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: 95.6%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,
This has been a jam packed fortnight for our school. From South Burnett Athletics to Technology, High School Visits to Playgroup, Exhibition Excursion to Jeans for Genes Day, we have had many extracurricular experiences for our students – something we pride ourselves upon at Cooyar.

South Burnett Athletics Trials
This year, we had a large number of students represent us at South Burnett Trials. After a postponed meet, Junior and Middle students also attended for sprints. Well done to all students for representing the school proudly. A special mention to place getters: Gabrielle Duncombe (1st 100m sprint, 2nd 200m sprint, 2nd high jump).

Playgroup Term 3 - Themes
16th August - The Gingerbread Man
23rd August - Shops
30th August - Father's Day
6th September - Shapes
13th September - Rainbows/ colours

Quadrennial School Review
In line with our School Review we had in May, we are developing a new Quadrennial School Plan that will last for the next four years. To identify the priorities, we are using data collected from our School Review, School Opinion Survey, PBL SET Assessment, Administration Audit and the Parent Survey that was sent home last week. This plan will form the foundation for Cooyar State School over the next four years, highlighting our priorities and goals for this period. Our current Strategic Plan, which began in 2013 ends this year. Thank you to families who have sent back the Parent Surveys.

Mandatory Same Day Student Absence Notifications
A reminder to parents that 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. By phoning in 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.

NAPLAN
Last week, NAPLAN Student reports were sent home with our Year Three and Year Five students. These reports provide parents with an overview of their child’s performance in each test. We are proud of each student and the effort they put into each test. We will use the NAPLAN data to identify areas for improvement for our students and incorporate this knowledge into our lesson and unit planning.

Student Council Fundraising
Congratulations to the Student Council for their community fundraiser ‘Jeans for Genes’ Day. Students wore their jeans to school and purchased treats during lunch breaks to raise money for childhood cancer. Later this term, the Student Council will also be holding a Father’s Day Stall for gifts for fathers on their special 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

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 9 of this term to give parents the time to make payment by the end of 2016. Parents may pay this initiative off throughout the term. If you have some spare money one week, feel free to bring it in and pay off some of your resources scheme.

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 – last weeks!

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 TWO weeks to complete their challenge. Students who participate will be awarded with a Morning Tea with Miss Seccombe at the end of August.

Senior Excursion

Yesterday our Senior Students visited the Royal Brisbane Show. I applaud the Seniors on their behaviour and conduct throughout the day. We were complimented by various community members on our presentation, manners and conduct. We spent the morning on the Ekka Learning Trail learning about agricultural science at the sugar cane learning trail exhibit and robotics and technology at another. We all had a go at 3D virtual goggles where we explored a sport stadium, visited a beach and went bushwalking. We toured all of the animal exhibits and got to meet up with Jessica at Show Camp during their judging of the Cakes and Leather Work. This was a valuable learning experience for our students and one that we will hope to repeat in the future. We thank Mr Barron and Mr Duncombe for driving our students to the exhibition and supervising throughout the day. A very long day, but very worth it.

Senior’s Week Celebration

We have received a flyer from Bronwyn Holland regarding celebrations on Friday August 19th, 2016 at Goombungee Public Hall. There will be a morning tea on this day with Goombungee State School guest speakers, entertainment, bush poets, a library display and more. To assist with catering, please call Bronwyn by 12th August on 131 872 (Toowoomba Regional Council).

South Burnett Athletics Trials

Congratulations to all students who were selected to attend this year’s South Burnett Trails at Taabinga State School. All students gave their best and we had some stand out performances:

- Gabrielle Duncombe – 1st 100m sprint, 2nd 200m sprint, 2nd High jump
- Keira Ryan – 1st Sprint

Well done to Gabrielle and Keira. Wide Bay nominations will be sent through by Taabinga in the coming days for students who are eligible.

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

Wow! Half way through the term already. Where has 5 weeks gone? We welcome a new student to our class this Term. Keisha is settling into Prep really well with everyone helping her to find her way.

We are busy getting ready for our English Assessments. The Prep’s will have to create a four line rhyme and present it to the class. The Year One’s will be completing a reading and comprehension assessment and looking at phonemes in words. Then they will be creating a new character for a story.

In Maths, the Year One’s are looking at capacity and will be assessed early next week. We will then be looking at Time. Prep’s have been looking at Days of the week, sequencing familiar events and creating timelines.

Well done to all those who went to South Burnett yesterday. I’m sure you all did your very best.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great fortnight!

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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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Jeans for Genes Day
From Miss Seccombe and Mrs Sloss in the Senior Class

**Mathematics:** Last fortnight we worked on Measurement. From volume and capacity, to length, mass, time, temperature and distance, we covered all areas. This fortnight, we are working on data and representations. We will be looking at collecting, presenting, displaying and interpreting data.

**English:** This fortnight, we will be continuing our work on sentence structure comparing simple, compound and complex sentences. We have been learning about coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. Some questions that would be good review to ask students:

- What is a simple sentence?
- What is a compound sentence?
- What are the seven coordinating conjunctions?
- What is an independent clause?

**Science and Geography:** Continuing their journey in natural disasters and understanding how these events change the Earth’s surface. Students will then be required to write a report for their assessment.

**Technology:** Students are beginning to build their catapults from their chosen designs. Students created lists of equipment and created safety rules for using tools and equipment.

**Exhibition Excursion:** On Tuesday we had an excellent excursion to the exhibition. Part of our day included visiting Jessica and the students at the Show Camp.

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From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class

We have lots of exciting news in our classroom this fortnight. I would like to introduce Mrs Samantha Forbes who is a student teacher working in our room over the next three weeks. Mrs Forbes will be teaching lessons across a variety of subjects as the weeks progress. I'm sure students will be giving her a warm welcome and enjoy the lessons she presents.

Another big welcome goes to our lovely new Year Three student Mareta who has joined our class with ease.

In English this fortnight we will be completing our assessment of the Procedures Unit. We have been reading Roald Dahl's book, “George's Marvellous Medicine” to teach students about procedures in an engaging way. Year Two students are creating a poster on the computers of a “disgusting” sandwich recipe that will be presented to the class. The Year Three students are creating a short play between two characters where one is telling the other how to make or do something.

Measurement is the Mathematical focus over the next two weeks. Students will be measuring length, area and the capacity of objects. As part of this unit we will be also competing in our own mini Olympics.

Well done to the five Year 2/3 students who competed in the South Burnett Athletic trials on Tuesday. We are all very proud of your efforts.

Have a great fortnight!
Students of the Week

Week 3
Seth Davis: For leading by example and being an active learner each day.
Declan Munt: For packing up things that he wasn't even using.
Alexis Gibson: For completing all set work to the best of her ability.
Xavier Nixon: For showing kindness to others and being helpful.
Logan Davies: For displaying on task behaviours at all times.

Week 4
William Ryan: For improving his handwriting and neatness in his bookwork.
Diesel James: For participating enthusiastically in activities before school and for working to achieve the next level in the times tables daily challenge.
Mitchell Duncombe: For diligently completing all tasks in class.
David Munt: For participating enthusiastically in activities before school.

EKKA HIGHLIGHTS
The Senior students spent the day visiting the Ekka on Tuesday 9 August

Our Sprint Champion Keira Ryan at South Burnett Athletics Trials
BLUE LIGHT DISCO – YARRAMAN HALL

- FRIDAY 26th August, 2016 at YARRAMAN COMMUNITY HALL
- 5PM - 8PM (UNDER 18 YEARS) - CHILDREN UNDER 5 NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT
- $5.00 ENTRY FEE PER DISCO

Bus from BLACKBUTT will depart from Les Muller Park at 4.45pm and returns 8.15pm. ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.

FREE BREAST CANCER SCREENING SERVICE

Highfields Village Shopping Centre – 4 – 14th October, 2016
Crows Nest Rural Health Centre – 12 – 23 September, 2016

- All women over 40
- Appointments are necessary 13 20 50 (local call cost)
- More information 4616 6107

THE BEAT AROUND THE BUSH

BY SENIOR CONSTABLE BILL WORDEN – OIC, COOYAR POLICE

Sadly, we have recently had a fatal traffic crash occur in our community. We are approaching Road Safety Week in August and this is a timely reminder that we need to take care whilst driving on our roads, especially our narrower country roads just as much as the Highway. I will continue to push for more funding to be spent on our roads but we have to realise, the roads we have are what we have to drive on and we have to drive to the conditions, as much as I would like to see those conditions improve, I urge you to please take it easy and just as you believe you know the roads like the back of your hand, to slow down a bit and remind yourselves anything can jump out in front of you at any time or a car can be oncoming just as quickly.

A reminder that if you notice vehicles driving about that 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.

New Week, New Scam doing the rounds, I have received reports that people are receiving letters telling them, they are being fined for NOT Voting and of course a fine of $168 can be paid directly into an account to avoid further punishment. The letters look official from the Electoral commission but they are fake. Please stay vigilant for them and remember 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.