



Matong Public School

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 2019

Week 2

Mon 21st October

Kinder Orientation 9.15am – 12.00pm

Week 3

Tues 29th October

Assembly – 2:30pm

Week 4

Mon 4th November

Kinder Orientation 9.15am – 12.00pm

Week 5

Mon 11th November

Remembrance Day

Year 6 Speeches, Assembly – 2:30pm

PLEASE NOTE:

■ **Japanese Cuisine lunch orders will only be available from Wednesday, 13th November 2019.**



Stage 2/3 enjoyed their visit to the 1950s classroom interactive exhibit in Dubbo. They explored the old school days of regimented desks, discipline, blackboards and ink wells.

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Relieving Principal's News

Welcome back!

What a fantastic weekend of Centenary Celebrations held on the last weekend of the school holidays. What a wonderful way to showcase our school and I thank everybody who was involved in organising this fantastic celebration. I am so proud of our school community. You are all awesome!

Staff and students started the term off feeling a little weary but we are slowly getting back into our learning. We will be reflecting on the school centenary and looking at some of the content found in the time capsule that was unveiled on the weekend. If you have anything you would like to add to the capsule there will still be some time. Students and staff will continue learning about the history of Matong Public School and the importance of the community.

Congratulations to all students who represented the school well last term when attending the two excursions. Reports back were positive, although not much sleep was obtained due to the roaring of the lions at the Dubbo Zoo. Thanks once again to staff for taking the time to organise these wonderful experiences for students.

Many thanks,

Kerri McPherson

Relieving Principal



Community News

Coolamon Library

Share the Dignity – It's in the Bag

Fill a handbag with gifts for women and girls in need - "It's in the bag". Provide personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence. It's simple - choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, such as personal care items. The Coolamon Library will be collecting these bags in October and November if you wish to be involved.

Stroke Safe Talk

The Library is hosting a stroke safe talk on Tuesday, 29th October @ 10.30am. The Stroke Foundation undertakes a variety of stroke awareness and prevention programs. It will present common information about stroke and its prevention and they will also draw on their own personal experiences so every talk is different – and very powerful. Come along – everyone is most welcome.

Lego Club

Lego club is on again – its held every Wednesday from @ 4.00pm – 5.00pm and then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am here at the Library. The aim of the Lego Club program is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills. This is a free program and is being offered to children from 5 years to 15 years of age.

Storytime

Storytime will start up again after the school holidays – it will be held this Friday, 18th October @ 10.30am – theme "Head to Toe". Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Family History Group

Interested in Family History, come along to the Library Saturday, 26th October @ 10.00am. Chat about family history or history in the area.



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Dear Ms McPherson *Kerrie,*

While I was in NSW Parliament recently, I delivered a Private Members' Statement acknowledging Education Week in my Electorate, and in particular, Matong Public School.

I have attached, for your information, an extract from Hansard outlining my comments.

This is an outstanding achievement and you must be immensely proud of what has been achieved.

Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Cooke

Steph Cooke MP
Member for Cootamundra

24.9.2019.



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Legislative Assembly Hansard – 7 August 2019

EDUCATION WEEK

Ms STEPH COOKE (Cootamundra) (20:09):

This week, 5 to 9 August 2019, is Education Week. It is a week worth celebrating, and this year the theme is "Every student, every voice". As The Nationals member for Cootamundra, I have 78 schools in my electorate. Total enrolments range from four at Wyangala to 580 at Young High School—that is a lot of voices. They are regional voices, and are many and varied. They are culturally and linguistically diverse, and unique in their experiences and the lives they lead in the bush.

This week is a week to celebrate student empowerment and how the New South Wales public education system gives students the skills they need to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens. When I visit my electorate's 63 government and 15 non-government schools, I run into some pretty inspirational voices, like the voices of Beckom Public School's nine students who used persuasive language taught to them by their dedicated teachers to make formal representations to their mayor for the installation of a pump track in town.

Recently at Narrandera High School I met the 14 NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary School Cadet Program graduates who had just completed an eight-week course, giving them skills that will last a lifetime. The students examined fire behaviour, were taught essential fire safety techniques and gained an appreciation of the work our emergency services do in this State. The cadet program also offers students the opportunity to experience firsthand the commitment and camaraderie that comes with volunteering. It is the second year the school has offered this wonderful program.

Thanks to the generosity of the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, I recently secured \$4,000 to enable the student leadership team to come to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day. Yesterday I received a beautiful letter about this opportunity from the Narrandera Public School parliament's minister for communities, the Hon. Thomas Wickes. In the spirit of this year's Education Week theme of hearing and valuing our students' voices, I would like to read an excerpt from his letter:

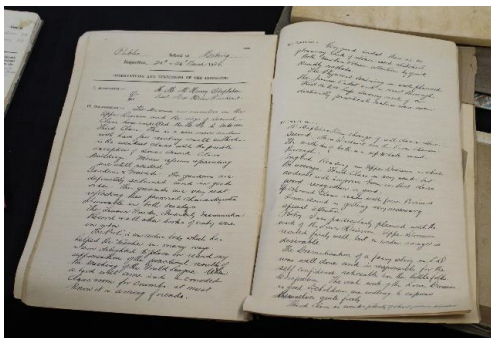
Firstly I would like to start by thanking you for giving our student leadership team the opportunity to go to Sydney for the National Young Leader's Day in Term 1. In Sydney, we got to see speakers like ... Tim Diamond, Cate Campbell and Holly Ferling. They all taught us valuable lessons like to never give up and to aim to do better for the world. It was very inspiring to hear how they overcame life challenges to become successful in their chosen fields.

We also got to go on the trains and ferries and do many more things that normally we wouldn't be able to do in our town. Some of us had never been to Sydney and it was the first time for many of these experiences. We are all very thankful for what you have done to support us in developing our leadership skills.

I thank Narrandera Public School for this eloquent and beautiful account of your time in Sydney. I look forward to attending the school parliament in the near future. I congratulate the school and all of its students on such practical and active political engagement.

As well as promoting volunteering and political advocacy, it is wonderful to see our schools across the electorate instilling the virtues of sustainability and environmentalism in future generations. Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Matong Public School for National Tree Day—a wonderful small school in the Coolamon shire that is big on passion and purpose. I thank the principal, Kerri McPherson, the school captains and year 4 student, Jacob, for giving me a hand with my tree planting.

Student voice is about more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact on student wellbeing. We would all do well to take direction from younger people, and I believe this year's Education Week is a great opportunity for adults both in and out of our education system to get behind this theme and start actively listening. We will all be better for it.





The Matong Public School Centenary celebrations commenced on Friday evening with a community bush dance. Steph Cooke MP was in attendance to join in the fun. The Tin Shed Rattlers provided the toe tapping music and had everyone up dancing from the age of 2 to 92. This was greatly enjoyed by all.

Celebrations continued on Saturday with open classrooms and the viewing of memorabilia. Some ex-students were astonished to find their name in the punishment book, whilst others took delight in finding family in the enrolment records dating back to 1919.

At 11am the time capsule was opened. The contents were all in pristine condition and were displayed on the day. Max Evans' photos showcased the town of Matong and highlighted the changes. These items along with current items will be returned to the capsule shortly.

The Matong P & C provided a delicious morning tea and lunch. The BBQ was provided free of charge due to a generous grant from phn Murrumbidgee Community Grants. Thank you to Ganmain Bakery, Coolamon Butchery and Barefoot Events.

At 2pm the official ceremony commenced. MC Warwick Smith gave a brief history of the school. Phoebe Stephens (current school captain) provided Acknowledgement of Country. Troy Mott (Director) spoke highly of Matong Public School and Kerri McPherson (Acting Principal) welcomed everyone and acknowledged the hard work of the staff and students.

Katie Bensch (Current P & C President) thanked the committee and the school for their hard work. Ex-students, Austin Evans, Keith Ceely and Stacy Hamblin kept the crowd entertained with stories and memories.

The most senior ex-students on the day John Doherty, Stacy Hamblin, Laura Evans and Dot Charles cut the cake and the ribbon on the new plaque commemorating the Centenary. Thank you Sandra Bensch and Les Watkins Funeral Directors.

The afternoon concluded with old school games. Current and ex-students thoroughly enjoyed these activities.

Ex-students reconvened to the Ganmain Sports Club to continue their reminiscing.

Thank you to everyone that attended and supported our celebrations. It was great to see so many happy smiling faces despite the overwhelming number of flies.

For sale - Matong Centenary memorabilia including Stubbie holders, pens and school beanies. Contact Kristie on 0429311277

The Matong and District Centenary of Education 1899-1999 book is being re-ordered. If you would like a copy please call Helen Hatty 69277827.

