



# Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

## TERM 4 2018

### Week 3

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> October

Kinder Orientation

9:15-2:00 and

Parent Meetings

Thu. 1<sup>st</sup> November

Visit from Life

EducationVan – Please  
return permission note

Thu. 1<sup>st</sup> November

Scholastic Book Club  
orders due

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Japanese Lunch

Orders for Wednesday

31<sup>st</sup> October must be

handed in by Monday.

Sorry – late orders will not  
be accepted



SAVE THE DATE -

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March  
2019

Ian Lucas Memorial  
Bike Ride

Evie training hard for State Athletics next week.  
Best of luck Evie!!

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## Term 4 2018

### Week 2

**Mon. 22nd October** Borambola final payment due.

**Wed. 24th October** Kinder 2019 Orientation 11:15-3:10pm

### 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

Thu. 1st November Scholastic Book Club orders due

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

### Week 6

Tue. 20th November YAHS Transition Day

Wed. 21st November NHS Transition Day

### Week 7

Mon. 26th November Stage 3 leave for Borambola Excursion

Tue. 27th November Stage 3 Borambola Excursion

Wed. 28th November Stage 3 return from Borambola

## Relieving Principal's News

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the recent P&C meeting. It is a very busy time of the year and as a school we appreciate your time and effort in supporting us when you can. Staff and parents have discussed that we will move the presentation evening and concert forward from the last week of school this year. On the MPS calendar we have noticed a clash with other schools holding their school presentations. We will be holding the presentation/concert evening on **Tuesday 11th December**. If your child is unavailable on this date could you please contact the school ASAP. Staff and students are busy getting prepared for this important event.

It was also raised whether 'Homework' is very effective in addressing student learning. Staff have attached a survey to gather your thoughts. Please also discuss with your children. There are many pros and cons to whether this should continue. As you would be aware there is much research out there to suggest that the effect size of student learning through completing homework is not always positive for all students. The staff are happy to support all student needs and learning wherever possible. Please be honest in your feedback as we want to do the right thing by all families. We will be looking to adjust the Homework policy for Matong Public school if required.

I would also like to mention that I will be continuing on as Relieving Principal at MPS in 2019. I am very excited

about this and I thank John Beer, Principal from Coolamon Central School for supporting me to do so. It is a pleasure being able to continue working alongside a supportive staff at MPS and the Matong Public School community have been wonderful.

Kind regards,

*Kerri McPherson*

## Healthy Harold Visit – Thu. 1st November

Next Thursday, 1st November the Life Education Van will be here to provide valuable lessons for our children. Information regarding purchasing "Harold" merchandise and permission note is attached.

## 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

## Assembly Awards this week

### Class Merit Awards

**Maya** for enthusiasm and effort during Literacy rotations.

**Kobi** for excellent participation during Dance lessons.

**Josef** for clever thinking and excellent effort in Mathematics.

**Noah** for excellent effort and enthusiasm in creative writing.

### Principal's Award:

**Tomoki** for being a responsible school member and an excellent role model to other students.

**Birthday Awards: Julia, Emma and Tegan**





## Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 has been sent home with students. Orders and payment must be handed in to the office by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## Stage 1 News

Today our 2019 Kinders visited. We read "Wombat Stew" and went on a wombat walk. We saw rubbish so we made posters to tell people to put rubbish in the bin.

## 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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Bring a smile to a child's face

## WIN A CUBBY HOUSE RAFFLE

Strong construction 2400D x 1800W x 1600H  
Vinyl Cladding with colourbond roof.  
Fully lined inside with timber laminate floorboards.

**Generously donated by  
Opas Cubbys**

**The last cubby made by Opa  
Last chance to win one**

**Tickets \$5 each OR 3 for \$10**

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





Raffle Drawn 2nd Dec 2018 12pm Botanic Gardens

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 interested in telling your story or becoming a volunteer interviewer please contact

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## Ganmain Twilight Markets

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**4pm to 8m**

The Ganmain Twilight Markets has a focus on locally produced food as well as boutique shopping stalls and entertainment from local artists, set in the historic Ganmain Hall, main street, haystack area and grassed area along the creek. The markets will have numerous food vendors, entertainment, kids activities and shopping all set in the family friendly main street which is closed to traffic for the duration of the event.








### Narrandera East Infants Twilight Fete

**Oct 26th**  
**2.00 - 7.00pm**

Food  
Stalls  
Jumping Castle  
LaZer Tag  
Coffee & Cakes  
Donuts  
Pre loved goods  
Pony Rides  
Fairy Floss  
Dollar Drop  
Pesca  
Luck Dips  
Bubble Ball  
Chocolate Wheel  
Photo Booth  
Hoopla

**and so much more!**

**Gold Fete Sponsors**

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**Silver Fete Sponsors**

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**Bronze Fete Sponsors**

- Rainbulk Haulage
- GC & JC Eldridge Taxi

## Halloween Spooktacular!



Put on your favourite Costume and join a great night of fun and Games!

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Ganmain Sports Club

5.30pm-8.30pm

Prizes for best costumes

Dancing, games and other fun activities

**\$10 per child**  
**\$25 Family (3+ Children)**

Children will receive a  
sausage sandwich, drink  
and lolly bag

Parents can purchase sausage sandwiches \$2  
and steak sandwiches \$5

Parents must be present at the venue while  
children are attending

All proceeds go to Ganmain CWA Ovarian Cancer  
Research Fundraiser

Phone Megan 0418838050 for more information