Be Safe  Be Responsible  Be an Active Learner

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

Our Regional Attendance Goal for each day is: 93%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

Welcome back to our third term of this school year. This week we have our Athletics Carnival which has taken a great amount of organisation from Mrs Davies and the Cooyar Team. I would like to thank Mrs Davies in advance for all of her hard work in preparing for tomorrow. I look forward to seeing our families throughout the day.

Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow we will host our Small School’s Cluster Athletics Carnival. The day will begin with a Welcome at 8.45 and conclude with presentations at 2.30pm. Mrs Debbie Hails will be coming to make presentations to our students at the end of the events. A tuckshop will run on the day. We ask any parents who can spare some time on the day to come and do a shift. We also ask parents for any baking donations for the day to be dropped at the tuckshop in the morning. We appreciate the contributions and time of all volunteers. Thank you in advance.

Music in Term Three

This term, Madeline Williams joins us to teach Music to our students. Students will have an hour long music lesson each Tuesday and a choir session in the last session of each Tuesday. Our students have always enjoyed music and Madeline brings a wealth of specialist experience. We warmly welcome her to Cooyar. There will be a whole school Music Performance in Week 9. More information will be released closer to the date.

Spelling Term Three

Included in this newsletter is a Spelling Overview for this term. Individual spelling lists will be sent home next week in homework folders for students to practice at home. We will continue weekly spelling tests each Friday and students are encouraged to work towards our Silver Spelling Champion Award at the end of the term by achieving 100 percent on each test throughout the term. Our Silver Spelling Champions from Term Two will be celebrating with Miss Seccombe early next week.

Staffing Term Three

This term we welcome back Mrs Bourke after her time on maternity leave. Mrs Bourke will be in the Junior Class three days a week; Monday to Wednesday. On Thursdays, Mrs Spencer will work in the Junior Classroom. Mrs Mylett and Mrs Dionysius will remain in the Junior room. Ms Williams will join us on Tuesdays for Music. We warmly welcome Mrs Bourke back and take this opportunity to also recognise the contribution of Mrs Spencer over the last twelve months. Our Junior Classroom has been very lucky to have her during Mrs Bourke’a time away.

Thank YOUs

A big thank you to Matthew Ryan and Scott Duncombe who took our clean up leftovers to the dump over the school holidays.

Thank you to Brad Duncombe who came and drilled our high jump poles. We appreciate your help!

 Shed Clean Out

On the last day of Term 3, we had a big clean out of the grounds shed. Many families found items that would be useful and took these in return for a gold coin donation to the Student Council. We now have plenty of space in our shed leading up to sports day – it looks great.
Online Technology Course
A group of our Senior students have been enrolled in an online Technology extension course for this term. They will begin this course in Week 2 and continue until the end of the term. More information on this will be sent home when the registrations have been finalised.

Technology with Mr Eastwell
Each Wednesday from Week 2, Mr and Mrs Eastwell will travel to the school to teach technology to our students. These lessons lead to our Technology Challenge at the end of the term with Benarkin and Tandurinjig State Schools. We are very lucky to have Mr and Mrs Eastwell travel from Toowoomba each week to volunteer their time with us. We greatly appreciate their efforts and warmly welcome them back to Cooyar this term. We will be focusing on designing and building catapults this term during these sessions.

Movie Afternoon
In Week 2 of this term, Friday 22nd July, the Student Council will hold a Movie Afternoon at the school from 2.45 – 5.00pm. Students will be supervised by school staff. Parents with younger siblings are more than welcome. Popcorn and treat packs will be sold by the Student Council for $5.00 per person. Extra treats can also be purchased on the day. Students should be picked up from the school by 5.00pm on this day. A permission form is attached to this newsletter and can be sent back to the office with treat pack payment.

Senior Camp
By the end of this week, all eligible students will receive their Senior Camp Package. I ask parents to read through all documents and return the relevant notes and monies to the school office by the closing date. Mr Scott Duncombe and Mr Chris Mylett have been invited to be parent volunteers on the camp this year and will also be co-driving our bus on this journey. While it is not a requirement, it is recommended that parents consider domestic travel insurance for school camps.

Book List Resource Scheme
As decided at May’s P & C Meeting, we will be moving to a resources scheme in 2017. Parents will not be required to purchase any resources for their children. Invoices for the cost per child will be sent out in Week 5 of this term to give parents the time to make payment by the end of 2016.

Cooyar Cluster Arts Day
On Wednesday 7th September, our RREAP cluster schools will join us here at Cooyar for an Arts Celebration day in conjunction with the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba. After lunch, we will end the day with a drama performance by a theatre company. The day will be funded by cluster RREAP funds with no cost to students.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
We already have several students who have returned their forms. Well done! We encourage all students to participate in the competition. It will continue until 26th August, 2016. That gives students SIX weeks to complete their challenge. Students who participate will be awarded with a Morning Tea with Miss Seccombe at the end of August.

From Senior Constable Bill Worden
Each fortnight, we will now have an insert from Senior Constable Bill Worden from the Cooyar Police Station with information for residents. We welcome this insert and the importance of using this information in our homes and the community.

Gold Behaviour Awards
As the term is beginning, we are reminding all students that they can qualify for a Gold Behaviour Champion Award at the end of the term for following our school rules and receiving no red cards this term. We look forward to continuing to encourage students to aim for this goal.

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

Welcome back everyone! I trust everyone enjoyed their holiday. It is great to be back and what a great bunch of children. Thank you Bronwyn for all your hard work you have done. I will be working Monday to Wednesday each week, focusing on English and Mathematics. Bronwyn will be working on Thursdays and will focus on our other KLA’s (Science, Geography, Technology) as well as continuing with our spelling and reading blocks.

We welcome a new student to our class this Term. Lilly is settling into Year One really well with everyone helping her to find her way. Welcome back to Logan and his family from their big trip away. Logan enjoyed sharing all his postcards, maps and journal with the class. WOW! You really saw a lot. What an amazing experience!

Home reading will continue this week with homework being sent home next week. If you can spare some time to help with reading and or sight words please come and see Bronwyn or myself.

We look forward to working with you all this term.

Michelle Bourke & Bronwyn Spencer

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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**

Welcome back to Term Three. We have jumped straight back into it with our Mathematics and English Curriculum this week. Mrs Sloss will begin Science on Thursday and next week we will begin Technology with Mr Eastwell.

This term, we will be learning about mathematics concepts in blocks. This allows for greater differentiation for all students. This fortnight in mathematics we are working on patterns and algebra. We have unpacked the types of patterns we know and what we know about algebra. We are working on growing patterns – addition, multiplication, subtraction and division as well as finding unknown quantities in algebra.

Our English will be broken into five week blocks this term. The Year Fours are working towards an oral presentation of a historical recount as a person on the First Fleet to Australia. Students have been given novels to help them set the scene and learn more about the conditions on the ship.

Year Five and Six Students will be focussing on producing a letter to a student in the future describing the contexts of their lives in the present. Students will be receiving their novel for the term which they are being asked to read for home reading and during silent reading time. ‘A Waltz for Matilda’ introduces letters and also vocabulary and language which will create more description in their own letters at the end of the 5 week unit. We will continue to focus on punctuation and grammar, as well as problem solving each morning, along with our spelling ability groups.

In Science, students will be beginning with Earth Science incorporating dinosaurs in the lead up to our Senior Camp 2016.

**From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class**

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you all enjoyed your winter break. I’m looking forward to a busy and exciting term starting with our sport’s carnival this Thursday.

This term in Science, the Year Two students will be investigating how toys work which ties in nicely with technology lessons with Mr Eastwell. The Year Three’s will be learning about heat and the different ways it can be produced.

Our Math topic this fortnight will focus on number activities. Students will use hands on materials from RoleM, calculators, games and interactive computer lessons as well as their Math Plus textbooks in order to develop their skills when manipulating numbers to 1000 (Year 2) or 10 000 (Year 3).

In English, we have discussed what procedures are and where you find them. So far we have read extracts from ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ which the students really enjoyed.

Have a great fortnight! Go COOYAR!!
Silver Spelling Champions Term 2

Gold Behaviour Champions Term 2

POSITIVE/ RED CARD RATIOS for Term 2, Weeks 6 – 10

Positive Rewards Given to Students: 1321
Red Cards Given to Students: 38

Our Ratio of Red Cards to Positives is 1: 35. That’s 35 positives handed out for each red card. Our PBL goal is 1: 8. That means Cooyar is giving out more than four 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.
The Beat

Around the Bush

By Senior Constable Bill Worden
Officer in Charge, Cooyar Police

We have recently had a vehicle stolen from a Rural property at Kooralgin. Please, keep a look out for a Light Green 2002 Holden Statesman sedan registration number 930-IMK. It is timely to remind everyone about security of property, especially on Rural Properties. We live in times where there are people willing to enter our properties and steal what they can so please look carefully at how property is stored, make sure serial numbers along with descriptions are recorded so if the property is stolen we can use this to track it down later and return located property to the rightful owners. Consider the value of Remote Cameras around your machinery sheds, there are many types on the market at reasonable prices.

If you see something suspicious Ring
Crimestoppers 1 800 333 000 or PoliceLink 131 444.

There appears to be an increase recently in activities of Telephone / Postal / E Mail & Online Scammers, some posing as agents for The Tax Office and others posing as Investigators pretending to assist you with your Computer Anti-Virus software. One way or another they wish to separate you from your money and they are becoming more cunning and persistent in their ways. Anyone receiving this type of contact are encouraged to report the matter to either:

Scamwatch Ph:1300 795 995 www.scamwatch.gov.au or

ACORN (Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network) www.acorn.gov.au

If anyone has something they wish to talk to me about please feel free to call me at the Station Phone number 4612 5055.