–2014 financial year.

7. Which of the following NRL teams has been hit by a drug scandal?  
   a. Gold Coast Titans - The NRL has taken ownership of the club after five players are to appear in court due to their alleged involvement in the supply of illegal drugs in south-east Queensland.

8. Why were over 100 animals removed from a private Mexican zoo?  
   c. they were being kept in cramped abusive conditions - More than 100 animals were rescued from overcrowded, abusive conditions at a private zoo in the state of Puebla, Mexico. Authorities found big cats, bears, buffalo and more living in tiny enclosures with no climate control.

9. Why has one of Queensland’s biggest quarry operators, Karrenman Quarries been in the news?  
   c. they have been accused of illegally dumping chemicals and waste oil - The ABC has obtained footage allegedly showing the pumping of the waste into a pit. Illegal dumping that causes serious environmental harm can attract fines of up to $700,000 for individuals or five years' jail in Queensland. The maximum fine for corporations is $3.5 million. Queensland’s Environment Department has launched an investigation.

10. A father and son from NSW have been in the news for inventing which of the following?  
    c. a device to extract honey without having to disturb a bee hive - The pair invented the Flow Hive which is an inbuilt extractor which collects fresh honey as it drips out through plastic tubes. Their product was officially launched in Canberra last week with an online campaign which raised its $70,000 target within seconds.

11. In which country is Johannesburg the largest city?  
    South Africa

12. What caused a partial closure of Perth’s Kwinana freeway last week?  
    b. a bush fire burning in the area - The bushfire which started on Tuesday burnt through 132 hectares last week threatening homes and lives.

13. What unusual type of racing is Broome well known for?  
    a. crab racing - This year’s crab racing in Broome was in question after a metre long crab hat which is central to the show was stolen. After the story circulated on social media the hat was returned in a drive-by drop off.

14. Why was Prince Harry in the news last week?  
    b. he has decided to leave his job in the military - Prince Harry is reportedly considering a short secondment to an army unit in Australia before he ends his military career this year. The 30-year-old has been in the Armed Forces for 10 years, and has completed two combat tours of Afghanistan.

15. Who is Tasmania named after?  
    Abel Tasman - the Dutch explorer, first visited the island in 1642 and named it Van Diemen’s Land. Its name was officially changed to Tasmania on 1 January 1856.

**VISUAL ANSWERS**
1. Madonna - the singer took a tumble at the Brit Awards after a long cape she was wearing got caught and pulled her from the stage.

2. Black and Blue - a massive debate occurred over the weekend, as people either see the dress as white and gold, or black and blue depending on how their eye interprets the affect of sunlight on the image. Officially, it is Black and Blue.

3. New Zealand - The embattled Prime Minister made his first official visit there last week.

4. Italy

5. Star Trek - Leonard Nimoy played Mr Spock in the series
Ian Lucas Memorial Bike and Hike

The Matong P&C are providing Morning Tea at Matong Public School for this event on **Sunday 29 March**. Exact numbers of riders at this stage is unknown, but given the interest shown in this event last year, we are expecting a large crowd of 200 or more. Help will be required on the morning of the ride at the School to cut up fruit, make sandwiches (this will be purchased by P&C ahead of time), to ensure supply of cold water for riders, put out morning tea, maintain tea and coffee station and general pack up after morning tea. **More importantly, donations of morning tea foods such as homemade slices, cupcakes, muffins or donations of fruit such as water melon, rock melon or oranges.** Due to our lack of refrigeration we ask that cream and chocolate items be avoided if possible. On the note below, if able, please indicate approximate number and type of food i.e. 2 dozen cupcakes so we can determine if we will have enough.

Please indicate below how you are able to assist. Please feel free to approach any community member that you feel may be able to assist us in any way.

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM SECTION TO SCHOOL BEFORE WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH.

Please feel free to contact me on 0418 462 639 (call or text) or email cm.dpbooth@gmail.com if you have any enquiries or if you find this a more convenient way to reply.

Kind regards

Cathy Booth
Catering Officer, Matong Public School P&C

Name ____________________________________________

I am able to assist with making sandwiches and cutting up fruit at school on the morning of the ride from 8.00am  □

I am able to assist with setting up and replenishing food items at morning tea from 9.00am □

I am happy to donate the following items of food for Morning Tea

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The following people would also like to offer assistance for this event

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