Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

As our term draws to an end, I reflect on the ‘extras’ we have incorporated into our daily programs to provide a broader range of opportunities and experiences for our students at Cooyar. From next week’s seven day school camp funded by the P & C, to music, arts, a movie afternoon and excursions, I would like to recognise the extra time, outside of school hours, and the extra planning, that our staff undertake to organise and supervise these activities. Our students have had another busy term of learning and experiencing at Cooyar State School.

On Saturday, I headed to the Macalagan Kindergarten Trivia Night Fundraiser. It was a great night out in support of our local kindergarten. Thank you to the organisers for an enjoyable night out.

**Year Six High School Transition**

On Monday 5th September, students in Year Six attended Nanango and Yarraman high schools for a full day transition. This was held in conjunction with the recent visits to Cooyar by both schools to begin the transition process for students moving to high school in 2017. Students enjoyed their first tastes of their high school journey. Transition programs are valuable experiences for our students, making them feel more ready and comfortable for their move to high school in 2017. We thank both high schools for working with us on transition programs.

**Senior Camp**

We are just days out from our Winton and Longreach School Camp for 2016. This camp, costing approximately $12,000 is funded by the P & C with profits from the annual Cooyar Trail Bike Ride each October. Please note that there is a **new departure time** for students. **7.30am on Saturday**. I ask parents to check that documents, permission forms and payments have been returned to the school. Mr Scott Duncombe and Mr Chris Mylett will be co-driving our bus on this journey. Just a reminder that, while it is not a requirement, it is recommended that parents consider domestic travel insurance for school camps. Keep up to date on our school Facebook site throughout the week.

**Music Performance**

On Tuesday afternoon, students performed for their parents and families after their term of music lessons. We thank Miss Williams for her efforts this term. Students have thoroughly enjoyed music lessons and we hope to fund this experience for students again in 2017.

**Playgroup**

Next week will be our last playgroup for this term. Playgroup will start again in Week 2 of Term 4. We thank Mrs Gibson for her hard work in planning and organising these enriching mornings for our students.

**Kindergarten Visits**

Last week I visited Macalagan Kindergarten on one of my term visits. It was nice to be recognised by the students and welcomed warmly. I have been informed that our Kindergarten friends, when asked what Miss Seccombe’s job is, believed that I was a ‘book reader’. No doubt due to me sharing a new favourite book each time I visit. I have enjoyed meeting the students and our future Prep students. I thank Miss Lisa for being so accommodating and facilitating these visits. I look forward to visiting again in Term Four.

**Dance Lessons Term Four**

I am still in negotiations with an Oakey based provider for dance lessons for our students for Term Four. Parents will be updated as I receive confirmation. I know that students are looking forward to lessons. The school will fund this experience for students throughout term four.

**Swimming Term Four**

In the first five weeks of Term Four, we will be taking swimming lessons at Yarraman Pool. Qualified instructors will take these lessons with a focus on water safety. In Term Four, the whole school will travel to swimming together. While one group swims, the other will access the tennis courts for sport activities. We will also have Morning Tea at the pool. Permission notes are attached to this newsletter. In Week 7, we will host a Cluster Swimming Carnival at Yarraman Pool with Tanduringie and Benarkin State Schools.

**Wide Bay Athletics**

Congratulations to Gabrielle D who qualified for Wide Bay Athletics Trials in Week 7. Gabrielle came 4th in high jump and qualified for the finals in the 100m and 200m on the day. Well Done Gabrielle!
Thank you to parents who are supporting us with this process by ringing in or leaving messages for absences. We appreciate your support. 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 the morning (or the evening before) and leaving a message, you are saving us the time in calling after rolls have been marked. Please be aware that we record all phone calls home that are made to follow up on student absences.

Technology Challenge Benarkin
On Monday 29th August, Cooyar State School Middle and Senior Class Students travelled to Benarkin State School for our 2016 Technology Catapult Challenge. Students have worked on designing and building their catapults with the guidance of Mr and Mrs Eastwell throughout this term. It was great to see so many creative designs on the day. Congratulations to Tandurinje for winning this year’s competition.

Father’s Day Stall – Student Council
Thank you to families who supported the Student Council’s Father’s Day Stall last Friday. We hope that all of the Dads, Uncles, Grandads and Pops enjoyed the small gifts and cards that they received on the day.

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. On Monday I met with Debbie Hails (Assistant Regional Director) and Scott Duncombe (P&C President) to present our initial plan. This plan will form the foundation for Cooyar State School over the next four years, highlighting our priorities and goals for this period.

RREAP Cluster Arts day
On Wednesday 7th September, Creative Arts Students from USQ Toowoomba joined us for our Cooyar Arts Celebration Day. Tandurinje, Liviline and Benarkin State Schools also joined us on this day along with the Shake and Stir Theatre group from Brisbane. The day was funded by cluster RREAP funds with no cost to students. Students enjoyed a range of creative arts activities on the day from puppet making and mask making to media and drama activities. Thank you to USQ students for volunteering their time to run these activities.

Book List Resource Scheme
Attached to this newsletter is the 2017 Student Resource Scheme. After final evaluation and presentation at Tuesday night’s P&C Meeting, we are offering parents an opt-in or opt-out scheme costing $85. This is a saving of up to $95 on last year's book lists. After further evaluation, there will be no part schemes offered. Parents who would like to take part in the scheme should fill out the attached agreement and an invoice will be issued. Payment will need to be made by Term 4, Week 8. The $85 will cover all student texts, books and stationery for 2017. Several items will be retained by the school – please see the attached note. We have worked hard to get the lowest prices for parents. Parents who choose not to participate in the scheme will be responsible for purchasing their child’s 2017 booklist that will be provided by the school office later in the term.

Silver Spelling Awards
This is the final week of spelling testing for this term. We will be awarding students with Silver Spelling Awards on the Week 10 Parade. We will also be awarding 99%, 98% and 97% awards to students.

Gold Behaviour Awards
Working towards the end of the term, it is exciting to see how many students will be eligible to be rewarded with a Gold Behaviour Champion Award this term for following our three school rules each day and not receiving any red cards. I look forward to awarding these special gold certificates to students at the end of the term.

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first week of Term Four. During this week, I will be replaced by Mrs Judy Mickan, an experienced senior teacher with over 30 years’ experience. Mrs Mickan is looking forward to her time in the Senior Classroom. I’d like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday break. I have no doubt that the Senior Class will welcome Mrs Mickan warmly. Remember that school returns on Tuesday 4th October, 2017. I look forward to seeing you all again in Week 2 of Term 4.

Yours in Education, Kendall Seccombe
Prep Transition Term Four

Prep Transition will begin in Term Four. This will run on Tuesdays, first session, from Weeks 6 – 9. Transition Registration Forms are in Prep Enrolment Packages. Please fill out the form in your enrolment package if you would like your child to attend. Please note that parents will have to be on school grounds during this time. Last year, our Prep parents were good enough to do some resourcing for us during this time to allow students time in class with the teacher and peers. We would be very grateful if parents are willing to volunteer their time during these sessions again this year.

Welcome to Week 9. We have a very busy 2 weeks of Term left as there is still a lot of assessment to do. Yesterday we had our Music Performance; well done everyone it was fantastic. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their child and the other students. A big thank you to Miss Williams for coming down every week. I know that the students all look forward to her coming on a Tuesday.

On Wednesday we will be holding our Cluster Arts Day. I’m sure it will be a great day full of lots of exciting things to learn about the Arts.

In English we have started our next Assessment task and will have to present these to the class next week. Years 1’s are retelling a cultural or traditional story and the Prep’s will be retelling their favourite rhyming book. Please ask your children about the books they have chosen so they can feel confident in standing up in front of the class to present them.

During Maths Prep’s are continuing to learn about parts of a whole to represent addition to 10. The Year 1’s are investigating and describing 2 digit numbers into standard place value and skip counting collections in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

Geography assessment is complete for year one and almost complete for Preps. Science content for assessment is now finished for both year levels and now we just need the time to do the assessment! Hopefully this can be completed on Thursday of the last week.

Wishing the Year 5 and 6’s an enjoyable time on camp next week; it will be a fantastic experience. Travel safe everyone!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you enjoy the last week of school and have a great holiday with family and friends.

See you all next Term!

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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**

Last week we finished our chance mathematics block. Students learned about possible outcomes, probability, expected frequencies and observed frequencies. Students conducted chance experiments, recorded outcomes and graphed these outcomes. This fortnight, students will be focussing on shape. Students have started the block by focussing on the metalanguage of shape including: two dimensional, three dimensional, prism, pyramid, quadrilateral, parallelogram, regular and irregular polygons, and equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangles. Over the next fortnight, students will be investigating prisms, pyramids, angles, area, 2D and 3D shapes, area, composite shapes and a brief review of symmetry.

In English, students have submitted their letter to the future student (Year Five and Six Students) and presented their oral presentations (Year Four Students). Congratulations to students for the effort they put into their letters and oral presentations. We have moved onto poetry. We will be exploring stanzas, alliteration, assonance, rhyme, metaphors, onomatopoeia, similes and personification. Students will be analysing poems to identify these poetic devices.

In Science and Geography, students have been exploring the geology of soil types, extreme events and have started researching dinosaurs, including investigating some of the Australian dinosaurs that we will be learning about on school camp.

In PE this term, students have been learning and practising football skills. Next term, students will be working on a health unit.

Our camp students will be completing a work booklet over the duration of school camp. Activities will focus on the landmarks and towns that we visit and the significant features of these places.

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**From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class**

**English**

We have been exploring the genre of poetry over the last couple of weeks and students are working towards creating and performing their own poems.

Well done to all students for their amazing spelling efforts this term. Many students missed out on their Silver Spelling Award by one or two words. Good luck for the last spelling test this Friday.

During Week 10, students will complete a post spelling test that includes a mix of words that have been learnt over the entire term to see how students have retained their spelling knowledge.

**Mathematics**

Year 2’s and 3’s have been learning about money, time and recalling their multiplication facts over the last fortnight and will complete assessments next week. Multiplication facts that we have focussed on so far include the 0x, 1x, 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables.

**Physical Education**

Our class has enjoyed learning how to play netball this term and their skills and knowledge of the game has really improved.

**Technology**

Well done to our Year 2/3 class for their efforts in technology lessons this year. I was so impressed with how our class was involved in the activities and how they performed with their team at the Benarkin Challenge.

As the term draws to a close we will be completing our units of work in each subject area and can look forward to celebrating positive behaviour and work efforts over the term with our Cooyar Cash rewards in Week 10.

Have a safe break over the holidays.
**Student of the Week Awardees**

**Week Seven**

*Rylie*: For excellence in book work and presentation of school work.

*Oliver*: For consistently working hard all week.

*Blaz*: Writing a retell of a traditional and cultural story.

*Melinda*: For being responsible leaving the play area on time.

**Week Eight**

*Gabrielle*: For her dedication to her academic work and sports training.

*Xavier*: For his efforts in writing.

*Josie*: For always completing her work on time and taking pride in her work.

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**Teacher Aide and Administration Officer Day 2016**

...For all that you do, for all that you have done, we say thank you...

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge Morning Tea**

Well done to students who completed the challenge!
PUBLIC NOTICES

Yarraman & District Kindergarten brings to you:

Intergenerational day
Everyone is welcome of all ages
Where: 13 Toorney street Yarraman
Date: 13th October 2016
Time: 9.30 am
(2 x 30 min shows, 10 min free time)
BBQ 0.50 sausage skewer
Soft drink: $1.00
Pepers: $1.50
Jelly/fruit cup: $2.00
Our special Fathers day raffles $2.00 each drawn 14th Oct.
Any enquiries: 4103 8174 or Tamara & Tania
Follow us on Facebook

Harlin State School P & C Association Presents
Car Rally Scavenger Hunt
Sunday 11th September 2016
Gates Open 7AM – Nominations in by 8.30 – Drivers Briefing 8.45AM Kick Off 9AM
Harlin State School 5219 Brisbane Valley Highway Harlin

GREAT PRIZES AND RAFFLES

- 1st & 2nd & 3rd TROPHIES IN WITH ALL THE ANSWERS
- MOST ORIGINAL CONDITION CAR AND MOTORBIKE
- BEST COMBINATION OF CAR AND GROUP
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- VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL SOMERSET REGION

ENTRY $20 PER CAR $15 PER MOTOR BIKE
NOMINATIONS ONLINE AT https://harlinss.qld.edu.au the first 60 online nominations receive a free gift
OR PAY AT THE GATE FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0438 672 292 OR EMAIL bonnieisland600@gmail.com
PLEASE NOTE ALL DRIVERS MUST BE LICENSED, ALL VEHICLES MUST BE REGISTERED. NO EXCEPTIONS
PUBLIC NOTICES

IT'S BOOKARAMA TIME AGAIN IN THE SOUTH BURNETT

A visit to the annual Taabinga Rotary Club’s Bookarama 2016 in September is a must for avid readers.

The Bookarama will be on Saturday, 17 September 2016 and Sunday, 18 September 2016 at the Kingaroy Town Hall.

At the same time, it will allow the Taabinga Rotary Club raise funds for various local community projects:

This year, profits raised will go towards local and national charities that service our community so well; they be:

- The Kingaroy Local Ambulance Committee - who are hoping to purchase a fully computerized child manikin;
- The Violets of Tomorrow Campaign - Raising funds for research into Neuroblastoma;
- The Kingaroy Exercise Track Upgrade.

Check out our Facebook Pages for the Taabinga Rotary Club and Bookarama.

Taabinga Rotary Club: https://www.facebook.com/taabingarotary/

Bookarama: https://www.facebook.com/events/112579233155627/

However, WE NEED BOOKS!

All donations of books can be left at:

Collection bins at Kingaroy Woolworths (next to Big W)

J.A. Carroll & Son, Solicitors, 12 King Street, Kingaroy

Elders Insurance, 191 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy

Ken Mills Toyota, Youngman Street, Kingaroy

Kingaroy Chemist, 94-96 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy


For more information:

President – Scott Duncombe 07 46926 193
Secretary – Jacinta Ryan 07 46926 050

Cooyar Trail Bike Ride
15TH & 16TH OCTOBER, 2016

COOYAR SHOW GROUNDS

Ken Mills Toyota
Deal without doubt!

TOYOTA

Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Avocado Festival
2016

10 - 11 September

BreastScreen Mobile is coming to
NANANGO

NANANGO HOSPITAL
Brisbane Street
19th September – 25 November
Female and over 40?
For your FREE breastscreen @ 13 20 50

For more information: visit www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.

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