



Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2018

Week 1

Wed 17th October

Kinder Orientation

9:15-12 noon

Thu 18th October

P&C Meeting, 7:30pm

Week 2

Mon 22nd October

Final payment due for
Stage 3 Borambola
Excursion

Wed 24th October

Kinder Orientation

11:15-3:10

Japanese Lunch

Orders for Wednesday

24th October must be
handed in by Monday.

Sorry – late orders will not
be accepted



Congratulations – MPS Spelling Bee Champions
with their certificates!!

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Week 3

Wed. 31st October Kinder 2019 Orientation 9:15-2:00pm

Wed. 31st October Kinder 2019 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thu. 1st November Healthy Harold Visit

Fri. 2nd November Kinder 2019 Orientation 9:15-3:10pm

Relieving Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 4! We have many school events on the calendar already and we are very excited at MPS. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who stepped up into my role as relieving principal last term as I spent some quality time with my family in Vanuatu. Visiting one of the schools in Vanuatu made me realise how fortunate we are in Australia to have access to quality education. Unfortunately all children are not privileged enough to receive an education in this country and only those families who can afford to pay for their children to attend school ever get this opportunity. We most certainly are fortunate that all our children are given the important gift of 'education' which creates opportunity in our lives.

Thank you to parents who phone through to the office to communicate when their children are absent or school routines of buses and school pick-ups change. Phoning us is the best form of communication due to Mrs Steward only being in the office Monday to Wednesday and every second Friday. Mrs Steward will be at Matong in her full time capacity this term as we continue to train in the new SAP finance system that has been implemented into all NSW public schools. Both the Principal and SAM will continue this training in and out of the school during the term.

A reminder that the final payment for Borambola is due at the beginning of Week 2. If you are sending in large amounts of money please phone the office to discuss what options are the best for safely getting the money to school. If any families need an extension in payment please phone me to arrange an alternate date. We are always happy to support families.

Year 4, 5 and 6 students will once again participate in the 'Tell Them From Me Survey' which will run over the

next few weeks. Please read the information provided with the newsletter.

Please support your children during hay fever seasons, particularly those who have asthma and allergies. We have a number of students who suffer with seasonal changes and being a dry year the wind and dust can be a problem. Thank you to the families who are well prepared with the required medication which we sign off and register at school when needed. There will be times that staff make a decision to whether students need to be kept inside as we regularly check in with NSW Health for any health alerts.

It is wonderful to see the 2019 Kindergarten students being so enthusiastic about attending MPS during Term 3. We look forward to more visits from them this term.

Kind regards,

Kerri McPherson

"Tell Them From Me" Survey

Information has been sent home with Year 4, 5 and 6 students.

Kinder Transition

Kinder Orientation Visits are in full swing! Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming visits.

Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Wednesday 31st October, 2018. Your chosen timeslot is outlined below.

Meetings will run for approximately 30 minutes.

Please bring along your completed 'Kinder Orientation Parent Questionnaire'.

Happy to answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday 31st October, 2018

- 9:15 a.m. Bensch Family
- 10:00 a.m. Sims/ Forbes Family
- 10:45 a.m. Sims/ Post Family

Looking forward to meeting with you.

Warm Regards

Valerie McKelvie and Hannah Cooper
Early Stage one/ Stage One Teachers

A Big THANK YOU

Thank you to **Gemma Meier and the Grong Grong Earth Park Committee** for their donation of some fantastic art supplies. We are hearing great things about the creation of the Earth Park and eagerly await an excursion to experience it first hand.

Valerie McKelvie

Stage One Classroom Teacher

Asthma and Hayfever

Information on good asthma control is attached.

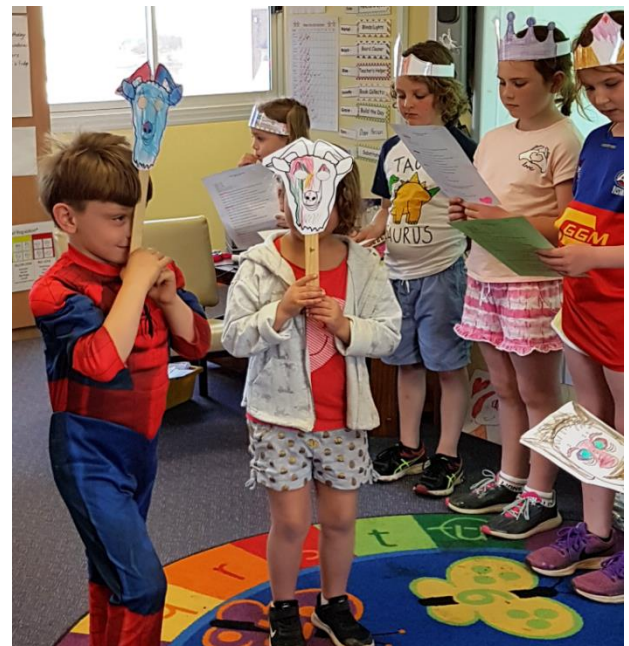
The key message for people who wheeze and sneeze when preparing for spring is to visit their GP or specialist for an assessment, obtain a current medication prescription and a written Asthma Action Plan and then to use them.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P & C Meeting this **Thursday, 18th October, 7.30pm.** at the school.

Stage 1 performance of 'The Six Billy Goats Gruff'

Kinder students for 2019, Evie Bensch and Isabella Sims, were treated to a Stage 1 performance of 'The Six Billy Goats Gruff' on the final day of Term 3.



Student Up-dates

Please contact the office if there has been any changes to your child's medical details or emergency contacts.

Community News

Coolamon Library

Story time: will start up again on Friday, 26th October at 10.30am after the short break over the holidays. Come along to enjoy stories and songs all about "Farms".

Felted Angel: Come along to the Library to make a felted angel just in time for Christmas. All craft materials supplied - cost is FREE. It is to be held on Tuesday, 30th October at 10.30am – everyone is most welcome.

Food for Fines: The Library will again be holding the "Food for Fines" campaign at the end of November. Food for Fines offers library members an opportunity to clear their outstanding overdue fines by donating non-perishable food in lieu of money. All collected food will be donated to local charities, who will distribute the food to local families.

From Father Darlow

First Confessions at St. Brendan's Catholic Church:

First Confessions for children in Yr. 2 (or above) is scheduled to be celebrated at **5pm on Saturday 1st December 2018**. Formation for public school children will occur during after-school preparation sessions. Please contact Fr. Justin Darlow at St. Brendan's Catholic Church to register your child for the preparation program by the beginning of Week 2. Registration is essential and can be done simply by giving the name/s of your child/children to Fr. Darlow at Mass this weekend or by calling or messaging him on (H) 0269276438 (M) 0407734747.

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Raffle Drawn 2nd Dec 2018 12pm Botanic Gardens

All money raised goes directly to supporting local families who have experienced the loss of a baby to miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss.

Tickets can be purchased from the school office

OUR SHIRE, OUR STORIES

A CELEBRATION OF HERITAGE IN THE
COOLAMON SHIRE

Coolamon Shire are taking part in an exciting oral history project. The project aims to unveil the places, experiences and stories that shape our community.

If you are intersted in telling your story or becoming a volunteer interviewer please contact

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