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: 95.3%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

We are half way through our term and students are working hard on their individual learning goals. Have you asked your child recently about how they are going with their goals?

Last week I attended a two day conference in Brisbane that focussed on curriculum, leadership and evidence based decision making. Each time I make the decision to leave the school to attend meetings and conferences, I carefully consider the value of the opportunity to our school. We have already started using information from this conference in our planning and programming.

Next week I will be out of school for three days conducting a school review as a peer reviewer. I am looking forward to this experience after having had our own review recently at Cooyar.

Excursions this fortnight
- Senior Students to ‘The Wiz’ – a musical by Centenary Heights students
- Middle Class visited the Carbethon Museum in Crows Nest and had a guided tour
- Senior Class visited the Spirit of ANZAC exhibition in Toowoomba.
- Junior and Middle Classes attended Under 8’s Day at Tanduringie.

Triple P Parenting

As part of offering opportunities within the community, Cooyar State School is proud to host Julie Rathmell from Bush Kids to run the four week Triple Parenting Program at the school over four afternoons. We decided to run this on Tuesdays from 2.30 – 4.00pm (31st May for 4 weeks) to coincide with After School Sports. This program is offered at no charge to parents and will be run in the demountable building. Afternoon tea will be supplied.

School Review

The Executive Summary from our School Review has been uploaded to our Website. A full copy of the review was presented at the P and C Meeting and is available for any parents that would like to have a copy. Recommendations from this review will be used to create our next 4 year Strategic Plan.

Head Lice

Please be aware that head lice has been reported to the school by several families. Please check your children’s heads for eggs and lice, and treat as necessary. Please contact the pharmacy if you need treatment shampoo or further advice.

Student Council Theme Day

On Friday 17th June, the Student Council will be holding a ‘B’ Theme Dress Up Day. Students can come dressed in “B” Themed clothes. Notes will come home in KIT books closer to the date.
**Making a Payment?**


**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

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**P & C Meeting Monday 23rd May**

This Monday’s P and C Meeting was very eventful, with many decisions being voted upon and passed. At this meeting, the following decisions were passed:

- From Week 8, there will be a new format across the school for Homework. It was decided upon that Homework would consist of home reading, spelling and times tables (from Year 2).
- From 2017, a student resource scheme will be brought into the school instead of annual book lists. The scheme will cost approximately $100 per student and all stationery and text books will be provided by the school. Parents will not have to source books or cover books. The total cost of the scheme will have to be paid by the end of 2016. Invoices will be sent home at the start of Term Four to give families time to pay before the end of the year.
- The P and C would like to co-fund excursions to save families from having to pay a cost. I will present these excursions to the P and C at each meeting. This is another great initiative that will save families money, thanks to our annual Trail Ride fundraiser.
- The itinerary from camp was discussed and the budget for camp was raised to cover the updated costs of 2016 Senior Camp to Longreach and Winton.
- A new newsletter format was approved. This is the new layout. Please feel free to provide feedback about this new layout.

**DATE CLAIMER: P and C End of Term Barbeque and Games Afternoon**

On the last day of school, from 1.00pm, the P & C will be holding a family barbeque followed by a game of sport. Food supplied. BYO soft drinks.

**Weekly Spelling Tests**

We are seeing some impressive weekly spelling results with the introduction of our new spelling groups and program. Last week I awarded 22 one hundred percent certificates to students in our school. This is very impressive. We encourage all students to continue to work towards these high results and also the Silver Spelling Award at the end of the 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. 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.

**2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We already have one student’s form 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.

**Assessment and Reporting**

Over the coming weeks, final assessment items are being completed for report cards. Attendance every day is really important during this time. If students are absent they will miss important review, revision and assessment activities. Report Cards will be sent home on Friday 17th June with interviews being offered on Wednesday 22nd June.

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

Only 4 more weeks of school to go before our semester break and students are working hard and enjoying the many opportunities coming their way. This week Prep and Year One have been completing Part B of their Technology assignments. Students have been:

- working in pairs collecting data
- Showing the data in two different ways using a digital system
- Showing the data as pictures
- Representing an example of patterning using a digital system
- In an online space (Learning Place’s ‘Blackboard’) creating a page to share information with their classmates

Students have really enjoyed these lessons and are excited about Part C when we get to use the Bee Bots. We have started our new science units. The unit this term is a chemical sciences unit looking at ‘materials’. Both classes have a slightly different focus. Year One students will be learning about the properties of materials in order to make informed decisions when designing a boat while Prep students will look at making a wind ornament that can withstand the rigours of the outdoors here in Cooyar.

In maths Year One students have been looking at Number, Patterns and Algebra with Mrs Strohfeld. Preps have a focus this week looking at Time. Students have been having fun looking at the best way to ‘measure’ the duration of an activity. The following two weeks will see students combining their maths and technology lessons while looking at things such as position, location, transformation, direction and movement which will hopefully be a lot of fun.

Mrs Strohfeld has unfortunately only one week left with our class. Her time with us has gone extremely fast as she has fitted in with our class so beautifully. She has planned and is teaching Year One Science, Year One Maths, Health, Foundation Spelling, and is learning how to use SCORE in our reading lessons. During her time she has also taken a number of Year One handwriting classes and English classes as well as participating in various other small group activities.

Year One students have finished a persuasive monitoring task in English that was created over a number of lessons and will next week try their hand at an ‘on demand’ task following Mrs Strohfeld’s series of lessons. Many students handed in homework to mark on Thursday last week which was fantastic. Students are doing really well with spelling so far this term and I am looking forward to seeing the end of term results. Thank you as always for your support. Remember to drop in if you have any questions or just want to be part of the class for a while (or if you can help with Sight Word checks!).

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**THIS FORTNIGHT’S SOCIAL SKILL FOCUSES**

Each week we have a social skill focus that is taught explicitly on parade and in classrooms. We ask that parents support this learning by discussing these social skills at home.

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From Miss Seccombe in the Senior Class

In Mathematics we have been working on:
Data:
- Collecting data with two way tables
- Displaying data using side by side graphs, pie graphs, dot plots, picture graphs and column graphs.
- Categorical data versus numerical data

Angles:
- Identifying angles as acute, right, obtuse, straight, reflex and a revolution
- Measuring angles with a protractor and creating angles with a protractor
- Calculating missing angles, calculating angles on a straight line

In English we are revising our writing skills to begin our assessment item for this term. We have been practising, reviewing and revising the following writing skills:
- Paragraphs – sentence starter, topic sentence, supporting sentences and concluding sentence
- Paragraphing – new setting, speaker, time, situation.
- Punctuation sentences – full stops, commas, speech marks, capital letters, apostrophes, question marks and exclamation marks.
- Sentences – simple, compound and complex sentences with conjunctions and clauses
- Vocabulary – complex and interesting describing words, words from our spelling lists.
- Editing – mark the change, then make the change.

This week the Student Council will meet to discuss the garden area, Father’s Day Stall and Bee Hives.

Students of the Week

Week 6
Charmaine Newby – Being Safe. Always remembering to put everything away carefully.
Alexis Gibson – for being a safe and responsible student during morning sport.
Charlotte Barron – for making a great effort to learn her spelling words!
Rylie Barron – for applying his learning and asking questions.

Week 7
Seth Davis – for showing leadership and responsibility in the playground and during learning.
Oliver Nixon – for achieving his math learning goal early.
Declan Munt – Always staying on task and completing every activity.
Katie Harris – Behaviour and conduct in the playground and on excursions.
From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class

English
Students have been working hard with their spelling and learning the Soundwave Charts. I am impressed with their results so far. Keep it up!!!

Persuasive texts on the topic of “Rules vs No Rules” are being completed this week. There has been high level of discussion about school rules after watching a clip of a school trialling no rules in their lunch hour plays in New Zealand.

History
Our excursion to the “Carbethon Museum” in Crows Nest was a memorable experience and it tied in perfectly with what students have been learning about. We were lucky enough to receive a guided tour from the president of the Crows Nest Historical Society (Mr Len). He guided us around the museum for two hours, entertaining us with stories and information. Many thanks go to the staff and Mr Len for adding to our knowledge of history.

We are now set to create our own mini museum in the old library building. Students took notice of how items were displayed at “Carbethon” and will start collecting objects from the past over the rest of the term. An exact date will be revealed as the term progresses.

A special thank you to Mr Munt and Mrs Duncombe for helping with the supervision of students.

Mathematics
Students will be working on improving their recall of multiplication facts over the next fortnight. We are also completing some assessment of location and data activities.

Science
What is matter? Year three students should now know the answer to that question. They will be investigating solids and liquids for the rest of the term.

Year two students are investigating materials and their properties so they can eventually combine materials to solve problems.

With two excursions this week it will be a short week for us to cover a lot of information.

Have a great fortnight!

POSITIVE/ RED CARD RATIOS for Term 2, Weeks 1 – 5
Positive Rewards Given to Students: 1653
Red Cards Given to Students: 62
Our Ratio of Red Cards to Positives is 1: 27. That’s 27 positives handed out for each red card. Our PBL goal is 1: 8. That means Cooyar is giving out more than three times the expected amount of positives to students. We believe in the power of positive rewards at Cooyar State School.

Did you know that you can have our weekly newsletter emailed to you?
Contact the school with your email address now.
Extra-Curricular Experiences

Senior Class Excursion to Spirit of ANZAC,
Toowoomba

Middle Class visit to Carbethon Museum, Crows Nest

Junior and Middle Classes attend Under 8’s Day at Tanduringie
PUBLIC NOTICES

**Bush Kids**

Royal Queensland Bush Children’s Health Scheme

*Group Triple P (Level 4) PPP*

For parents

bushkids.org.au

This program is to be offered at the Cooyar State School in Term 2 2016. To begin on Tuesday 31st May and run for 4 weeks. Sessions times are 2.30pm – 4pm.

Details of each session in the Triple P program is as follows:-

**SESSION 1**

What is Positive Parenting?
Causes of child behaviour problems
Goals for change
Keeping track of children’s behaviour