

NEWSLETTER

Matong Public School



On Tuesday, our school was filled with glitz, glamour, and dapper style as students celebrated Melbourne Cup Day in fabulous fashion! From sparkling accessories and elegant outfits to bowties and top hats, everyone looked fantastic.

What's on at MPS - 2024

Week 5 Term 4

- Monday, 11th November - Remembrance Day
- Tuesday, 12th November - Narrandera High School Transition
- Tuesday, 12th November - Bush to Beach Program 2024
- Wednesday, 13th November - Year 3 Transition
- Friday, 15th November - Kinder Transition Day @ 11.15am to 3.10pm
- Friday, 15th November - Year 6 Farewell @ 5.00pm

Week 6 Term 4

- Thursday, 21st November - Basketball Clinic Narrandera
- Friday, 22nd November - Kinder Transition Day @ 11.15am to 3.10pm

Week 7 Term 4

- Tuesday, 12th November - Narrandera High School Transition

Reminders

- Friday, 8th November - Year 6 Farewell RSVP Due
- Friday, 15th November - Basketball Gala Day Notes Due
- Wednesday, 20th November - Year 5 & 6 Paul Crowe Awards Application Forms Due

Principal's News

Wow, what fantastic energy our students and staff have brought to Term 4! A big thank you to everyone involved for their ongoing efforts.

The recent school concert was amazing, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful production. It was fantastic to utilise the new Matong Community Hall, and we are grateful to the hall committee for their support in allowing us to use this excellent venue.

We are excited to announce that we will be using the hall for our Presentation Day, scheduled for Monday, 16th December, at 10am. We warmly welcome everyone to join us for this special school event.

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Principal's Annual State Conference in Sydney. Principals from across NSW gathered to hear from outstanding keynote speakers, including Jelena Dokic and Dean Boxall. The theme of the conference was "The Power of Legacy," and the speakers selected were perfect for this theme, inspiring us to reflect on our impact and contributions to education. Congratulations to everyone involved in Nedd Brockmann's Uncomfortable Challenge! It's inspiring to see the school community come together to support such an important cause. Exceeding your fundraising goal of \$500 is a testament to the dedication and generosity of students, families, and staff. This experience not only highlights the impact of collective effort but also reinforces valuable lessons about empathy, resilience, and personal growth. It's great to hear that discussions are now focused on continually challenging ourselves to grow and improve. Keep up the amazing work, and thank you for making a difference in the lives of homeless people in Australia!

Thank you once again for your dedication and hard work. Let's make Term 4 unforgettable!

Many thanks,
Kerri McPherson



Nedd's Uncomfortable Challenge

🎉 **Woohoo! We Did It!** 🎉

Thanks to our amazing MPS families, we've raised an incredible \$838.90 for Nedd's Uncomfortable Challenge!

Your support has made a real difference, and we couldn't be prouder! Thank you for being part of this fantastic cause!

🌟 **Go, Team MPS!** 🌟

G'day Matong PS School families,

Thank you for your donation to MPS Student's Uncomfortable Challenge. The world needs more Matong PS School families in it! You're helping us imagine a world where no one has to sleep on the streets! 🚀🚀

Your donation goes directly to 'We Are Mobilise' to support their innovative programs aimed at changing the lives of people experiencing homelessness across Australia! Thanks again for helping us on our mission to \$10 million! 🚀

Thanks,

Nedd's Uncomfortable Challenge Team

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, you are required to provide a reasonable explanation for the absence within seven days.

- Absences also encompass late arrivals and early departures, which similarly necessitate an explanation.
- Acceptable methods for notifying us of an absence include recording absence on the School Bytes App, responding to our Sentral text, making a verbal notification (either by telephone or in person), sending an email, or providing a written notice.
- Should your child be absent due to illness for **more than three consecutive days, a medical certificate** must accompany your absence notification.

For extended absences, please contact the principal and complete an application form for extended leave prior to the anticipated leave period.

Melbourne Cup Day Fun



Beach to Bush

Next Tuesday, we're excited to welcome the Beach to Bush team to our school! Beach to Bush is Surf Life Saving NSW's flagship educational program, designed to teach primary school students essential beach and water safety. As the largest surf safety initiative in the state, this 45-minute presentation covers crucial topics like beach and inland water safety, sun protection, rips and waves, sea creatures, basic first aid, rescues, and seeking help from lifeguards. A curriculum-aligned guide will also be available for teachers to support all program content.

Children in regional and rural NSW areas often face higher risks near the coast due to less exposure to beach environments and potential surf hazards.

The program's key safety messages are relevant not only to the beach but also to rivers, dams, pools, and other inland waterways.





MATONG SCHOOL P & C



RAFFLES

ROYAL HOTEL GRONG GRONG

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

HAPPY HOUR 5PM-7PM

RAFFLES FROM 6.30PM

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON INCLUDING MEAT TRAYS FROM COOLAMON BUTCHERY, GRUNT PORK & OTHER PRIZES





THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Community News

Coolamon Library

Storytime 2024

Storytime will be held next Friday 15th November – theme “Gardens” and then Friday 29th November theme “ Fire Engines – all sessions starting @ 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Share the Dignity – It’s in the Bag

Fill a handbag with gifts for women, teenage girls and mum and bubs in need – “It’s in The Bag”. This is an annual event where we encourage our community to put together bags filled with essential items, to donate to someone in need for Christmas. It’s simple - choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Then, fill it with items with life essentials. The Coolamon Library will be collecting these bags until the end of November.

Glass Etching Workshop

In this Adult program learn the process for etching glass using flexible reusable stencils and glass etching cream. Each participant creates permanent frosted effect designs with etching cream on two glass items to take home. This will be held on Tuesday, 12th November @10.30am. Phone the Library to book – 69272492, cost is \$10.00, with morning tea provided.

Lego Club

Lego Club has commenced again for this school term. It is held every Wednesday from 4.00pm – 5.00pm, then on Saturday mornings @ 10.30am – 11.30am. No bookings required, come and join in the fun.

Join the Library

Become a member of the Library – it’s FREE. You are never too young or too old to join the Library. Gain access to our collection of books, dvds, magazines. Borrow from our extensive digital collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks and e-Magazines. Sign up online at rri.nsw.gov.au or visit the Library today- phone the Library for further details – 69272492.

Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce will be held on Wednesday, 27th November @ 10.30am. Baby Bounce is a 30 minute early literacy program designed to help very young children to explore language. This is done by everyone joining in and learning an array of simple stories, rhymes and songs – morning tea will be provided

COOLAMON SHIRE LIBRARY- 69272492

LEGO CLUB

WEDNESDAY 16/10 BUILD A TREEHOUSE	SATURDAY 19/10 BUILD A SHIP	WEDNESDAY 23/10 BUILD A SCENE FROM A BOOK YOU ENJOY	SATURDAY 26/10 BUILD A MAZE	WEDNESDAY 30/10 BUILD A ROBOT OR TRANSFORMER	SATURDAY 2/11 BUILD SOMETHING THAT FLOATS & TEST IT IN WATER
WEDNESDAY 6/11 BUILD YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMALS HABITAT	SATURDAY 9/11 BUILD A CAR / MODE OF TRANSPORT	WEDNESDAY 13/11 CREATE AN UNDERWATER WORLD	SATURDAY 16/11 MAKE AS MANY ANIMALS YOU CAN BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT	WEDNESDAY 20/11 BUILD A LEGO POOL / SPA	SATURDAY 23/11 BUILD A DESERTED ISLAND
WEDNESDAY 27/11 DESIGN & BUILD YOUR OWN BEDROOM	SATURDAY 30/11 MAKE FOOD BEGINNING WITH EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET	WEDNESDAY 4/12 BUILD A DISCO	SATURDAY 7/12 BUILD SANTA & HIS SLEIGH	WEDNESDAY 11/12 BUILD THE NORTH POLE	SATURDAY 14/12 MAKE AS MANY PRESENTS YOU CAN BEFORE TIME IS UP!

TERM 4

WEDNESDAY 18/12 MAKE SANTA'S WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 21/12 ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

WEDNESDAYS 4PM - 5PM & SATURDAYS 10:30AM - 11:30AM

COOLAMON SHIRE LIBRARY

TERM 4 STORYTIME

10:30AM FRIDAY- 69272492

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER "I SPY"	FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER "BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS"
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER "GARDENS"	FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER "FIRE ENGINES"
FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER "CHRISTMAS"	

Community News



Kinder 2025 Transition
BUILD YOUR FUTURE HERE

Friday, 20th September 2024 - 11.15am to 3.10pm
Friday, 15th November 2024 - 11.15am to 3.10pm
Friday, 22nd November 2024 - 11.15am to 3.10pm

Please contact us for a Kinder Information Pack and to register your interest.

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We're coming to your community



We're bringing NSW Government services to:
**Ganmain Thursday 5 December 2024
9AM - 11AM**

Visit our Mobile Service Centre to access services like:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- driver licence, mobility parking and photo card applications
- Working with Children Checks
- NDIS Worker Checks
- birth, death and marriage certificates
- cost of living support and more.

Call 13 77 88 or visit service.nsw.gov.au to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:
Victory Gardens
Ford Street



**NARRANDERA HS
YR 7 TRANSITION DATES
2024**

AUG 20	HALF DAY - 8.50AM - 12.00PM
SEPT 3	HALF DAY - 8.50AM - 12.00PM
NOV 12	FULL DAY - 8.50AM - 3PM
NOV 26	FULL DAY - 8.50AM - 3PM

<https://narrandera-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
Ph: 02 69591744



Time saving tips for lunchboxes

The before school rush can have us reaching for sometimes foods.

With a little extra planning you can make it easier to grab an everyday option.

Try:

- Cutting up extra vegetables at dinner ready to pack in the morning
- Cutting up reduced fat cheese cubes in bulk on the weekend ready to pack with some crackers for the week
- Swapping from packaged chips to packaged air popped popcorn



Use our handy lunchbox planner to plan out everyday lunchboxes for the week.



Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months, and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:

- 18+ (18 years or older)
- \$ (A regular income (you or your partner))
- Attend free online financial education workshops
- Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year
- Current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card

Saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Barry Stanger. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

Are you born in **2014 2015 2016** and want to play Netball in 2025?



Join the **GGGM LIONS**

Contact our Netball Co-Ordinators:
Sheree Ferguson Emma Walsh
M. 0403 962 114 M. 0437 411 276

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🎩 ✨ **ATTENTION, ATTENTION: THE LIVE SHOW IS FINALLY HERE!** ✨ 🎩

**THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC is back for its last show of the year,
and all tickets are FREE!**

Don't miss out on an evening of mesmerizing magic and fun for the whole family!

📍 **Location: The Range Functions Centre, 308 Copland Street, East Wagga Wagga,
NSW 2650**

📅 **Date: Wednesday, 20th November 2024**

🕒 **Time: 6:00 PM**

Note: This year's show is in a temporary new location, so mark your calendars!

🎫 **Limited Tickets Available - Contact the school office as soon as possible to reserve
your seats for this wonderful event!**

**A huge thank you to our amazing sponsors, without whom this magical event would
not be possible.**