



Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

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Week 9

Fri 29th March

Small Schools Cross Country -
Ganmain

Sat 30th March

Ian Lucas Memorial Bike &
Hike

Week 10

Thurs 4th April

District Cross Country -
Ardlethan

Big Veggie Crunch

Fri 5th April

P&C Delivery of Pies

Week 11

Tues 9th April

Easter Hat Parade 10:30am –
11:15am

Thurs 11th April

Narrandera Easter Pageant
11:20am

NOTES TO BE RETURNED:

- [Parent Permission](#)
- [Student Update Details](#)
- [SRE Permission Forms](#)
- [District Cross Country Notes](#)

- Japanese Cuisine Lunch
Orders for Wed,
3rd April must be handed
in to the School Office by
Mon, 1st April.



**Father Darlow and students playing an exciting game
of handball.**

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Relieving Principal's News

Students, staff and parents have all been very active these last couple of weeks participating in Ride2School Day and students preparing themselves with cross country training for this week's carnival. I would like to make a special mention of the PP5 swimming team who recently participated in the Albury Riverina Swimming Carnival. They all made personal gains in their swimming and enjoyed the experience. Charlie, Baxter and Digby tried their best at the AFL selection trials. Digby and Baxter enjoyed playing in the Wagga Wagga AFL trials. We congratulate Digby on being selected to go onto the next level of Riverina football trials which will be held at Jerilderie on Friday, 5th April. The MPS community is also looking forward to participating in the Ian Lucas memorial bike ride this weekend!

A brief report will be sent home at the end of next week (Week 10). This will give you an idea of how your child/ren are learning at school. This report will mention whether we will need a follow up meeting to discuss anything. Please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment with staff if you have anything else you would like to discuss.

At the last P&C meeting parents suggested putting up the schools dome gazebo at the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival. If you are able to pick this up for this Friday's carnival or for the District Carnival in Ardlethan next Thursday, please phone the school office ASAP. It will require a couple of parents to put it up.

Many thanks,

Kerri McPherson
Relieving Principal



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

Assembly Awards – Week 9

Principal's Awards



Josef Meier

For demonstrating good concentration on tasks at hand.

Class Merit Awards

Harriet Dowling – For working independently when completing learning tasks.

Tom Malone – For fantastic contributions to History discussions.

Ned Bensch – For an excellent attitude towards his learning.

Gabrielle Walsh – For an excellent effort in creative writing.

Library Awards

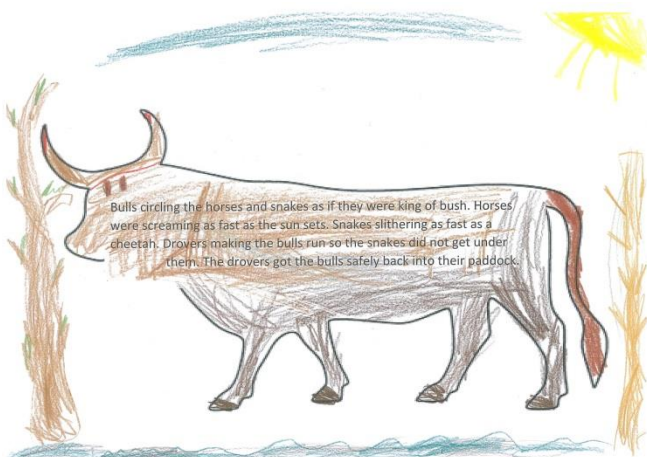
Oscar Gordon – For showing an avid interest in books and for his keen participation in Library.

Callum Ostler – For insightful contributions to discussions and showing initiative in all tasks.



Stage One News

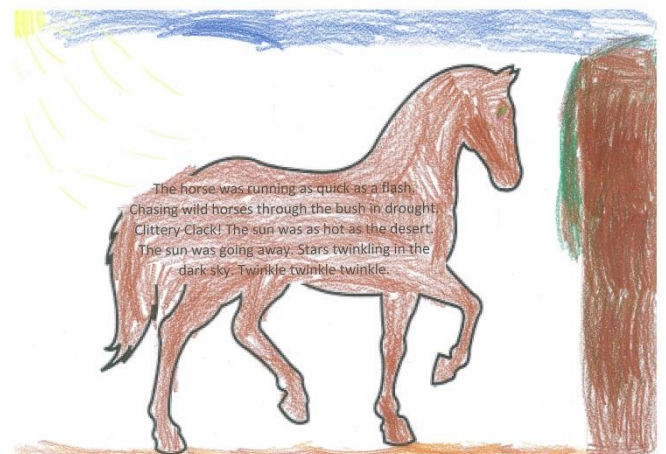
John O'Brien Bush Festival Writing Competition entries.



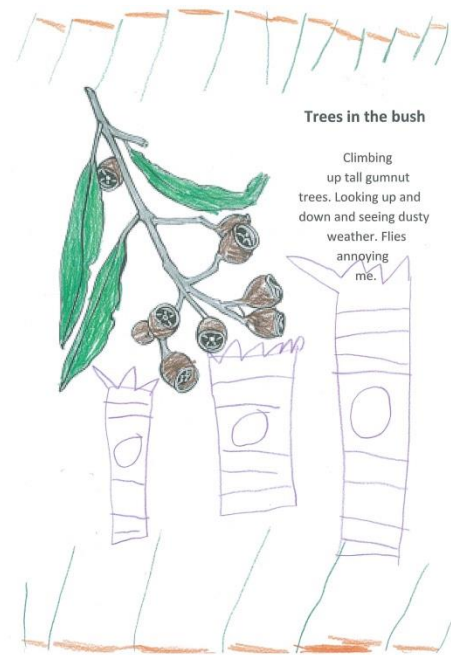
Elsie Ferguson – Year 1



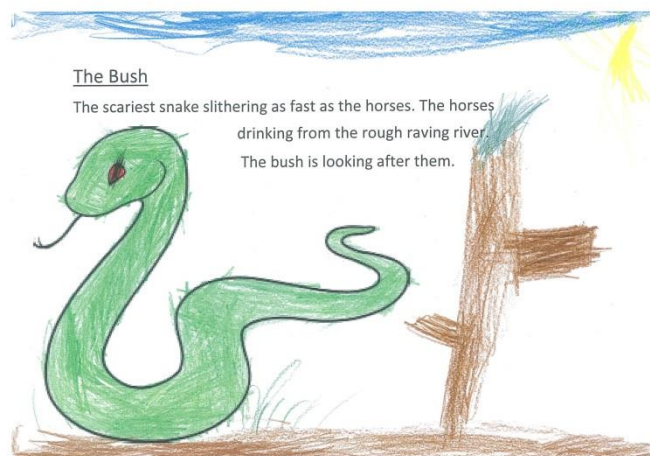
Evie Bensch - Kinder



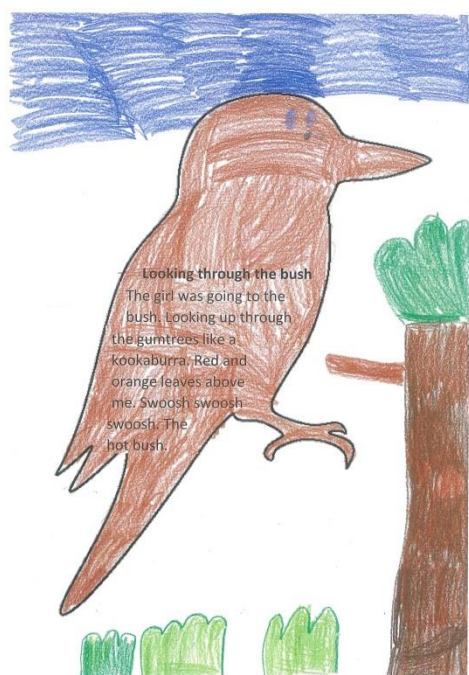
Harriet Dowling – Year 1



Havarna Sims - Kinder



Kobi Whitty – Year 1



Maya Smith – Year 1



Tom Malone – Year 1

Big Veggie Crunch

Get ready for the Big Veggie Crunch!

On **Thursday 4th April at 10 am** our school will be joining hundreds of schools across NSW to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

But we need your help to make it a success!

On Thursday 4th April, please pack your child a container of vegetables (**not fruit this time**) for them to crunch on.

Need some ideas?

- carrot, celery, cucumber – cut into sticks or left whole
- capsicum – cut into sticks or wedges
- corn – raw baby corn spears or a cooked corn cob
- broccoli or cauliflower florets - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- tomatoes – small cherry tomatoes or a large tomato that can be eaten like an apple
- beans or snow peas - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- mushrooms – sliced or left whole

If you require more information on The Big Veggie Crunch, please contact the school or your child's teacher.

Valerie McKelvie

Vegetable Week School Coordinator



Stage 2/3 News

NAPLAN Online Practice Test: Monday 1st April (back up date 2nd April)

MPS students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online practice tests next week. The practice test consists of a 45-minute omnibus test, which comprises of literacy and numeracy questions. The practice is purely to help students get used to the online NAPLAN platform and it is important to note that these tests are not marked.

Further information about NAPLAN Online, which will be held in May, is attached to this week's newsletter.

AFL Trials

On the 15th of March we had the Small School AFL try outs. Students from Matong, Cootamundra, Coolamon and Ardlethan attended the trials. We were split up into two teams and played a game; once the game was over we sat down and waited for the coach to tell us who was in the team. Luckily Baxter and I made it to the next level.

On the 21st of March we had the next level try outs at Marrar Oval in Wagga; there were four teams there, Northern Riverina, Southern Riverina Wagga and Albury. It was a pretty intense three games, our coach told us that the selectors were looking at four of us. At the end they had a presentation and three of us got picked, Nate Hamblin, Max Collis and myself. We will be required to go to Jerilderie on the 5th of July to play and if we are good enough we will get picked to play in the state carnival.

By Digby Currie



Ride2School Day / Harmony Day

Thank you to the MPS students and families that took part in the Ride2School Day / Harmony Day activities.



P&C News

PIE DELIVERY DAY- Friday 5th April - Ganmain Bowling Club from 9am.

We would appreciate some assistance with packing etc. The more helpers the quicker it gets done. Bring a coffee, it's a good opportunity for a chat.

Please advise me if you are unable to get there to pick up your pie order and to make other arrangements on the day.

Thank you for your support,
Sheree Ferguson – Catering Organiser

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.

Storytime

Our next Storytime will be Friday, 5th April @ 10.30am theme "Cheeky Monkeys". 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.

REGISTER NOW

Come Join us for another fun filled year of Soccer



REGISTRATIONS

Players Age 10-14

Register at web site below

<https://www.playfootball.com.au>

All players need to setup a new account with Playfootball

Active Kids Vouchers Welcome

Players Age 4 - 9 will need to do a manual registration see below

REGISTRATION DAY

Will be held Saturday 6th April at the Soccer Canteen Leeton No. 2 Oval 9.00am to 11.00am (Please Have your Active kids voucher with you)

Competition Starts Saturday 4th May 2019

Toni Lamont 0407 925 239

Information to follow on the Leeton United Football Club Facebook page



**What is the Easter story that we celebrate?
Come see it...experience it...be a part of it!
"Such a large impacting show for such a small community."**

PRESENTED BY THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF NARRANDERA

CRC CHURCH, BOLTON ST, NARRANDERA

DAY SESSIONS: TUES APRIL 9, WED APRIL 10, THURS APRIL 11
SESSIONS STARTING AT 15 MINUTE INTERVALS FROM 9.30AM - 3PM

NIGHT SESSIONS: THURSDAY APRIL 11
SESSIONS STARTING AT 15 MINUTES INTERVALS FROM 7PM-9PM

FREE ENTRY. DONATIONS APPRECIATED.

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**6th Annual Ian Lucas Memorial
Bike - Hike - Run**

**8am
Registration**
Grong Grong Sports Club
Or Matong Public School

Ride - Run - Walk
Grong Grong Sports Club
to
Matong Public School or
Bundidgeri Chanel

Morning Tea

Return
Ride - Run - Walk
to
Grong Grong Sports Club

BBQ & fun activities @
Grong Grong Sports Club

**30th
March
2019**

**\$10Child - \$20Adult - \$50Family
\$10 food pass for non-competitors**

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2019

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills.

There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy