



# Matong Public School NEWSLETTER

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Our MPS family would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Have a wonderful and safe holiday and enjoy this time with your families. Thank you for your support in 2022.

## What's on at MPS - 2021

### WEEK 10 TERM 4

**Thursday, 15th December – Year 6 Farewell from 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Friday, 16th December – End of Year Pool Party**

**Friday, 16th December – Last Day of Term**

### WEEK 1 TERM 1 2023

**Friday, 27th January – Staff Development Day (Staff Return)**

**Monday, 30th January – Staff Development Day**

**Tuesday, 31st January – Students Return**

**Wednesday, 1st February – Kinders Start**

## Principal's News

Yesterdays presentation morning was fantastic particularly with all the families and community members that came to support our students. We feel so lucky to be connected to such a wonderful community and continue to enjoy celebrating student learning. We thanked staff for all their extra effort this year and said goodbye to families who have been a massive support to the school. Best wishes to the Richardson, Walsh, Curtis-Dremel and Skarlis families. We know you will always come back to visit us. A big thank you to Michael from the Salvation Army for being so generous with his BBQ and Drumstick ice-creams as a treat.

Thank you once again to all the families for your support this year. I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2023. Have a wonderful and safe Christmas break with your family and friends.

Many thanks,

**Kerri McPherson**  
Principal



## Farewell Year 6 Students

### Spread Your Wings

**These past years have been so special,  
We've watched you learn and grow.  
But now the time has come for you,  
To spread your wings and go.**

**So hold your head up proudly,  
We know that you'll go far.  
You'll be a shining beacon,  
Just being who you are!**



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

**MATONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**2022**

HarperCollinsChildren's Books presents

**Dr. Seuss**

**"YOU'RE OFF TO GREAT PLACES!  
TODAY IS YOUR DAY!  
YOUR MOUNTAIN IS WAITING...  
SO GET ON YOUR WAY!"**

- Oh, The Places You'll Go!

## Coins for Santa Sacks Doin' it for rural Aussie kids

Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual event. We raised \$54.

Thank you for helping our rural Aussie kids and communities

**YOUR DONATION WILL HELP STRUGGLING RURAL AUSSIE KIDS**

Helping through the often rough holiday seasons, assistance after extreme weather or ongoing support for remote communities.

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL AID IN EDUCATION SUPPORT**

Helping rural students with needed supplies.

**YOUR SUPPORT WILL REACH OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES IN NEED**

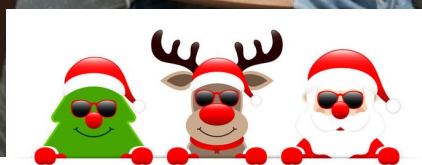
Helping country schools after extreme weather with school resources and motivational chats for the children.



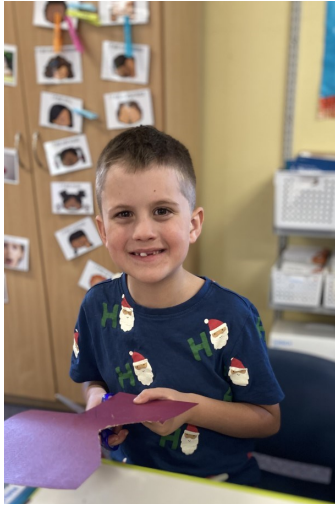
Well done to Elsie, Jack and Tom who participated in ICAS from The University of New South Wales.



## Messy Christmas



# Coins for Santa Sacks & Messy Christmas



# Presentation Day 2022

## Stage 1 Awards



## Stage 2 Awards



# Presentation Day 2021

## Year 5 Awards



## 2022 Captains - Gabi Walsh & Zanthé Richardson



# Stage 1 Special Awards - Presentation Day 2022

**Stage 1 Ian Lucas Memorial Award for Learning Grit  
(CWA Ganmain Branch)  
TEX GAWNE**



**Stage 1 Improvement Award  
(Coolamon Rotary Club)  
GEORGE DOWLING**



**Stage 1 Application to Learning Award  
(Advance Ganmain Committee)  
ELLIE JESSUP**



**Stage 1 Academic Achievement Award  
(Coolamon Shire Council)  
JACK FERGUSON**



# Stage 2/3 Special Awards - Presentation Day 2022

**Stage 2/3 Ian Lucas Memorial Award for Learning Grit  
(Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club)**

**AINSLIE CLARK**



**Stage 2/3 Improvement Award  
(McDougall Family)**

**MAYA SMITH**



**Stage 2 Application to Learning Award  
(Ganmain Men's Shed)**

**EVIE BENSCH**



**Stage 2 Achievement Award  
(Coolamon Lion's Club)**

**ELSIE FERGUSON**





# Stage 2/3 Special Awards - Presentation Day 2022

## Stage 3 Application to Learning Award (Goldenfields Water)

**ESTELLE DOWLING**



## Academic Achievement Award (Coolamon Rotary Club)

**PETER SKARLIS**



## Leadership Awards

(Coolamon RSL Sub Branch)

**ZANTHE RICHARDSON & GABRIELLE WALSH**



## Sportsperson of the Year Award

(Coolamon Shire Council)

**ZANTHE RICHARDSON & PETER SKARLIS**



# Stage 2/3 Special Awards - Presentation Day 2022

## Ian Lucas Memorial Sporting Hero Award (Goldenfields Water)

**GABRIELLE WALSH**



## Creative and Performing Arts Award (Ganmain Craft Cottage)

**ESTELLE DOWLING, VIOLET GORDON,  
ZANTHE RICHARDSON & GABRIELLE WALSH**



## Recognition for Citizenship Award (Director of Public Schools)

**PETER SKARLIS**



## Recognition for Citizenship Awards (Director of Public Schools)

**SRE TEACHERS**



# Stage 2/3 Special Awards - Presentation Day 2022

**All Round Achievement Award  
(Matong Public School P&C)  
VIOLET GORDON**



**Paul Crowe All Rounder Award  
(Paul Crowe)  
ESTELLE DOWLING**



**2023 Captain  
TEDDY GORDON**



# Presentation Day 2022



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# Thank You to Our Donors



Goldenfields  
Water

**Mr Paul Crowe  
Manilla NSW**



COOLAMON

**CWA Ganmain Branch**



**Matong Public School P&C**



**Coolamon RSL Sub Branch**

**McDougall Family**

**Advance Ganmain  
Committee**



**Ganmain RSL Sub Branch**

## Community News

### Coolamon Library

#### Storytime 2022

Our next Storytime will be Friday this , 16th December @ 10.30am – theme- “Christmas”. A small party will be held after Storytime to finish off the year, please bring a plate to share. Also Santa will be making a surprise visit.

#### Remembrance Tree

The Library will again have a Christmas tree of Remembrance. This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas. The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

#### Food Appeal

The Library will be holding our annual Christmas Food Appeal this year - this will be replacing food for fines. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods which will then be given to our community members in need. Donations can be accepted from the 21st November – 23th December 2022.

#### Book club - 2023

The Library is taking names to join a book club for 2023. The aim is to form a group of ten individuals, nominate a group leader and pay the membership fee. The library provides ten copies of the one title plus background notes and discussion questions. For further information, phone the Library – 69272492.

#### Lego Club

Lego club is held on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and then on Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. Lego Club will finish on Saturday 17th December, it will begin after the school holidays.

#### Delivery Services

Our home delivery service is still available - the library will deliver every Friday morning. Please contact the Library for further details – 69272492.

#### Closure over Christmas

The Library will be closed from Saturday, 24th December and re-opening Tuesday, 2nd January 2023



The Matong Community Group invites you to the

**MATONG  
COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**16TH DECEMBER  
5PM @ MATONG PARK**

BBQ Dinner, Salads, Soft Drink Provided  
(BYO chair, adult beverages + plate of nibbles to share)

Live Music by 'River Country'

Santa, Face Painting, Kids Activities  
(bring a wrapped gift for your kids)

Raffles



**Christmas Carols  
in the Park**

**Sunday 18th December**

**From 6:30pm**

Pack a picnic & head to the Victory Gardens for a family friendly night of live music!