MARCH

Wednesday 17th
Ride2School
REEC Visit
Healthy Lunch
Mrs Moore—
Principal Meeting
Scripture

Friday 20th
Eastern Riverina
AFL/Netball Trials
P&C Movie Night

PIE ORDERS 
OVERDUE -
Please return to school tomorrow

Stage 1 love their new classmate Bruce the octopus

2015, Term 1, Week 7

Principal: Anne-Maree Moore

MATONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Every child...Every chance…Every day...

Stage 1 love their new classmate Bruce the octopus

Digby and his latest find for show and tell - a goanna carcass
Well done to our students who participated in AFL, Netball and Riverina Choir trials last week. From all accounts everyone enjoyed their experiences immensely. Congratulations to George and Connor for making the Coolamon Ardlethan AFL team to play this Friday at Coolamon, Albert making reserve, along with George and Ella who were accepted into the 2015 Riverina Choir. Well done also to those who participated in the Scientist for a Day yesterday. It is wonderful to see our students taking advantage of the extra curricula activities available to them.

We look forward to your participation in our big day tomorrow. Activities include our Ride-2-School with muffins and juice, the Riverina Environmental Education Centre program and finishing with a healthy chicken salad wrap for $2.50. You are welcome to join us for all or parts of the morning program.

Personalised Learning Plan meetings begin this week where students will be sharing their learning goals with parents and carers. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have returned notes for the student meetings. The students are looking forward to sharing with you so if you have not yet finalised a time, please contact the office to avoid disappointment.

It was as always a pleasure to meet with the P&C last Wednesday evening where many important matters are discussed. I will be meeting with interested parents again on Wednesday 25th March at 2pm to continue with our discussions in finalising the new school plan. The plan will then be endorsed by our Director Public Schools New South Wales before publishing on 21st April, Term 2. The ongoing consultation process is essential in ensuring we have a school plan which directly reflects the learning needs of our students as agreed to by the whole school community which includes parents and carers, students and staff. A draft copy can be found on our school web site.

The school counsellor Eileen Knox will be visiting again this week. If you would like your child to access this service, please contact the office.

Last week we welcomed to our staff Mrs Ann Popple our new School Chaplain. Ann brings with her a wealth of experience and will be a valuable asset to our school community.

Have a great week

Anne—Maree Moore
Principal

STUDENT NEWS

During the past two weeks in Stage 2/3 we have had many students represent our school on the sporting field. Last Monday Ella, Connor, George and Ted went to Albury for the Riverina swimming carnival. Last Wednesday we had the PSSA netball and football trials held at Coolamon, all students tried their best with Connor and George making it to the next stage in the AFL trials. Big bash are donating balls for each student and for the sport shed and for your child to take one home. We are currently asking students what ball they would like. This week Stage One have been writing war poems focusing on what war looks like, smells like, feels like and sounds like. As well as looking at Simpson and his Donkey.

Tyler Smith and Angus Richardson
STAGE 2/3 NEWS
Welcome to Week 8, this week we look forward to meeting with some of our students and parents for the goal setting meetings that will also carry into week 9. Please ring the school if you haven’t booked already but would like to arrange a time for a meeting. On Wednesday after the REEC come and complete activities with us we will have Florence and Joseph’s grandmother Shelia coming to talk to us about her role in World War 2. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and we thank Shelia for coming. We would like to congratulate students on handing in their homework this term, there has been a major improvement on last year. Please note that home readers have been sent home with stage 2 students, parents please ensure you are listening to your child reading each night and sign the box provided on the homework sheet. We are looking forward to all the activities week 8 has in store

Mrs McGuiness and Miss Buchanan

NEWS FROM MRS McGUINESS

Stage 1
Last week in History, Stage 1 put their observational skills to the test by looking at a series of old and modern photographs and trying to determine if the scenes shown were from the olden days or whether it was just Mrs McGuiness being tricky by colouring modern day photos with sepia or black and white. The children enjoyed the challenge and were beginning to look at what was actually happening in the photos such as clothing or modes of transport to help them to determine the time when the images were taken. Then Stage 1 began working on timelines and learning about chronological order, using photos of Mrs McGuiness from a baby to a teenager, and looking at our own families and placing each family member into the right order from youngest to eldest.

Stage 2/3
Last week in Science, Stage 2/3 conducted an experiment to help them to learn about the properties of gases, students have all been very enthusiastic in their science learning through experiments this term. Instead of afternoon fitness on a Monday, students have begun working on producing Powerpoint presentations to show what they have learned about solids, liquids and gases. These presentations will form part of their assessment and their portfolios, and will be included on the class blog.

Lea McGuiness

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When were you happiest at school today?
STAGE ONE NEWS
On Friday we performed the Octopus's Garden at the assembly. We made Bruce the octopus. He watches us in class. We love him. Year 2 measured objects that were more than, less than and about a metre long. Kinder played shops and learnt about money. Year 1 made shapes on geoboards. Also, Charlie Malone lost his first tooth on Friday. Stage 1 has been focusing on writing narratives and we are in the process of writing a class story – "There’s a sea in Stage One". We also creating a sea mural having explored different ways to paint the sea.

From Stage 1

Stage 1 students will be using shaving cream in Literacy activities in the coming weeks. Please advise if your child has any known allergies.

Mrs Crocker

National Ride2School Day
Wednesday 18th March
Many of our students are riding from home for Ride2School Day. One group will be meeting at Whites Lane near Neil Hatty’s house at 8.20am to begin their ride if you would like to join them.

RIDE-WALK-SCOOT TO SCHOOL

RIDE-2-SCHOOL 2014
The Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp is on again! The 2015 Camp will be held at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 3 May – Friday 8 May 2015. The camp is open to all public school students from years 5-12 and caters for concert band instrumentalists (bass guitarists are eligible) of all levels, from beginner to advanced. During the week students will participate in a range of music programs including concert band, advanced band and instrumental tutorials, as well as team building games and Sport and Recreation Activities. Additional Information is attached to today’s newsletter for eligible students. If your child is interested in attending please contact the school for an information and registration pack.

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### Live Life Well -

Students this week will be given a gift of a key ring and sticker to put on their lunch box showing three easy steps for packing a great healthy lunchbox. Attached to today’s newsletter is a fridge magnet for each family.

### P&C NEWS

Pie orders were due today, please bring in to school tomorrow at the latest, to avoid disappointment.
We will be packing the pie orders on Friday 27th March – details in next week’s newsletter.

### PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Florence Meier—showing consideration and manners to others.

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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.

MATONG P&C MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 20th March
Matong School
7:30 for 8:00 movie
BYO Nibbles and Drinks, no alcohol please.
$20.00 per family or $5.00 per adult/child

THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER
TOM BURLISON
SIGRID THORNTON
KIRK DOUGLAS
JACK THOMPSON
BYO CHAIR
Combined Scripture
MESSY
Easter Celebration

Families and community members are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun as we explore the Easter story together.

FUN starts at 12 noon
Matong Public School
Wednesday 25th March, 2015

Edible Easter, Easter Cards, Easter Egg decorating, and more...

Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa to follow - All welcome -

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

SAVE THE DATE

29TH MARCH 2015

IAN LUCAS MEMORIAL BIKE & HIKE
NARRANDERA JUNIOR BASKETBALL

This week sees the start of round 4 for junior basketball. Registration are now due or at least payments being made. Registrations are $50 for Junior, Intermediate and senior boys & girls. Aussie Hoops registration is $15.

Game fees and participation fees are $3 per week and is to be paid at the kiosk.

WEDNESDAY 18th March
5.00pm Junior boys Maroon v Green & Black v Pink.
Blue team have the bye. They are Corey Hickson, Austyn Rankin, Myles Rankin, Adam McGilvray, BJ Atkinson Johnson, Jordan Tunks & Felix Warren-Porteous.
5.50pm Intermediate Boys Maroon v Green & Black v Pink.
Blue team have the bye. They are Xavier Davis, Andrew Tunks, Cameron McLean, Ried Hitchens, Jeremy Johnson, Dylan Johnson and Maisyn Paterson.

THURSDAY 19th MARCH
4.00pm Aussie Hoops
5.00pm Junior girls
5.50pm Intermediate girls
6.45pm Senior Girls
FRIDAY 20th MARCH
5.00pm Senior boys

COOLAMON LIBRARY NEWS

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The simplest way...

...to make pineapple sorbet.

On a hot summer’s afternoon, there’s nothing better than some refreshing sorbet. Why not make it yourself? It’s easy, cheap and fun!

**Ingredients**
- 440g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen

**Method**
- Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scrape down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-5 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, if desired.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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The simplest way...

...Six steps to packing a healthy lunch.

Follow these tips to make lunch-packing a cinch!

**Breads/cereals:** wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

**Fruit:** Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, and cut whole fruit into small pieces.

**Veggies:** Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

**Reduced-fat dairy:** A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

**Lean protein:** cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein, and a great source of fibre too!

**Water or milk:** Water or reduced-fat milk are the best drink choices for the lunch box.

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A Quick Bite...

5 Top Tips for Garden Design

Once you have decided on the correct site for your garden it’s important to map out and design what you want in your garden.

1. Consider the materials you need and make a list.
2. Estimate your garden dimensions and draw a map roughly to scale.
3. Draw and label on the map where the seedlings and/or seeds will be planted and how many will be planted in each square metre.
4. Do some research on what plants thrive best when planted next to each other.
5. Calculate the quantities of seedlings/seeds you will need to purchase.

For more information visit
mhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

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A Quick Bite...

Easter Egg Fun

Easter is a celebration that is about far more than just chocolate. Try this fun idea that is colourful, creative and delicious.

Hard boil as many eggs as you would like. Simply place the eggs in a saucepan of cold water and bring to the boil. Boil for 8 minutes. After 8 minutes, remove the hot eggs and allow to cool in a bowl of cold water. You’re now ready to decorate.

Choose some brightly coloured, non-toxic poster paint. Grab some paintbrushes and get creative. Use an empty toilet roll to balance the egg as the paint dries.

The eggs can be used in an Easter egg hunt, or as a festive lunchbox or as a small gift for friends, family or teachers. Remember to store the painted eggs in the fridge and consume within 7 days.

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1. Which Pacific island nation was directly hit by a cyclone recently?
2. Name the host from the television series Top Gear, who has recently been suspended?
3. What was the peak category of cyclone Olwyn when it hit the towns of Exmouth, Coral Bay and Carnarvon?
   a. Category 3
   b. Category 5
   c. Category 10
4. Why was Johnny Depp in the news last week?
   a. he had to fly back to the US after injuring his hand
   b. he and other pirates made a special appearance at a local school fundraiser
   c. he was bitten by a snake during filming
5. Which country has announced plans that it intends to shift its capital to another place?
   a. Egypt
   b. India
   c. Canada
6. What was Prime Minister Tony Abbott speaking about when he said “it is not the taxpayer’s job to subsidise people’s lifestyle choices”?
   a. rehabilitation for prisoners
   b. public funding for anti-smoking initiatives
   c. a proposal to close remote Indigenous communities
7. What type of animal caused chaos in the Philippine capital of Manila when it rampaged through the city?
   a. a water buffalo
   b. a lion
   c. an elephant
8. During a RSL national conference a pledge was made to raise $1 million to tackle homelessness among war veterans. What does RSL stand for?
   a. Retired Soldiers League
   b. Returned Soldiers League
   c. Returned and Services League
9. Why have singers Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke been ordered to pay the soul singer Marvin Gaye’s family over $7 million dollars?
   a. they copied the lyrics from one of Marvin Gaye’s songs
   b. they used an image of Marvin Gaye during a performance without permission
   c. they copied the sound of one of Marvin Gaye’s songs
10. Two helicopters crashed last week in a remote part of Argentina. Who were the helicopters carrying?
    a. French politicians
    b. famous French actors
    c. French sports stars
11. On average, how much did billionaire Gina Rinehart lose per day in the past year?
    a. $500,000
    b. $2.7 million
    c. $15 million
12. The use of which of the following payment methods is in steep decline?
    a. credit cards
    b. debit cards
    c. cheques
13. On which continent is the world’s longest river?
    a. Africa
    b. South America
    c. Asia
14. Australian teenager Ben Simmons has been in the news recently because he was named as the top high-school player in the United States in his sport. Which sport does he play?
    a. baseball
    b. basketball
    c. American football
15. Who was Australia’s last Prime Minister before Tony Abbott?
1. What is the name of the large feature shown on the right?

2. What is being burned in this photo?

3. In which Australian city was this photo taken on the weekend?

4. Which country has this flag?

5. What is the name of the man without a red nose?
Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. Which Pacific island nation was directly hit by a cyclone recently? Vanuatu - it is considered to be one of the largest cyclones to ever hit the Pacific.

2. Name the host from the television series Top Gear, who has recently been suspended? Jeremy Clarkson - he was already on his 'last warning' after apparently reciting a racist nursery rhyme on set. His suspension occurred after Clarkson had an altercation with the producer of the show. Reportedly, Clarkson believed not enough food had been provided during the off set filming.

3. What was the peak category of cyclone Olwyn when it hit the towns of Exmouth, Coral Bay and Carnarvon? a. Category 3 - The cyclone carved a path of destruction through Carnarvon, about 600 kilometres north of Perth, with homes damaged and vast swathes of fruit crops destroyed in strong winds.

4. Why was Johnny Depp in the news last week? a. he had to fly back to the US after injuring his hand - Johnny Depp flew back to the U.S. for surgery after injuring his hand while on location in Australia, where he is filming Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales. The injury reportedly did not occur on set.

5. Which country has announced plans that it intends to shift its capital to another place? a. Egypt - The government has announced plans to build a new capital to the east of the present one, Cairo. Developers say the new city - the name of which has not been revealed - would house about five million residents, include almost 2,000 schools and colleges and more than 600 health care facilities. They say the project will create more than a million jobs and ease overpopulation in Cairo.

6. What was Prime Minister Tony Abbott speaking about when he said 'it is not the taxpayer's job to subsidise people's lifestyle choices'? c. a proposal to close remote Indigenous communities - Prime Minister Tony Abbott has backed a WA Government proposal to close a number of remote Indigenous communities, saying it is not the taxpayer's job to subsidise people's "lifestyle choices".

7. What type of animal caused chaos in the Philippine capital of Manila when it rampaged through the city? a. a water buffalo - A water buffalo attacked two butchers at a slaughterhouse before going on a rampage through the Philippine capital of Manila, terrifying hundreds of people and tossing furniture in the lobby of a small hotel.

8. During a RSL national conference a pledge was made to raise $1 million to tackle homelessness among war veterans. What does RSL stand for? c. Returned and Services League - It is estimated 3,000 returned soldiers sleep rough each night in Australia, and the aim is build a new crisis centre in Sydney providing accommodation and counseling for veterans suffering post-traumatic stress disorder.

9. Why have singers Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke been ordered to pay the soul singer Marvin Gaye’s family over $7 million dollars? c. they copied the sound of one of Marvin Gaye’s songs - Artists Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke have been ordered to pay Marvin Gaye’s family US$7.4 million after ripping off the soul singer to create “Blurred Lines”.

10. Two helicopters crashed last week in a remote part of Argentina. Who were the helicopters carrying? c. French sports stars - Two helicopters carrying French sports stars filming a popular European reality show crashed in a remote part of Argentina, killing all 10 people on board, including two Olympic medal winners and a sailing champion.

11. On average, how much did billionaire Gina Rinehart lose per day in the past year? c. $15 million - In the 2014 rich list she was valued at about $20 billion. Now Rinehart down below $15 billion. The reason is the dramatic fall in the iron ore price, which has sunk to a new six-year low under $US50 a tonne. The price has halved in the past year alone and is now less than a third of its 2011 peak.

12. The use of which of the following payment methods is in steep decline? c. cheques - The future of cheques as a payment method is continuing to decline with transactions falling by almost 14 per cent in 2014. Electronic payments grew in the same period, with payment card use up by 8.8 per cent and direct debits by 7.5 per cent.

13. On which continent is the world's longest river? a. Africa - The Nile is 6650km (4,132 miles) long. The Amazon is the second longest at 6400km (3976 miles).

14. Australian teenager Ben Simmons has been in the news recently because he was named as the top high-school player in the United States in his sport. Which sport does he play? b. basketball - Simmons, who just missed the final cut for the Boomers' FIBA World Cup team last year, was named winner of the Morgan Wootten Player of the Year award.

15. Who was Australia's last Prime Minister before Tony Abbott? Kevin Rudd - he held the job briefly for a second time from June to September, after winning a leadership contest against Julia Gillard prior to the last election.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. Cyclone Pam - it is considered to be one of the largest to ever hit the Pacific.

2. ivory - Kenya recently set fire to 15 tonnes of elephant ivory as part its efforts to stop poaching.

3. Canberra - balloons involved in the Canberra Balloon Spectacular 2015 over Lake Burley Griffin

4. Bangladesh

5. Lewis Hamilton - Getting ready for the 2015 season-opening Melbourne Grand Prix

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