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: 94.3%

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

This fortnight, we celebrated 25 years of service for Mrs Velma Davies. It was a touching parade, with Mrs Davies’ family in attendance. The Student Council, on behalf of the student body, purchased a ‘buddy bench’ with a plaque to commemorate Mrs Davies’ milestone. The staff held a morning tea and presented Mrs Davies with flowers and a photograph book of her 25 years at Cooyar. With our recognition and sincere thanks to Mrs Davies on her 25 year milestone…Congratulations Velma!

Year Six High School Transition
The following upcoming transition activities will take place this term and support the previous transition opportunities for students from Term Three:

- Week 5, 7 and 9 – Yarraman Afternoon Transition
- Tuesday 29th November, 2016 (Week 9) – Full day Transition Nanango and Yarraman High Schools

Senior Camp Mementos
Last week Senior Students were presented with a 60 page photograph book memento on their Senior Camp experience. This will be a great keep sake for students.

Dance Lessons
Students are working hard during dance lessons each week to prepare for their end of term performance on Tuesday 6th December at 2.00pm. This term, the school has funded dance lessons for our students with Miss Claudia Cherry from the dance studio in Oakey. Students have an hour long dance lesson each week.

Book Work Walk Throughs
This last fortnight, I completed my Week 4 Book Work Walk Throughs. It is a valuable opportunity for me to be able to celebrate our student’s book work as well as provide feedback for their next steps.

Student Behaviour
As we work towards the end of the year, we are working to remind students that following our three school rules and expectations continues to be important. Listening carefully and following instructions and being respectful to each other continue to be important until the end of the school year. Students are working towards our behaviour champion medallions for achieving four Gold Behaviour Awards in 2016.

Kindergarten Visits
This term I will have my final two kindergarten visits for the year. It has been great going and working with the students at Maclagan and I appreciate Miss Lisa’s warm welcome on each visit.

Farewell Mrs Strohfeld
Over the past four weeks, Mrs Strohfeld has been completing her final Early Childhood Practicum at our school. On Monday we farewelled Lisa with a morning tea and a gift from the staff and students. We congratulate Lisa on her upcoming graduation. Lisa was kind enough to purchase a coding kit to the school as a thank you.

End of Year Date Claimers

Parent Interviews
Monday 5th Dec.

Grandparents Afternoon and Dance Performance
Tuesday 6th Dec.

Year Six Graduation Dinner 6.00pm
Tuesday 6th Dec.

Break Up Day and Water Play Afternoon
Thursday 8th Dec.

Presentation Night and Family Dinner 5.00pm
Thursday 8th Dec.

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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

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Swimming Term Four
Students are enjoying their swimming lessons, especially as the weather heats up. In Week 7, we will host a Cluster Swimming Carnival at Yarraman Pool with Tandurinje and Benarkin State Schools. Swimming Carnival notes were attached to last fortnight’s newsletter. Menus for lunch orders were sent home in KIT books last Friday.

Assessment and Reporting Period
In Term Four we work towards student report cards. It is important that students are in attendance every day to make sure that they do not miss important review and assessment activities leading up to our end of year report cards. A brain food filled lunch and a good night sleep will also give students the best opportunity to participate and engage fully during the upcoming weeks.

Gaming Grant
Earlier in the year, Cooyar applied for a $28 000 gaming grant to install a fully functional kitchen and storage in the current staff kitchen area. Plans are underway for building to take place before the end of the school year.

Prep Transition
From Weeks 6 – 9, 2017 Prep Transition will take place. Students are invited to attend mornings in the Junior Classroom over these four weeks from 8.30 – 10.30am. They are welcome to wear their uniforms and stay for lunch time and play. We ask that parents submit their transition forms to the office for registration. Please note that parents must be on site during these times.

P & C Meeting
The next P & C Meeting will take place on Monday 21st November, 2016 at 7.30pm.

Book Fair
This term Book Fair will be held in Week 6. Rowena Gibson is organising this for our school. We appreciate her efforts. Students will receive flyers about the event closer to the time. The hours that Book Fair will be open for students to purchase items will be:
- Monday 7th November: 2.30 – 3.00pm.
- Tuesday 8th: 8.00 – 8.30am.
- Thursday 10th: 8.00 – 8.30am and 2.30 – 3.00pm.
- Friday 11th November 8.00 – 8.30am.

Book List Resource Scheme
Invoices have been sent home to parents for the 2017 Book Scheme. Please note that payment is required by the end of Week 8. Please see the invoices for more details. In the final week, we will be collecting the items that we will be keeping over for next year and storing them at the school over the holidays.

Linville Cluster Celebration Day
On Friday 11th November, we will be travelling to Linville State School for our Term Four Cluster Celebration Day. This will be a safety day at Linville, with activities based around important safety messages for students. RREAP funding will be used to subsidise this day at no cost for students. Permission forms were sent home with last fortnight’s newsletter.

P&C Funding in 2017
At the October P&C Meeting, the P&C voted to fund a Physical Education Teacher for Fridays in 2017. This is an investment of approximately $17 000 for the year. This funding is possible thanks to the many volunteers that enable our bike ride to happen each year. The funds from this event go straight back into supporting our students. We thank the P&C for their generous contribution to our students in 2017.

Market Day
On the final Wednesday of term, 7th December, Mrs Sloss is organising a Market Day. In the last newsletter, Mrs Sloss inserted an article about this day. More information will be in our next newsletter.

Grandparents Day
On the final Tuesday of term, 6th December we will be inviting our Grandparents to join us at school from 1.00pm for lunch, followed by a visit to classrooms and dance performance. We will be taking home our invitations to our grandparents later in the term.

Yours in Education, Kendall Seccombe
**Student of the Week Awardees – Week Four**

**Jasmine:** for applying herself to her learning, asking for help when needed and showing leadership

**Mareta:** For her effort and enthusiasm when writing her poetry and journal entries

**Lara:** For always keeping our playground and sheds tidy

**Lilly:** Being an Active Learner. Putting in a 100% in all learning activities.

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**Junior Class News from Mrs Bourke and Mrs Spencer**

Only five weeks to go and we have so much to do. Report cards are now only a few weeks away so assessment is under way in every subject. This doesn’t mean we stop teaching or learning in the last couple of weeks, it just means that the assessable content for the year is complete.

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Lisa Strohfeld who was completing her teaching internship. Lisa has now completed all requirements for her teaching degree. We will greatly miss her in the classroom.

In Maths Preps are looking at addition and sharing while Year 1 students are looking at patterning problems, both growing and subtraction. In English all students are completing their poetry assessment.

Geography and Science lessons are very busy on Thursdays. In Geography Preps have been constructing a pictorial map of the school and discussing how and why we should be caring for the school. Year One students have also been looking at the school but have chosen a particular area and have been conducting interviews and gathering data on what other students think about the area (how it is used and cared for).

Science has been full of movement and noise! Preps have been looking at the movement of objects and investigating why things move the way they do while Year one students have been looking at what sounds different actions can make. If we are lucky we will get to experiment with some Makey-Makey boards in the next couple of weeks so you may hear about this more in the next newsletter.

Well done to all those parents who sit with their child each night to read and do spelling. It really does make a huge difference! You are all truly wonderful, thank you. Remember if you have any questions or problems just drop in or give us a call.

Michelle and Bronwyn

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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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   • Play in approved areas | • Actively listen and follow instructions  
   • Be organised and punctual  
   • Ask for help if needed  
   • Care for self, others and the environment |
**From Miss Seccombe and Mrs Sloss in the Senior Class**

This fortnight, students have been completing their poetry analyses. Over the past five weeks, we have explored poetic devices including onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, spoonerisms, neologisms, assonance, alliteration and personification. As review, I encourage parents to ask their children to describe each of these devices to you. Our ‘Poe-Tree’ has been constructed and is on the wall in our Senior Class displaying all of our devices.

Our Year Four students have started reading their ‘Rowan of Rin’ novels in preparation for their final English assessment task of the semester. Our Year Five and Six students are revising sentence structures, parts of speech and grammatical and lexical cohesion. We have been revising coordinating versus subordinating conjunctions.

In Mathematics, we have been focussing on the following concepts:
- Year Four – fractions and decimals
- Year Five – factors and multiples including common factors and multiples
- Year Six – Cartesian planes, percentage discounts and transformations of shapes.

In Science and Geography, students are completing their fossilisation reports. In health, students are working through health and safety activities on ‘Netiquette – safely using the internet and social media, as well as recognising the amount of screen time that they are having each week’.

**From Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Class**

In English last week students presented their poems to the class. Everyone did a fantastic job and generally spoke clearly with expression.

This week we are continuing to write daily in our journals and then share our work. Some of our topics have included students thinking about what they would do if they won a million dollars and why they love Christmas so much. As you can imagine these journal entries have been very entertaining.

In Science, Year Two students are researching natural resources on the internet and through books. They are creating their own poster to present their information in Week 7.

Year Three students in Science are making a powerpoint presentation on the sun, Earth and us. They will present these powerpoints in Week 7.

Over the last week in Mathematics, Year Two students have been exploring shapes as they flip, slide and turn and will complete assessment this week on the topic. Year Three students have completed shapes and are working on time problems and being able to identify analogue and digital times. Then both grades will focus on a fractions unit.

Have a great fortnight!

**LOST**

One pair of swimming goggles from last Friday Swimming Lessons.

**WANTED**

Second hand school shirts and skorts in sizes 6 and 8.

(please contact the Office if you can help out)
Student of the Week Awardees – Week Three

Logan: For using knowledge of sounds to write words to create a four line rhyme.

Thomas: For applying himself to his school work and asking questions during learning time.

Grace: For being an Active Learner. Using knowledge of sounds to create a four line rhyme.

Rhiannon: For her enthusiasm and work ethic in all subject areas!

Cody: For being an Active Learner. Using knowledge of sounds to write a four line rhyme.

David: For keeping the shed tidy and safe.

Gardening Corner

Enjoying the rain! The potatoes are growing well despite an attack of ladybugs and grubs that have eaten many holes in the leaves. Thankfully, due to the children's diligent watering, the plants are weathering the attack. We have spent a little time ‘hilling up’ the plants to encourage potato growth and we continually remind everyone that they should not be digging around the potatoes to see what they can find! In my own garden at home, there has been an invasion of grubs in the lawn. The marshmallow weed and even the clover has been wiped out - that saves one laborious job! I am waiting to see what happens next! Silver beet and asparagus are flourishing at the moment while tomatoes and beans are establishing. Two of our junior students are in gardening training. Lara and Rhiannon have adopted a tomato plant each and they are taking care of it in a pot so that they may take it home for the holidays to enjoy the fruit. We had a delightful cooking experience last week as Jessica and Katie made Beetroot Relish with the garden beetroots. Even though we felt like the whole school building was being fumigated with vinegar, the end result was a lovely treat! The children enjoyed sampling the relish on Jatz with cheese and on pieces of ham. I am very proud of the children who are now more and more adventurous with their tasting. Recipes are below for beetroot that you might have in your garden!

Beetroot Relish

750g beetroot, peeled and coarsely grated
1 brown onion, finely chopped
2 cups balsamic vinegar
1 cup water
3 teaspoons yellow mustard seeds
2½ cups sugar
2 cloves
5cm piece orange rind
Sea salt and cracked black pepper

Place the beetroot, onion, vinegar, water, mustard seeds, sugar, cloves, orange rind, salt and pepper in a large deep frying pan or jam pan. Place over medium heat, cover and bring to the boil. Cook for 30 minutes or until the beetroot is soft and the liquid has reduced and thickened slightly. Spoon into sterilised jars and seal. Allow to cool and store in the fridge for up to two months. Makes 5 cups.

Baked Beetroot with Balsamic Vinegar

Ingredients
455g fresh raw beetroots, scrubbed
10 cloves of garlic, unpeeled and squashed
1 handful fresh marjoram or sweet oregano, leaves picked
salt, freshly ground black pepper
10 tbsp balsamic vinegar
6 tbsp olive oil

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: about 1 hour  Serves 4

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Tear off a strip of kitchen foil big enough to hold the beets in a parcel. If the beets are large, cut in half to speed up their cooking time; if small, use them whole. Place them in the middle of the foil with the garlic and marjoram, season generously with salt and pepper and then fold the sides of the foil into the middle. Before you seal the parcel, add the vinegar and olive oil. Scrunch or fold the foil together to seal at the top. Place in the preheated oven and cook for around 1 hour, until tender. Serve in the bag at the table.
PUBLIC NOTICES

BBQ & THE BEAST

Every day RACQ LifeFlight dedicate their time and resources connecting the seriously ill and injured from rural and remote regions to the care they desperately need.

Recently, LifeFlight gave critical assistance to one of our own locals (Jenny Balles) after a life threatening farm accident. Please come and join us for a BBQ to help support and raise funds for the wonderful staff and crew of RACQ LifeFlight.

5th NOVEMBER 2016, 6pm BBQ.
BRYMAROO RODEO GROUNDS, BRYMAROO, QLD 4403
Bar available
Live Entertainment
Olympic Gold Medalist Guest Speaker
Charity Auction
Multi-draw raffle & games
Bush dance
Camping permitted (free), may arrive as early as 4pm to set up
(BBQ breakfast for camping)
No ATMs or Eftpos, Cash only please
(Gold coins encouraged for games & raffles, cheques acceptable for auctioned items)
Expressions of interest would be appreciated for sponsorship.

RACQ LifeFlight has flown over 44,000 critical care missions over the past 35 years.

Enrol now for 2017

Maclagan Windermere Kindergarten is taking enrolments now for 2017 and beyond.

Kindergarten places are available for children turning four years of age by 31 July 2017.

Littlies places may also be available for children from three years of age.

Call our Teacher/Director and ask about our waiting list and enrolment application process.

No waiting list fees apply.

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Blackbutt Benarkin Community

Christmas Festival

Opening Ceremony – Unveiling of the Xmas Mural by Benarkin State School
Sunday 4th Dec at Les Muller Park
4pm – 6pm

Come on down and join in the fun music, kids entertainment, free sausage sizzle, free poppers and ice cream for the kids

Sponsored by Blackbutt Benarkin Lions Club