Be Safe  Be Responsible  Be an Active Learner

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

Regional Attendance Goal for each day is: 93%  School Attendance this Fortnight: 91.5%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,
We have had a busy start to the term from our Athletics Carnival in Week One to Writing Training Days for staff in Week Two. Our Playgroup, Music Lessons and Online Coding Training (Senior Class) continue each week, and next week brings the South Burnett Athletics Trials at Taabinga State School. All the important information that you need to know is detailed in this newsletter.

Athletics Carnival

Another great carnival that ran very smoothly. We received huge amounts of positive feedback on how smoothly the day ran. Thank you to Mrs Davies for her organisation and Mrs Spencer for organising the Junior Rotations. A BIG thank you to the ladies who made home bake and volunteered in the Tuckshop on the day. The grounds had a tinge of green thanks to the fathers who organised the sprinklers in the lead up to the day. If you received a copy of the High Country Herald last fortnight, you would have seen our Small School Champions grace the front page. We thank the High Country Herald for their coverage of our Small School Event.

South Burnett Athletics Trials

We have nominated students for South Burnett and notes have been sent home. The dates for the South Burnett Trials are as follows: 6-9 year old sprints will be on Tuesday 2nd of August. All 10-12 year old events will be on Wednesday, the 3rd of August.

Playgroup Term 3 - Themes
2nd August - Making Puppets
9th August - Puppet Show
16th August - The Gingerbread Man

Music in Term Three
As you have probably heard at home, students are thoroughly enjoying their music lessons with Miss Williams each Tuesday. Each class receives an hour long lesson and the whole school participates in an afternoon choir session.

Mandatory Same Day Student Absence Notifications
As of 12th July, there are new mandatory notification processes for student absences. We are asking parents to make sure that they inform the school by telephone on the morning that their child/ren will be absent. With these new procedures, we must contact families of absent students on the day they are absent. By phoning in the morning (or the evening before) and leaving a message, you are saving us the time in calling after rolls have been marked. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please be aware that we record all phone calls home that are made to follow up on student absences.

Thank YOUS
• A big thank you to mothers who took home packages of spelling activities to cut out for us. We appreciate your help in preparing these resources for us
• Thank you to Jacinta Ryan, Rowena Gibson and Katrina Davies for providing the school with the photographs they took at the Athletics Carnival. These have gone up on our Facebook Page.

Keep Our Records Up to Date
So our information can stay up to date, please advise the school of any changes to your:
- Address
- Phone numbers
- Medical conditions
- Medication

CLOTHING CHECK
Please check all winter clothing and hats – it seems some have been mixed up with other students. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled.

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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

Online Technology Course

A group of our Senior students have been enrolled in an online Technology Coding extension course for this term. This course will continue until the end of the term. Information has been sent home to parents for the students who are involved in this program.

Show camp

This year, Cooyar had two students apply for the 2016 Royal Queensland Show Camp. Congratulations to both Jessica and Rylie who went up against nearly 300 other students from around the state to work through an online course to gain a place. Congratulations to Jessica, and Sienna (from Tanduringie), for achieving a place for 2016. The girls will stay on site for the week of the exhibition, completing journalism related tasks. The Senior Class are looking forward to visiting the girls during our excursion to the Royal Queensland Show.

Technology with Mr Eastwell

We are very lucky to have Mr and Mrs Eastwell travel from Toowoomba each Wednesday to teach us Technology. This year, students are working on building catapults to participate in the end of term Technology Challenge at Benarkin.

Movie Afternoon and Jeans for Genes

In Week 2 of this term, Friday 22nd July, the Student council held a Movie Afternoon at the school from 2.45 – 5.00pm. Thank you to students who attended this event and supported this fundraising initiative. Next Friday 5th August, the Student Council is holding their annual ‘Jeans for Genes’ fundraiser where students can wear their jeans to school for the day for a gold coin donation. Treats including poppers, popcorn and lollies can be purchased at first break to further support this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the ‘Jeans for Genes’ fundraising initiative.

Senior Camp

All Year Five and Six students have received 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 will 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 FOUR weeks to complete their challenge. Students who participate will be awarded with a Morning Tea with Miss Seccombe at the end of August.

Silver Spelling Champions’ Morning Tea

Last week, the Term Two Silver Spelling Champions enjoyed a special morning tea with Miss Seccombe in her office. Congratulations to Rhiannon, Gabrielle, Charlotte E., Keira, Holly and Charlotte B. for achieving this special celebration!

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

A third of the way through the term already! Congratulations to all those students who have been chosen to represent our school at South Burnett next week. Best of luck everyone. Also a big thank you goes to all of those who volunteered during our Athletics Carnival it was great to see so many of you there and without your help in the tuckshop, at field events or supporting and cheering our team I’m sure the day would not have been as successful. So thank you once again.

Over the past few weeks in English the Preps have been learning about rhyming words and locating them in stories. Over the next fortnight they will complete an assessment task in which they are required to write a four line rhyme to demonstrate their knowledge of rhyme. The Year One’s have been looking at various picture books and seeing how authors use animal characters to represent human qualities. We have also been looking at what makes a sentence and the types of sentences we can write.

In Maths both the Preps and Year 1’s have been studying number. Preps worked on quantities (which is smaller/larger, how to make them equal, and lastly adding two quantities), whilst the Year One students worked on partitioning two digit numbers. Over the next three weeks both years will be looking at measurement. This week Preps have started looking at mass, weighing different objects to find out which is heavier and lighter using hefting and balance scales. Year One students have been measuring the length of objects and the distance between two objects. Students will look further at which units of measure will be appropriate to use in different situations.

This term the majority of the Mathematics and English curriculum will be covered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, following spelling and reading, students will study Science, Geography and Technology as well as PE. The Technology unit this term will include the Data, Location and Transformation mathematics whilst Geography and Science will support the English curriculum in reading and writing through the following study:

**Geography**

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<td>The weather and seasons of places.</td>
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**Science (Earth and Space Science)**

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Thank you to those who come in to help with reading or Sight Words. We don’t say no to anyone offering to help out for 30mins in one of these areas.

Michelle Bourke and 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 and Mrs Sloss in the Senior Class

Mathematics: Last fortnight we worked on Patterns and Algebra. This fortnight, we are working on measurement. We will be looking at units for measurement, converting measurements, practice measuring objects and areas and investigate the perimeters and areas of shapes.

English: This fortnight, we will be exploring sentence structure comparing simple, compound and complex sentences. We will be working on text types/genres and identifying pieces of text according to its genre and structures. We will be continuing our focus on punctuation and grammar.

Science: Students have started their journey into understanding how sudden geological and extreme weather events affect Earth’s surface. This will move into fossilisation in the lead up to our outback Queensland trip.

Technology: Last week was our first week of Technology. Students enjoyed beginning their catapult challenge that Mr Eastwell has set with them. Students will be researching and working through a technology design and reflection booklet that will document their catapult journey. Students have been broken into teams and have been given the aim of their technology challenge for this term. At the end of the term, we will travel to Benarkin to compete against Tanduringie and Benarkin State Schools. After winning the challenge last year, we are looking forward to practising and preparing for this year’s challenge.

Exhibition Excursion: This year, the Senior Class will be visiting the Royal Queensland Show in Brisbane on Tuesday 9th August, 2016. Please fill out permission notes and return to the office. Students may bring spending money; however, they will be responsible for this money.

Gardening this term: Unfortunately, all of the plants that we have planted have been eaten by animals. The only seedlings that have made it through are our beetroot. We will be leaving the garden until the weather warms up and we will be consulting with the P&C for a fence around the garden area.

From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class

Term Three topics are well underway, including Technology. Students are working on their catapult design in school and should be researching catapults on the internet if they have any available time. I’m looking forward to being part of the Technology lesson this week to see what ideas the students have. What an interesting topic!!!

I am putting into practice some lessons that were discussed on my two days of Professional Development last week on the topic of writing. Students have been working on building their confidence and skills in writing simple and compound sentences on topics related to books we have read as a class. I mark the sentences and give students feedback on how their sentence structure is going in order to improve. We have also been looking at reading and writing procedures so far this term.

In Maths, Year Three students have just completed their multiplication assessment and we will continue to work on multiplication and division facts over the next two weeks. Year Twos will also focus on multiplication and division as well as addition and subtraction problems.

A special mention to Brian, Charlotte, Jamie, Rohan, Lara, and Rhiannon for being able to logon to computers independently for the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs. Well done! The rest of the class will be working hard practising this skill so they can achieve this goal as well.

Good luck to any students going to South Burnett Trials!!!!

Have a great fortnight!

PS. It’s with great sadness and regret that I announce that, “Hermie” the hermit crab has not made it through the winter.
Students of the Week - Weeks 1 and 2

Seth Davies, Rylie Barron, Jasmine Clayton, Thomas Clayton: For being great ambassadors for our school on Athletics Day.

Damon Sloss: For his positive and friendly attitude at school.

Jamie Duncombe: For his enthusiasm and participation in our HPE lesson this week.

Lilly Anderson: For learning Cooyar SS rules and routines.

Logan Davies: For displaying on task behaviours at all times.

Charlotte Barron: For being quickly prepared for lessons and following instructions immediately.

Cooyar Athletics Carnival 2016 – Age Champions and Runners Up

For more photographs, see our Facebook Page...
The Beat Around the Bush

By Senior Constable Bill Worden – Officer in Charge, Cooyar Police

We have been fortunate in our community of late with very little crime occurring. Looking into what’s happening in our surrounding districts I can still see criminals are active in stealing from properties, please keep a check on items on your properties, I see Solar Panels/batteries and pumps are still popular items for thieves, if you can, ensure you note serial numbers on items or mark them in some way so Police can trace them back to yourselves. A reminder that if you notice vehicles driving about you do not normally see or recognise people in them, please note down the vehicle registration number and call the station or below numbers.

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

It is also timely to remind people, especially when you go shopping in town to watch your wallets and purses closely. I have seen regular reports of people having their wallets/purse stolen, then very soon after the theft there is usage of their credit cards, especially if you have “Pay-Wave” access. Thieves love this, no PIN or signature required, they know to keep purchases below the limit and use it as much as possible on goods they can use or convert to cash. As soon as you realise your wallet/purse is missing, please report it ASAP, have that phone number in your phones, not just on the card that is now gone, it’s the quickest way to stop the illegal use of the card.

I am still hearing incidents of the Telephone scammers I spoke about last newsletter, especially the bogus Tax scam now it’s that time of the year. Please stay vigilant for them and remember anyone receiving this type of contact are encouraged to report the matter to either:


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