

NEWSLETTER

Matong Public School



ANZAC Day 2024!

On ANZAC Day, students and the local community united to honour the brave souls who have served our country in times of war. Led by the exemplary leadership of Elsie, Harriet, Maya, and Tom, we came together to pay our respects and remember their sacrifices. **Lest We Forget.**

What's on at MPS - 2024

Week 1 Term 2

Thursday, 2nd May - Western Division Riverina Netball Trials @ Narrandera

Week 2 Term 2

Tuesday, 7th May - GRIP Leadership Conference for School Captains @ Wagga Wagga

Wednesday, 8th May - MPS Cross Country @ 2pm

Friday, 10th May - Paul Kelly Cup @ Wagga Wagga

Week 3 Term 2

Tuesday, 14th May - Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Coolamon

Reminders

Friday, 3rd May - GRIP Leadership Notes Due Notes Due

Wednesday, 8th April - Paul Kelly Cup Notes Due

Thursday, 9th May - Small Schools Athletics Carnival Notes Due

Thursday, 16th May - K-6 Coolamon Excursion Notes Due

Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and enjoyed the sunny days in the holidays. On Monday staff attended a Staff Development Day at Narrandera PS and Gralee PS. Lots of professional learning occurred throughout the day and staff were able to make great connections with staff from other small schools in the Narrandera Network.

A big thank you to all students and families who were able to represent our school at both ANZAC services in Grong Grong and Ganmain. The school captains did a wonderful job of leading the younger students and delivering their readings to the community.

Best wishes to Maya, Harriet and Elsie who will be representing MPS at the PSSA netball trial in Narrandera this Thursday. An amazing effort to have 3 girls selected at this sporting level.

Many thanks,
Kerri McPherson



Attendance Matters

If your child is absent from school there is a requirement for you to provide a reasonable explanation for the absence within 7 days.

- Absences include late arrivals and early departures to and from school also require an explanation.
- Absence notification methods that are acceptable are: Reply to our Sentral text, verbal (telephone or in person), email or written.
- If your child is absent because of illness for more than 3 consecutive days, you will be required to provide a medical certificate with your absence notification.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, you will need to contact the principal and complete an application form for extended leave prior to the leave that is being taken.



When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



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Build skills through fun



P&C News

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our P&C Meeting last night. A vote was held in regards to our new sports polo shirts and a new shirt was decided upon. More details will follow in regards to this in the coming weeks, so keep your eyes peeled for updates in the Newsletter. Thank you to Daniella for all of her hard work in sourcing some great uniform options for us to choose from and to everyone who was involved in the voting process. Thank you for your patience. We look forward to seeing the students in their new shirts soon.

Our next Friday raffle night at the Royal Hotel will be towards the end of May. We are still waiting on confirmation of the exact date so keep an eye out for the Matong P&C Association Facebook page for updates. All are welcome to come along to our raffles, it's a great social night out for our parents and families.

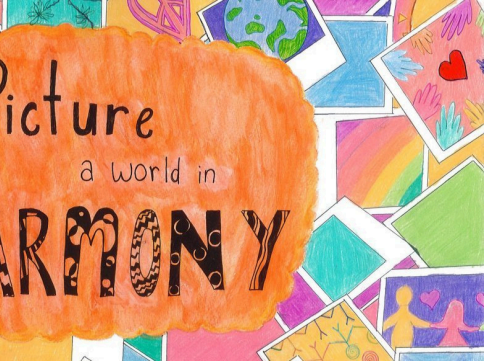
A Working Bee will be held at school on Saturday, 15th June. Please pop this date in your diaries, more information to follow.

Our next Meeting is set for **Tuesday, 6th August 7pm.**

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support!

Harmony Day

The Stage 2/3 students showcased their creativity and unity in the Harmony Day Competition, celebrating diversity and inclusion through beautiful artwork. Each piece was a testament to the rich tapestry of cultures within our community, reminding us of the beauty that arises when we come together in harmony."



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Community News

Coolamon Library

Storytime 2024

Our next Storytime will held Friday, 10th May @ 10.30am theme – “Snails”. Then on Friday 24th May “Farms” - New families are most welcome to attend.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

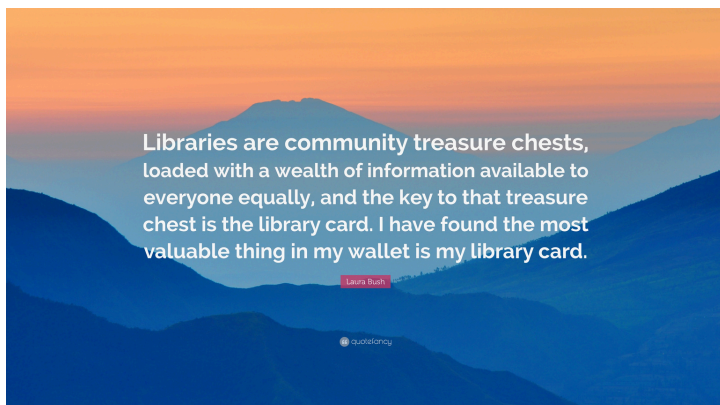
The Library is again involved in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2024. The Library has a wide variety of books for children to make their selections. Phone the Library for further details.


Lego Club

The Lego Club will commence again on Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Lego Club is a fun inactive program for all ages – everyone is most welcomed.

Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce will be held on Wednesday, 29th May @ 10.30am – come along to enjoy a special time with your babies. Lots of songs and tunes – morning tea will be provided.





Top Nutrition = Top Marks

Welcome to SWAP IT!


SWAP IT supports you to make informed choices about your child's health and wellbeing. Good nutrition leads to greater wellbeing for your child and can even have a positive impact on how well they do in class.

One swap from a sometimes food to an everyday food can make a big difference.


Here are some great ideas you can swap today:

- Cake to scone.
- Chips to popcorn.
- Juice to plain milk.


SWAP FROM



Chocolate cake



SWAP TO



Fruit scone

You will receive weekly tips and ideas about healthy swaps you can make!

For more tips on making a swap visit: www.swapit.net.au/swaps



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

Art Festival on Ford ONE BIG DAY

22nd June 2024
10am – 7pm

Ganmain Hall Precinct
FORD St Ganmain

Art For Sale
Art Markets
Gourmet Food
Music



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To join Saver Plus, you must:


- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old


*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible


Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:


 laptops & tablets

 uniforms & shoes


 books & supplies


 sports fees & gear


 lessons & activities

 camps & excursions


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