Be Safe  Be Responsible  Be an Active Learner

Our Key Priorities in 2016 are Writing (underpinned by Spelling), Reading and Numeracy.

Regional Attendance Goal: 93%  Our Attendance this Fortnight: 89.4%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

Our term, and semester, has come to an end. Reports have been sent home, interviews are taking place today, Cooyar Cash Rewards Week is well underway and on Friday we have Bring your Bike to School Day and our P&C End of Term Barbeque from 1.00pm. I would like to thank all of our families for their support throughout this semester. We look forward to seeing you after the holiday break.

Triple P Parenting
Over the last three weeks, Julie Rathmell from Bush Kids has been running a free Triple P Parenting Program at the school. Feedback from parents was positive and we thank Julie for her support in coming from Dalby each Tuesday to present these workshops.

Student Council Theme Day
Last Friday, the Student Council held a ‘B’ Theme Dress Up Day. The creative costumes on the day were jaw dropping. From barristers to ballerinas, bull riders to bush rangers, bouquets to babies and bees to billionaires, all students made a fantastic effort for this Student Council event. Well done to all students and to our prize winners in each grade.

Kindergarten Visits
Last Thursday, I made my first visit to Maclagan Kindergarten for 2016. I took one of my favourite picture books, “Giraffes Can’t Dance” and after our reading we danced like Gerald the giraffe. I look forward to my visits over the next two terms. I thank Miss Lisa for welcoming me so warmly during these visits.

Industrial Skills at Quinalow
Last Wednesday, Mr Neale Bartrop prepared a terrific workshop for the students of Cooyar. This term, children made themselves a garden basket. The base is mesh allowing garden produce to be washed in the garden and the water drips through. Cooyar State School is very grateful to be able to participate in this activity.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival 2016
Our athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 14th July, 2016. A program for the day and a tuckshop menu was attached to the Week 9 newsletter. This year orders will not be taken for tuckshop. It will be a purchase on the day arrangement. We have planned a full day program. South Burnett Trials will take place on 24th August, 2016. Nominations will be completed post carnival. Any parents willing to bake for the day, please drop off items at the tuckshop on the morning of the carnival.

DATE CLAIMER: P and C End of Term Barbeque and Games Afternoon
On the last day of this term, from 1.00pm, the P & C will be holding a family barbeque followed by a game of sport. Food supplied. BYO soft drinks.

BRING YOUR BIKE (and helmet) TO SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY
Making a Payment?

BPOINT is our preferred method of payment as it saves us administration time in following up payments. Please try BPOINT for your next school invoice. www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete.

If your child will be absent or late...

Please call the school and leave a message if your child will be absent from school. You can ring and leave a message at any time, day or night. Alternatively, write a note in KIT books. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL BANKING

Each Wednesday
Coordinator: Mrs Chloe Davis

PLAYGROUP

Each Tuesday
8.30 – 11.15am
Coordinator: Mrs Rowena Gibson

GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Each morning
8.00 – 8.30am

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE DUE
26th August, 2016

Drama Performance

Last Friday, our students participated in drama performances as a culmination of the drama units that Mrs Crocket has been running this term. We are very lucky to have an experienced drama teacher who is willing to come and run workshops with our students. We thank Mrs Crockett for another great term and look forward to working with her again next year.

Music Term Three

As a school, we will be funding Miss Madeline Williams for Term Three, who is a qualified music teacher. Miss Williams will be at Cooyar on Tuesdays. She will be working with the Junior and Middle classes on rhythm, beat and movement activities and working with the Senior class towards reading and writing some basic pieces of music. There will be a culminating performance in Week 9 of Term Three.

Gold Behaviour Awards

At this week’s parade, we will be presenting Gold Behaviour Awards to all those students who have worked hard to follow our school rules this term and have received no red cards. Students who receive a Gold Behaviour Award each term for four terms will be presented with a Behaviour Champion Medallion at Presentation Night at the end of the year.

Silver Spelling Awards

At this week’s parade, we will be recognising the students who have achieved 100 percent in their weekly spelling tests for every Friday of the term. We have seen great improvement in our weekly spelling tests this term after implementing our new spelling groups. We will also be recognising 99%, 98% and 97% awardees at this parade. Silver Spelling Champions will be invited to a special morning tea with Miss Seccombe at the start of next term.

Senior Camp 2016

Please return Senior Camp 2016 notes indicating whether your child will be attending this year’s camp at a cost of $100 per student. Please return monies to the school office or pay online using BPOINT. The P and C will fund the remaining cost thanks to their annual Trail Ride. Please note that attendance on camp is also dependent on student behaviour. If, due to behaviour, your child will not be eligible for camp, you will be informed by mid-Term Three.

2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge

We already have two student’s forms returned. A great effort! The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 16 May - 26 August. Students who complete the challenge will be awarded a certificate from our Premier and a morning tea with Miss Seccombe at the end of the challenge. Students can return their reading forms to the school office when they have completed the challenge.

School Opinion Survey

Please use the letters that were sent home last week to log onto the internet and fill out the School Opinion Survey for 2016. Last year nine families participated. This year, we would like to see all of our families participate. Feedback from this survey can help guide our future direction and focuses. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Wishing you a safe, restful and relaxing holiday with friends and family,

Yours in Education, Kendall Seccombe
Junior Class News from Mrs Spencer

Happy Holidays everyone. I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest from school work, making lunches and doing homework over the next two weeks. Students have been visibly tired the last couple of weeks and I am sure will enjoy a couple of weeks of sleep ins.

This term also marks the end of Michelle Bourke’s maternity leave. Michelle will return next semester which unfortunately means I won’t get to spend as much time with everyone as I will only be at school on a Thursday. I have thoroughly enjoyed having the class and will miss seeing their smiling faces every day. It is a beautiful class and I am sure Michelle will really enjoy next semester with them.

Reports went out last week and interviews are being held this week. Please remember there is never any need to wait until the end of term or semester to talk about your child. You are free to come in and see what they are doing or to look over books or assessment at any time, I (and Michelle) will be only too happy to discuss any issues or simply to keep you updated.

Congratulations to our Silver Spelling Champions for this term: Josie Brown, Keira Ryan and Charlotte Ehrlich.


Last of all, thanks to our class helpers this semester. If you would like to put your hand up to help for a morning next term please do. We really appreciate any help you can offer.

Drama Performance

A great effort by all students. We have seen great development in all students since our performances in 2015. We look forward to continuing our drama journey with Mrs Crockett in 2017. For more photographs, please look at our Facebook Page.
From Miss Seccombe in the Senior Class

This fortnight we have been wrapping up our curriculum for Term Two. We have finished our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory journey, and after watching both movies and reading the novel, we have used our SCORE Top Level Structure of Compare and Contrast to fill in a Venn diagram to compare and contrast all three texts. We are continuing our reading of Roald Dahl’s BFG to prepare for our movie excursion next term. We have been focusing on the similes that we are finding in the BFG with key words ‘as’ and ‘like’. Ask your children about Top Level Structures and Similes – it will be a great review activity for them to explain these concepts to you.

We have taken our end of term Spelling Tests and have updated our Reading Level Wall after our most recent testing. Most students in our class are working on detailed retelling of a text and answering comprehension questions. When reading aloud with your child, ask them to retell the text to you, or ask them questions, to help them develop these skills further. This week in History and Technology, students are reviewing the concepts taught over the term and preparing for their new units in Term Three.

It is great to see so many students purchasing Cooyar Cash Rewards this term. Congratulations to our Silver Spelling Champions: Holly Barron and Gabrielle Duncombe. A big congratulations to our Gold Behaviour Award recipients for this term: Gabrielle Duncombe, Ethan Williams, Jasmine Clayton, Seth Davis and Jessica Mylett. I look forward to celebrating with these students early next term.

Wishing you and your family a break filled with family, friends, fun and rest.

Students of the Week

Week 9

Cody Duncombe – For keeping the eating area clean.
Charlotte Ehrlich – For being an active learner by taking care with her handwriting!
Holly Barron – for applying her strategies to mathematics tasks.
Rhiannon Ryan – For her precise mathematical working.

Week 10

Melinda Smith – for picking up rubbish in the playground.
Grace Barron – for being a kind and caring class member.
Lara Mylett – for working hard in digital technologies.
Ethan Williams - for actively participating in Drama each week and preparing signs for the performance.
From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class

English
Congratulations to everyone for their spelling efforts this term. I have seen an improvement in weekly spelling results and students are beginning to apply these skills in their writing. Well done to Rhiannon Ryan for achieving the Silver Spelling Certificate this term!

Over the last term, we have been watching stories read online. These stories have been read by famous actors that have emphasised the fact that good readers read with expression. Students have chosen a picture book this week to read to a Prep or Year One student. Their goal is to practice reading with expression so they can entertain their listener.

History
Our mini museum opened on Tuesday and the Year 2/3 Class should be proud of how they displayed their exhibits and engaged with the visitors. It truly was wonderful to see the children participate fully in history activities. The Preps and Year Ones enjoyed looking at the different objects and all won a prize for completing a sequencing activity. The senior class observed the exhibits carefully in order to answer some quiz questions. Well done to all the smarties that answered questions correctly and collected a prize.

Last of all, a big thank you to all those who contributed to the museum with special items from home. We have had a very busy and productive term, so thank you to all the students for their hard work. Extra congratulations go to the Gold Certificate award winners for this term for their excellent behaviour. In our class, they are Willow Davis, Rhiannon Ryan, Lara Mylett, David Munt, Charlotte Barron and Oliver Nixon.

I wish everyone a restful break so you can recharge the batteries and spend some time with your families. Happy holidays!!

HAPPY CLEANER’S DAY MRS VERBEEKVANDERSANDE

Last Friday, we recognised Mrs Verbeekvandersande’s contributions to our school on Cleaner’s Day. She was presented with a card that all of the students in the school contributed to. Thank you for all you do Kerry!
Cooyar Cash Rewards Week

Industrial Arts

Art and Craft

Cup Cake Party

My Kitchen Rules

Gaming

Pizza in the Park
As we are entering the flu season, you might to use the following recipe for a combatant against any colds and sniffles in your house. It is a naturopathic immune builder recipe. If you are afraid of the chilli, just leave it out.

Happy holidays to everyone, Carmon Sloss.

**FIGHTING FLU??**

Don’t forget the Flu Fighter Tea…recipe below..

This warming drink will support the immune system and soothe coughs and sore throats.

Bring one litre of water to the boil and add:
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 whole lemon (skin on) sliced
- 1 cinnamon stick or ½ teaspoon cinnamon powder
- 6 cloves
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼ teaspoon fresh chopped chilli

Continue to boil for 1 minute. Allow to cool slightly and drink the warm tea freely throughout the day.

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Do you have any old photos, memorabilia and/or stories about life in Maclagan and district? We’re using them for the Bismarck to Maclagan 100 year Anniversary. Ring Sherryl Hansen 4692-1265

Calling for Expressions of Interest for a Tug of War at the 10 September Bismarck to Maclagan 100 year Anniversary. Ring Sherryl Hansen 4692-1265

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Election Day

2nd July, 2016

Polling Booths will be at Cooyar State School