Date Claimers:
Swimming Fridays—
Weeks 3-7
12 February—Student Council Celebration Day
15 February—P&C AGM
16 February—Playgroup and Library Bus
16 February—Bus Meeting
20 February—Cooyar Show
17 March—School Photos

Our Key Priorities in 2015 are Writing (underpinned by Spelling), Reading and Numeracy.

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,
A fortnight has passed and we have barely had time to take a breath. From swimming to library bus, Senior Leadership Camp to tennis lessons, students have not only been busy learning, but participating in many value adding extracurricular activities as well.

The Show Ball on the weekend was another great local event. It was nice to not only attend, but also to have some of my friends come and experience a great night out. I am sure over my time here in Cooyar, I will eventually get the steps of the Pride of Erin and the Gypsy Tap correct without having to count!

Welcome Mrs Cole
This fortnight, we welcome Mrs Cole to Cooyar State School. Mrs Cole will be replacing Mrs Duncombe in the Middle Classroom while Mrs Duncombe is away on leave. We warmly welcome Mrs Cole back to the school and hope that she enjoys her time with us.

Stay in Touch with Cooyar State School
This year we have many ways that you can keep up with what is happening at Cooyar State School.

- Our Cooyar State School Website cooyarss@eq.edu.au - It has all the information related to our school. Families from out of town can access all of our school policies and the Parent Handbook. They can also download enrolment forms, access our tuckshop menu and view our school processes and date claimers.
- Facebook – Cooyar State School – It has a running feed of photographs and reminders for parents and families. Please remember that comments are monitored by the school and that this site is an open advertisement of our school and the pride we have in it.
- Weekly parent email – a new initiative this year. If you would like to receive a weekly email on Fridays with reminders for the following week, please submit your personal home email to Mrs Ehrich at the office and we will add you to the mailing list.
- Fortnightly newsletter
- P and C Meetings – Monday 15th February, 7.30pm

Newsletters by Email.
If you would like to receive a copy of the Cooyar Chronicle or any other notes by email, please send in your email address to me and I can place you in my Outlook Contacts. It is a great way to receive notes and save paper.

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Student Information Cards Update
Attached to this newsletter is a copy of your child’s Student Information Card. Please read the card and make any necessary changes for the new school year. It is important that these records are up to date and accurate. We use this information as our first port of call if we have to contact a parent for any reason. If you have a phone number that is no longer connected, please change the number on your records. Please return this form to the school at your earliest convenience.

Bus Meeting
Please note that a bus meeting will be held at the school on Tuesday 16 February at 4.15 pm. We invite all parents of bus children to attend this meeting.

Senior Leadership Camp
Last Monday and Tuesday our Year 4, 5 and 6 students travelled to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for a two day leadership camp. Students participated in a range of team building and leadership activities based around the Barambah Hi 5 of Leadership. Students should be commended on the feedback we received from Barambah staff. There were many valuable lessons that students took away with them including the belief that ‘no goal is too big’ after learning about Novak Djokovic and his dream at 7 years of age to become the World Number One at Tennis. The Barambah Leadership Hi Five promotes that good leaders:

- Have a clear goal or purpose
- Communicate clearly
- Make decisions and solve problems
- Delegate roles and responsibilities
- Care for their team

Student Council Elections 2016
After focussing on the strengths of leaders for two days during the 2016 Senior Leadership Camp, students in the Senior Class nominated for Student Council positions. All students voted in three secret ballots. While all Year Six students are Senior Leaders, the Student Council consists of three main positions that were voted upon by the Senior Class.

The following students were elected by their peers:

- President – Jessica Mylett
- Secretary – Gabrielle Duncombe
- Treasurer – Seth Davis

Congratulations to these students. I have no doubt that they will fulfil their duties and follow the Barambah Leadership Hi 5 throughout the year.

Student Council Valentine’s Day Celebration
On Friday, the Student Council will be hosting a Valentine’s Theme Day. Students can dress in red, pink, purple or Valentine’s designs and buy a $5.00 chicken nugget and chip lunch. Order forms were sent home in KIT folders on Monday. Please return the forms and monies no later than Thursday 11th September.

School Banking
Please note that our school banking day has changed to WEDNESDAYs for this year. Banking books can be brought to the office each Wednesday, from where Mrs Davis will take them to the Bendigo Bank in Yarraman. Thank you Mrs Davis for organising the banking for us.
Senior Leaders 2016

Our Senior Leaders were presented with their badges on last week’s parade. During this ceremony, the Student Council also received their badges. We look forward to working with the Senior Leaders throughout the year on many initiatives and events. The Year Sixes have many responsibilities this year and we have high expectations of them. Congratulations to our Senior Leaders of 2016

- Rylie Barron
- Jasmine Clayton
- Rachel Dando
- Seth Davis
- Jessica Mylett

Swimming

A reminder that swimming starts up again this week and runs for the next five weeks. Students will swim each Friday morning. Please remember to wash rashie vests between swims and return these to the school, cleaned, at the end of the swimming season.

Parent Information Afternoon

Thank you to parents who came along to our Parent Information Afternoon last Thursday. We have had great feedback from this afternoon, particularly the information session on our new SCORE reading framework and our Home Reading demonstration by Mrs Duncombe. If parents missed this session and would like any information, please see one of the teaching staff.

School Dental Van

We have been advised that the School Dental Van will be at Cooyar State School in mid-March. We will receive definite dates closer to the end of this month. Notes will also be sent home at this time.

Tennis Lessons

Mr Steve Farrell runs tennis lessons for all students each Monday at Cooyar. Each class attends a 45 minute lesson. Students are enjoying their classes. We welcome Mr Farrell to our school community.

Bi-Annual School Camp 2016

Our Year Five and Six students will be heading out west for this year’s Senior Camp in the last week of Term Three. We will be making our way to Longreach and Winton via Carnarvon Gorge and back via Sapphire and Emerald. Planning and budgeting is already underway for this trip. While this is the major contribution of the school P and C, parents will be invoiced for $100 per child towards this year’s camp. Invoices will be sent home in Term Two to give families plenty of time to pay off the camp cost over two terms. More camp details will be published in the newsletter closer to the camp dates.

Book Fair March 2016

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of Mrs Gibson, our first of two, 2016 Book Fair dates has been set and books have been ordered. For more information on the upcoming Book Fair, please see the brochure attached to this newsletter. Book Fair will run in Week 6 from the 7th to the 11th March, 2016. A big thank you to Mrs Gibson for organising this year’s book fairs.

Cooyar Show 2016

Show displays are well underway. From handwriting to photography, cooking to lego making, drawing to painting, the students are busy getting entries ready. Senior students will bring recipes for cooking entries home later this week. We ask that students have the ingredients ready to cook next Tuesday 16th February, 2016. The Cooyar Show will be held on Saturday 20th February, 2016.
From the Principal...

**Attendance Goals for 2016**

Our Regional Attendance benchmark is 92%. Each fortnight, I will be publishing our school’s achievement in attendance. This fortnight our attendance achievement was **98.2%**. This is FANTASTIC. Every minute of every day at school counts. We begin learning at 8.30am sharp and continue our learning throughout the day right up until 2.30pm. Thank you to parents for contacting the school when children are going to be late or absent. It allows us to record the attendance data accurately on our system. A reminder that if you know that your child will be absent from school or late to school, please inform us by writing a note in your child’s KIT Book. Alternatively, please give the school a call 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. As school staff follow up on all students that are absent, your support will save us valuable learning time. Thank you for your support.

**Community Playgroup**

This week was our first week back for our Community Playgroup. All community members with children under school age are invited to come to community playgroup meeting at the school. This is **not** a school playgroup. This is a playgroup for any families in Cooyar and surrounding towns and areas. It is an opportunity to meet with other families, engage your child in early learning and exploration and be able to access hand on school resources. Mrs Rowena Gibson will be coordinating the playgroup each week on Tuesdays from 8.30 – 10.30. We look forward to seeing families at school each Tuesday.

**School Lunches**

We strongly promote healthy, ‘brain food’ filled lunches at Cooyar State School. It is important that students have the sustained energy that they need to concentrate and focus throughout the whole day. It is a long day for students when they are leaving home at 7.00am in the morning and arriving home at 3.00pm. Brain food includes sandwiches, cheeses, yoghurt, meats, fruits and vegetables.

**School Arrival and School Pick Up**

Please note our start time of 8.30am. Supervision will be provided for students arriving at school from the school bus arrival each morning. Non-bus students can arrive at school between 8.00am and 8.30am each day. Our daily Gross Motor Development Program will run from 8.00 to 8.30am each morning. Just a reminder that we ask parents not to drive into the school grounds in the mornings. This is to keep our students safe on their way into and out of our school. In relation to afternoon pick up, it is expected that parents will come into the school of an afternoon to pick up their children. At the end of last term, we had students exiting the school grounds into the parking area without a parent. While this is unsafe, it also makes roll marking for the bus difficult as teachers are unaware of student movements. If you are picking up your child of an afternoon, please come into the school grounds to collect them. If your child catches the bus, please inform the teacher on bus duty that your child is going home with you instead of catching the bus. Student safety and protection is of great importance to all school staff. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Being Equipped for School**

It is great to see so many students equipped and ready to start their school year. Thank you to families for making sure your child/ren have all of the required equipment from the booklist, full school uniform and sun safe school hat to start the year off. Teachers carefully consider the booklist each year to make sure students have the equipment that they need to complete specific activities and tasks each day. The weather is still very hot and we encourage each student to bring a water bottle to school each day.

**Our School Rules and Behaviour Expectations**

Each week, we review our School rules and explicitly teach expected behaviours associated with these rules on parade and in the classroom. This week, our focus is on being responsible in the playground. We appreciate parents following up on our weekly social skills focus by engaging in conversations with students at home.
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<td>- What does School Wide Positive Behaviour Support at Cooyar State School look like?</td>
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<td><em>Be Safe in all Areas</em></td>
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<td><em>Be Responsible in the Playground</em></td>
<td>- Play fairly, follow the rules and take turns</td>
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<td>- Return equipment at the end of play</td>
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<td><em>Be a Safe, Responsible Learner in all Environments</em></td>
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<td><em>Be Safe in the Playground</em></td>
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<td>- Care for self, others and the environment</td>
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<td><em>Be a Safe and Responsible Learner when transitioning around the school</em></td>
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<td>- Place litter in bins</td>
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<td>- Wear your school uniform with pride</td>
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<td><em>Be a Safe and Responsible Learner for Road Safety</em></td>
<td>- Cross the road with care</td>
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<td>- Remain seated while the bus is moving and show respect</td>
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<td>- Walk bikes in the school grounds, to and from the bike racks</td>
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<td>- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike</td>
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From the Principal...

**P & C Meetings Term One**
There will be two P and C Meetings in Term One. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings. P and C Meetings are another great way to stay informed about the school. This year we will be working towards Senior Camp. P and C Membership Forms were sent home in KIT books later this week. I look forward to seeing you all at the first P and C Meeting of the year.

- Monday 15th February 7.30pm (AGM)
- Monday 21st March 7.30pm

**Homework and Home Reading – Lunch time catch up**
This year, we will not work on the three strike system for homework and home reading. Instead we will continue running a lunchtime Reading Club and Friday Homework Club for students who have not completed these activities as part of their homework. It is expected that students will read aloud to parents each week night and that parents will initial home reading folders. If home reading has not been done, or signed, students will be required to attend a lunchtime reading club for the first 10 minutes of first break. Furthermore, students who fail to hand in completed homework on a Friday will be required to complete their homework at Friday Homework Club at first break. These catch up sessions will allow students to catch up on important homework activities.

**School Payments**
BPOINT is the new payment system being adopted by the Department of Education and Training. Thank you to parents who have tried the new system over recent months. Please feel free to contact the school and have us step you through the system. The advantage of BPOINT is that payments are directed to specific activities allocated to a specific student. It is an online system, similar to BPAY, where you can pay school invoices quickly and securely. You can use any computer, tablet or smart phone to pay invoices from the school. To use this method log onto www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete. You then enter the BPOINT details from the bottom of your invoice into the boxes to make the payment. If you have any difficulty accessing this page, please visit the school office with your invoice and we can open the website for you. BPOINT will become our preferred method of payment over the coming year. Please try BPOINT for your next school invoice.

**Cooyar Cash Rewards System**
At Cooyar State School, we reward positive behaviour. Cooyar Cash experiences will be scheduled in for the last week of each term. Students can sign up to these events. If you would like more information on the Cooyar Cash Rewards System please see PBL board outside the school office or come and see one of the staff.

**Gold Behaviour Awards**
Gold Behaviour Awards recognise the students who continually strive to meet our school rules and expectations. At the end of each term, students who have not received any red cards will be awarded the Gold Behaviour Champion Award on parade. At the end of the year, students who have received four Gold Behaviour Awards will be presented with a medallion at Presentation Night. Behaviour is an important part of learning at Cooyar State School.

**Purchasing School Uniforms**
At P & C Meetings in 2015, a new process of ordering school uniforms was decided upon. School uniforms will now be sold as part of a tuckshop order on Wednesdays. This will be the only way to order school uniforms. Payment will have to be made at the time of ordering. Parents can add the school uniform order onto the tuckshop bag and send the money in the tuckshop bag. The P & C will issue a receipt for the order at a later time. A price list for uniforms is attached to this newsletter and will be updated as new stock arrives.
From the Principal...

**Sending Money into the School**

Even though BPOINT is our preferred payment method at the school, if parents are sending in money, please ask your child to post it in the money box secured to Mrs Ehrich’s desk. Please do not leave money in the office unless it is posted into the letter box.

Have a great fortnight,

Yours in Education,

**Kendall Seccombe**
Junior News—Prep, and Year 1

What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Students have been working so hard at learning their routines and the school rules. They have made it very hard to choose Student of The Week – again!

Everyone is enjoying maths lessons. Preps have been working on the various representations of the numbers 1-5 while the Year One students have been working with teen numbers.

In English we have been looking at a number of picture books and seeing what information we can get about characters from the verbs in sentences. We have found out verbs can tell us a lot about how a character is feeling.

Next week will be a busy week getting items ready for the Cooyar Show. Mrs Cole and I will be decorating cupcakes on Thursday afternoon and I will be making edible necklaces on Monday afternoon. Any help with supervision during this time would be greatly appreciated.

Swimming again this Friday. Thank you so much to the parents who came to help last swimming day. We would really appreciate any help from parents on any of the swimming Fridays who are willing to get in the pool with the littlies to support the instructor.

Please feel free to drop in for a chat at any time with any questions or problems.

Bronwyn Spencer
Middle Room News—Year 2 and Year 3

What a pleasure it is to be working with the delightful Year 2 and Year 3 children at the wonderful Cooyar State School.

It has been amazing to observe how settled and organised the students are after only two weeks of the 2016 School Year. Mrs Duncombe has established great routines which encourage independence and cooperation.

As well as the English and Maths activities that have been organised, we will be preparing some entries for the Cooyar Show during this fortnight. So it should be a busy and exciting time.

I hope you have great days leading up to the Cooyar Show on the 20 February.

Rosalie Cole
Senior News—Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

It has been a busy fortnight for the Senior Class. From LOTE to Leadership Camps, swimming to tennis, our fortnight has been jam packed. After setting up routines and expectations for all subjects over the past week, we have jumped straight into our English, Mathematics and Science Curriculums this week.

In Mathematics our focuses are:
- Year Four – Four Digit Numbers and place value
- Year Five – Five digit numbers, Multiples
- Year Six – Prime and Composite numbers, factors and multiples

In English we have been focussing on our Skim and Scan and Making Connections with our SCORE framework. We have started our first Novel Study of the year with Roald Dahl’s *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This novel was chosen for its expressive language and vibrant, engaging story line.

English and Mathematics rotations have begun, as well as Spelling for Homework. We have a delay in the arrival of our new Homework Books; however, I have been assured that they will be here this week. Thank you to parents who have paid their invoices for the new Homework books.

We have spent a lot of time discussing leadership and responsibility this fortnight. There are high expectations of the Senior Class as the leaders of our school. Jobs and responsibilities have been discussed and allocated to our Year Six Leaders and our Senior Students. We have already held our first Student Council Meeting of the year and decisions have been made with regards to themed days and term responsibilities of our executive.

On Wednesdays, all Senior Students take part in LOTE Lessons with Ms Lai. On Thursdays this term Mrs Sloss teaches Science and History. On Fridays after swimming, Senior Students take part in their weekly testing, mathematics and English activities, social skills lessons and sport with the rest of the school.

It has been a great start to the term and I am proud of how our students have grasped the expectations of the senior school. Keep up the great work team!

Kendall Seccombe
Senior Classroom Teacher
Photo Gallery...

Meet our Adopt-a-Cop
Senior Constable Bill

2016
Term 1
Swimming
Photo Gallery...

Senior Leaders 2016

Student Council 2016
Our first Playgroup for 2016
Leadership Camp
2016 at Barambah
Student of the week...

**Week 2—Term 1**

**Prep—Year 1**— Grace Barron for showing great listening skills and respect for her classmates. Being an Active Learner.

**Year 2—Year 3**— Rhiannon Ryan for her mature attitude towards cooperating with others. Being Responsible.

**Year 4—Year 6**— Thomas Clayton for being prepared each day and remembering learnings during discussions. Being an Active Learner.

**Playground**— Rylie Barron for being a good team leader. Being Responsible.
Cooyar State School Uniform Price List 2016

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These items can be purchased through Tuckshop each Wednesday

The Cooyar School uniform is as follows:

Girls
School polo shirt
Skirt, shorts, skort or long pants - royal blue
School bucket hat – royal blue
School jumper or jacket

Boys
School polo shirt
Shorts or long pants – royal blue
School bucket hat – royal blue
School jumper or jacket
Public Notices...

Is getting ready for their

2016 Season

and we would like to invite

you

to join us.

Netball is a great way to
have fun, get fit, make new
friends and learn new skills!

Midgets: Girls and Boys turning 5 - 8 years
Juniors: Girls and Boys turning 9 - 11 years
Cadets: Girls turning 12 - 15 years
Senior: Women aged 15 - 100 years

Sign on will be held at the courts on Brooklands Road at
3:30pm on Friday Feb 5th or you can register your
interest by emailing nanangonetball@hotmail.com

For more info please contact: Tanya on 0407 156 154
Facebook: Nanango and District Netball Association

Are you concerned your son is not reaching his full potential?

Boys Educator

Greg Griffiths
Parent Information Night

Monday 15th February 2016

6.30-8.00pm
in school hall

Everyone welcome

Annual Bus Meeting

East Cooyar and Rangemore
Road/Yarraman High School
Services

Tuesday 16/2/2016

Cooyar State School
4.15pm