



# Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 2019

### Week 6

*Fri 7th June*

Knockout Soccer Gala -  
Leeton

### Week 7

*Mon 10th June*

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

*Thurs 13th June*

Riverina Cross Country

*Fri 14th June*

Golf Clinic Begins

### Week 8

*Tues 18th June*

Return Photo Day Orders

*Thurs 20th June*

Photo Day

### Week 10

*Mon 1st July*

Parent / Teacher Interviews

*Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July*

District Athletics - Ardlethan

### NOTES TO BE RETURNED:

- Photo Day Orders – 18<sup>th</sup> June

- Japanese Cuisine Lunch  
Orders for Wed,  
12<sup>th</sup> June must be handed  
in to the School Office by  
Mon, 10<sup>th</sup> June.



A wonderful day was had by all at the Small Schools Athletics  
Carnival on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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## Relieving Principal's News

What a fabulous week we had last week, celebrating National Reconciliation Week and all students engaging in another successful Small Schools Athletics Carnival. The behaviour and effort of all students participating in this carnival is to be commended. We look forward to the District Athletics Carnival which is scheduled for Wednesday, 3rd July (the last week of Term 2) at Ardlethan.

We have been fortunate enough to have 'Connecting Country Schools' install a new wireless network. We are now able to access the internet from more locations around the school. This will benefit student learning from inside and outside of the classrooms.

This Friday a team of 13 students from MPS will travel to Leeton to participate in a PSSA Small Schools soccer competition. Selected students are looking forward to competing against other small schools of similar size. These schools include; Wamoon, Yanco and Boree Creek. We are looking forward to participating in this event.

Monday, 1st July (the last week of school) staff would like to meet parents to discuss their child/ren's learning progress. This will run mostly in the afternoon and parents will be able to receive Semester One's report. These meetings are important so that we can strive to give our students the best education that they deserve. We look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks,

**Kerri McPherson**

**Relieving Principal**



## Upcoming Events 2019

### Term 2

Thurs. 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Riverina Cross Country
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Photo Day
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	District Athletics @ Ardlethan

### Term 3

Thurs. 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Wagga Excursion / REEC Visit
Tues. 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Life Ed Van
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Riverina Athletics
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	ICAS - begins
Thurs. 19 <sup>th</sup> September	ICAS - ends
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup> October	MPS 100 <sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

## Assembly Awards – Week 6

### Principal's Awards



**Arthur Skarlis, Rylee & Sophie Taylor**  
For settling well into Matong Public School.

### Class Merit Awards

**Elsie Ferguson** – For commitment to learning during Numeracy lessons.

**Havarna Sims** – For improved knowledge of high frequency words.

**Ned Bensch** – For clever thinking in Mathematics.

**Jack Malone** – For being helpful and kind to his classmates.



## Library Awards

**Jessica Rudder** – For her enthusiastic participation in library and for being a helpful group leader.

**Angus Turriff** – For showing an interest in non-fiction books and for enthusiastic participation in library.

**Kobi Whitty** – For his keen participation in group discussions and for an avid interest in books.



## Student Absences

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that if your child is absent from school there is a requirement for you to provide a reasonable explanation for the absence within seven days. It is the Principal's discretion as to whether they deem an explanation as reasonable. If an explanation is not received the students' absence will automatically be recorded as unjustified.

Absences include late arrivals and early departures to and from school and also require an explanation. Absence notification methods that are acceptable are via verbal (telephone or in person), email or written. If your child is absent because of illness for more than three consecutive days, you will be required to provide a medical certificate with your absence notification. At times there may be a requirement for your children to be absent for extended periods of time. If this is the case you will need to contact the principal and complete an application for extended leave prior to the leave being taken. It is the principal's discretion whether this application will be approved or declined.

## Photo Day

Photo Day is drawing near. Individually printed Pre-Pay envelopes will be sent home today. These are to be returned by **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June**. **Please note: even if you have purchased the photos online or are not buying photos, the photo order envelope must be returned.**

## WELCOME BENJAMIN

Stage One would like to introduce Benjamin, the newest member of the Matong Public School family. Congratulations to Ms McKelvie and family!



## Small Schools Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week's Small Schools Athletics Carnival in Coolamon. A big thank you to Miss Tilly for the organisation of such a successful event. Once again, thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day. Assistance is always appreciated to make things run smoothly.



**Senior Primary and 11 Year Category  
Winners**





**Junior Primary Category Winners**



**Boys Relay Winners**



**Girls Relay Winners**









## Community News

### Coolamon Library

#### Storytime

Storytime will be this Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 10.30am theme "Under the Sea" - The morning is filled with lots of stories, songs and finishing up with a craft the children are able to take home.

#### Tech Savvy Seniors Computer Classes

The library will be hosting FREE computer courses for our seniors starting in June, they will be held over eight weeks. Limited spots are available and you will need to bring your own computer devices. Phone the library for further details - 692742492.

#### Eastern Riverina Arts

Got an idea for a great creative project for your community? Eastern Riverina Arts will be bringing their office to the Coolamon Library on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am - 4.30pm. Learn about upcoming grants and support options available through both private and public sectors. Discuss event promotion options with their consultants - To make an appointment phone the Library - 692742492.

#### Lego Club

Lego club has commenced again, it is 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. All lego is provide and any donation of Lego would be kindly appreciated.

### Urban Landcare Day

On **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** we are having our **Urban Landcare Day**, planting trees and plants in the **Matong township**. It is generously sponsored by Burning Seed. We will be meeting in the park at **10am** and will be moving around the homes in town to plant the trees. **Everyone's invited** to come along and plant some trees. The more the merrier. We hope to see you there to help make **Matong more beautiful**.  
**Matong Community Group.**

## LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO REWARD YOUR CHILD?

Remember, rewarding your child shouldn't have to cost you money or be too hard. Try to avoid rewarding with money, food and toys. Simply ensure that rewards match the effort and are genuine motivation.

### HERE ARE SOME IDEAS!

- Playing outdoor activities with the whole family
- Spend time doing their favourite activity
- Cook a special healthy meal together
- Have a picnic at the beach or park
- Find time to relax with each other

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## HAVING TROUBLE WITH MORNING DROP OFFS?

Some morning drop offs can be a walk in the park. Others can be so distressing for you and your child that they leave you feeling guilty and overwhelmed.

### WHY NOT TRY OUR COPING STEP-PLAN

1. Read a story about school with your child.
  2. Talk to your child about the fun things they do at school.
  3. Get everything ready for school the night before.
  4. Walk your child to their classroom and help them with their bag.
  5. Reassure your child that you will be back to pick them up or at home waiting for them.
  6. Remind them they can have fun playing with their friends until home time.
  7. Help them find their friends (if needed).
  8. Hug, smile, and wave goodbye to your child.
  9. Leave school.
- TIP: Try not to linger outside the classroom before and after school. This can add to your child's anxiety as they are focusing on you and not on being in class.*

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