



Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

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Week 8

Fri 22nd March

Ride2School Day / Harmony Day

Week 9

Mon 25th March

Pie Orders Due

Wed 27th March

Riverina Central Choir
1.15pm-3.10pm

Fri 29th March

Small Schools Cross Country -
Ganmain

Week 10

Thurs 4th April

District Cross Country -
Ardlethan

Big Vegie Crunch

Fri 5th April

P&C Delivery of Pie

NOTES TO BE RETURNED:

- Parent Permission
- Student Update Details
- SRE Permission Forms

- Japanese Cuisine Lunch Orders for Wed, 27th March must be handed in to the School Office by Mon, 25th March.



Stage 2/3 students learning more about the science of electricity

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Upcoming Events 2019

Term 2

Wed. 8 th May	Paul Kelly Cup
Tues. 14 th May	NAPLAN begins
Fri. 24 th May	NAPLAN ends
Fri. 31 st May	Small Schools Athletics
Thurs. 13 th June	Riverina Cross Country
Thurs. 20 th June	Photo Day
Wed. 3 rd July	District Athletics @ Ardlethan

Term 3

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

John O' Brien Writing Festival

Congratulations to our students who were presented with certificates on Thursday, 14th March by Narrandera Mayor, Cr. Neville Kschenka. Digby and Baxter were awarded first and second respectively in the upper primary poetry section. Laura was first in the lower primary poetry section, with Gabi and Zanthé receiving equal second. Jacob was awarded second in the Lower Primary short story section.

We were pleasantly surprised with the news that our infants students had also won in the poetry section. Tom Malone and Havarna Sims were first and second, with Maya Smith and Harriet Dowling being awarded highly commended for their poems. Certificates were presented to our infants students at school on Friday.

Students are to be congratulated on their writing; keep up the excellent effort!



Bush Story

A long time ago, there was a farmer, but he wasn't an ordinary farmer. When he was only 7 years old he was a true hunter, then when he was only 11 he tackled his first bull and he won a rodeo when he was only 15. When he was 17 years old he broke in a wild stallion and he was known as...**JACOB**. But he didn't know what he was going to do later in his life.

One day he woke up, it was his birthday and he was happy because he was turning 29. His wife, Sally and kids, Harry and Angelina made him a very nice breakfast. Today he was going fishing and hunting with his family. Jacob and his son hooked up the boat and got the bows and guns, got the ammo, got the fishing rods and they were off.

They were fishing on their boat, when the sun was going up, they saw something green floating on the water. Then disaster struck, it was a crocodile. **JACOB** quickly revved the engine as fast as he could to get to the bank of the river. They quickly got on to the bank, but not quick enough. The crocodile started slowly walking up the bank, Sally ran like a cheetah to the car and grabbed the 30-30 gun and ran back. The crocodile was just about to grip on to **JACOB'S** leg and drown him, but Sally shot the croc. After a few seconds they all started laughing and after that they were fine for the rest of their lives.

By Jacob Stephens
Year 4, Matong Public School

Stage 2/3 News

Bush Poem

There was a man who'd been in the scrub,
But he soon came back to the old pub.
So he could have a beer,
As he had no energy after catching his deer.

He went back out to his dog,
Whose name was Hog.
Then they hit the road,
To their humble abode.

Out near the river,
They saw something quiver.
So they went out the back,
Down the old rocky track.
There they found a joey
And named it Chloe.

By Laura Hatty
Year 4
Matong Public School

Pop's Story

I was sitting with my Pop, he was telling me his story,
He dropped out of school to start shearing,
It was the start of his glory,
It was back breaking work, just the memory left his eyes tearing.

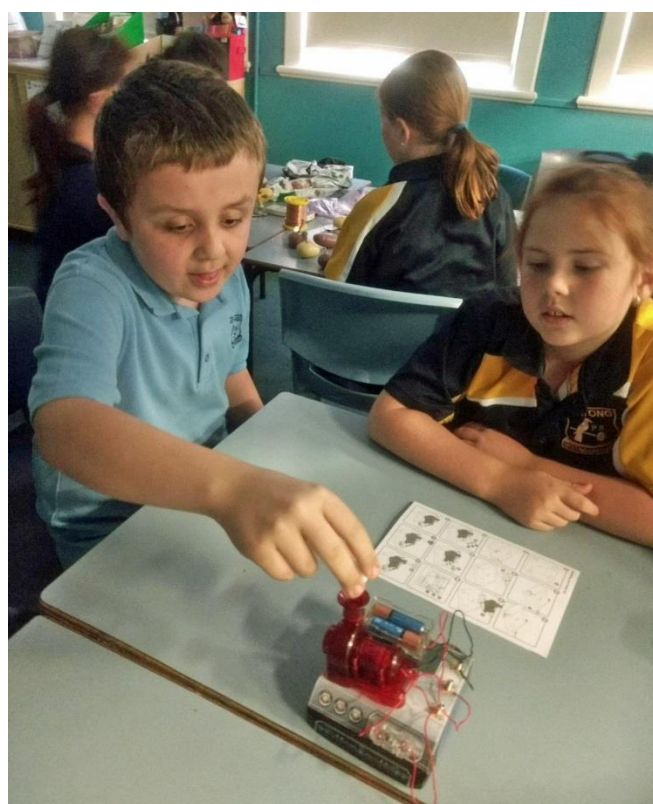
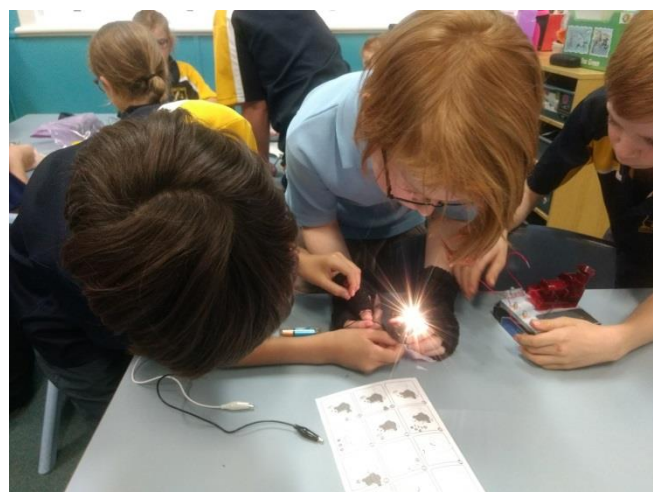
The work day started as the day was dawning,
Never a day off until the job was done,
Sharpening his comb and cutters early in the morning,
He could do the shed in only one run.

The rams were hard, they jumped and kicked,
Pop said all of his mates found it hard,
Only the good shearers were picked,
And Dad was the boy that put them in the yard.

It got harder as Pop got older,
His future became uncertain,
He badly hurt his shoulder,
Then he closed the final curtain.

Digby Currie
Yr 6, Matong Public School

A few of the entries in the John O'Brien Writing Competition



Our science unit "It's Electrifying" has involved many "hands on" experiments using a variety of electronic kits, motors, globes, speakers, batteries, volt meters and potatoes. Students have loved the opportunity to experiment with the various electrical components, equipment and kits.

P&C News

Reminder to everyone that the **Pie Drive** order forms and money are **due next Monday, 25th March**. Please return forms and money to office on Monday. Delivery date is Friday, 5th April so pop that one in the diary.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019 FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Matong Public School



are excited to be celebrating
National Ride2School Day on Friday 22 March 2019.

In the spirit of embracing a healthy and happy start to the day, we encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

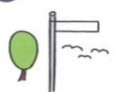


National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active transport for our community.

If you can't actively travel the whole way, consider parking the car nearby and riding or walking the rest of the way.



It's going to be a wheelie good day and we hope to see you there!



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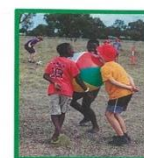


Lelia has requested for families to bring in any old vegetable seeds. These will be used to make green manure for our gardens.

Our next Storytime will be this Friday, 22nd March @ 10.30am theme "Counting ". The morning is filled with lots of stories, songs and finishing up with a craft the children are able to take home– we welcome any new families to join us.

Lego Club

Lego club has also commenced again for the year it is held on Wednesday's afternoon @ 4.00pm – 5.00pm and then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. 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 provided and is held weekly at the Library. Any donation of Lego would be kindly appreciated.



Camper's Registration Form
**KIDS CAMP OUT
2019
APRIL 6-7**

24-hour camp for kids in school years 3 to 6
@ Narrandera Race Course
Kids Camp Out 2019, An activity of the Riverina Presbytery, Uniting Church in Australia



Community News

Coolamon Library

Self –Service Kiosk

The Library has a self-service Kiosk provided by Service NSW. The Kiosk will provide our community with access to a wide range of government services, including NSW Seniors Cards, Marriage and Birth Certificates and renewal of NSW Driver's licence and registrations. For further details phone the Library – 69272492.

Coolamon Writing Workshop

The Coolamon Library is hosting a creative journaling workshop this Thursday, 21st March from 10.30am – 12.00pm. This workshop offers tips, tools, and techniques for using writing as a pathway to good health and wellbeing. It's been facilitated by award winning journalist and author Stephanie Dale. Cost of the workshop is a gold coin with all donations going to Riverina Bluebell.

Storytime

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- FARMCARE
- SELFCARE

You are invited to become a member and help rebuild the Grong Grong Landcare group. Landcare provides a national framework and resources for rehabilitation of rural, urban and public lands driven by locals who care. Please register your interest by email or text to Gemma at melerg@bigpond.com or 0413 155 191.