Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It was with great pride that I watched our Senior Leaders and students lead and take part in the town’s ANZAC March and Ceremony on Monday. While we will be trying to iron out the microphone projection issues for next year, our Students, very impressively, led a touching ceremony. From placing poppies in the ground during Damon and Jasmine’s recitation of ‘Flanders Fields’ to baking and distributing ANZAC biscuits, laying wreaths to lowering the flag, watching our Playgroup children lay their flowers to marching down the high way, our students should be very proud. I thank the students and families that attended on the day. Thank you also to Mrs Mylett and Mrs Davis for organising the delicious sandwiches for the town morning tea.

Would you like to get the Cooyar State School newsletter emailed to you?
Please provide the office with your email address.
You can also access newsletters on our website at cooyarss.eq.edu.au.

**Parent Email**
Each Friday, I send out a parent email to parents on this list. These emails have parent information and any reminders for the following week. Please sign up at the office if you would like to receive these parent emails.

**Cross Country**
Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s Cross County. Damon Sloss qualified for the South Burnett Trials. He will be heading off to Murgon State High School in May to participate in the trials. Well done to all students.

**School Review**
Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Jennifer Hart and Mrs Joanne Sinclair will be visiting for two days to review our school. This review is a valuable tool in leading our improvement agenda for our Quadrennial School Review which is due at the end of 2016. Recommendations from this review will be used to create our next 4 year Strategic Plan. We look forward to having Jennifer and Joanne at the school next week.
From the Principal...

**Farewell Mrs Ehrich**
This week will be Mrs Ehrich’s last week at Cooyar for the next 8 weeks after gaining a promotion as temporary Business Services Manager at Pittsworth State School. We congratulate Mrs Ehrich on her promotion and thank her for all of her hard work over the last year at Cooyar. Mrs Ehrich leaves big shoes to be filled. We will be welcoming Mrs Cheryl Trenham to Cooyar to replace Mrs Ehrich during this time. I have no doubt that the community will welcome Mrs Trenham as warmly as they did Mrs Ehrich and Mrs Beacham before her.

**Under 8s Day 2016**
On Wednesday 25th May, 2016, our Junior and Middle class will be travelling to Tanduringie State School for the annual Under 8’s Day Celebration. Children will participate in a number of activities on the day. The permission form for this excursion has been attached to this newsletter. Please return to the school by Friday 20th May, 2016.

**Senior Camp 2016**
Attached to this newsletter is an initial expression of interest note for students in Years Five and Six who can attend Senior Camp this year. Senior Camp will run from Saturday 10th to Friday 16th September, 2016. As Senior Camp is heavily subsidised by the P & C’s annual Trail Ride, the cost to students will be $100 each. Invoices for this camp are attached to this newsletter to allow parents to pay off this cost over the term. I ask that parents fill out these notes and return them to school as numbers will affect our bookings.

**THANKYOU**
- A big THANK YOU Major Paul Morgan and Senior Constable Bill for taking part in our ANZAC Day ceremony.
- Thank you to Sharyn Hansen for donating bamboo for our gardens.
- Thank you to Mr Plant for coming and talking to the Seniors for History.

**Spelling**
This week we began our morning spelling groups. Students have been organised into levelled groups and will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for 30 minutes to focus on small group spelling activities. The school is funding extra Teacher Aide time during these times to facilitate this small group, explicit teaching approach. We are encouraging all students to work towards the Silver Spelling Award at the end of Term Two.

**Student Learning Goals**
Over the last fortnight, teachers met with each student in their class to formulate individual learning goals based on evidence from assessment in Term One. These goals are displayed on student desks and have been sent home to parents in KIT books. At the end of the term, teachers will meet with students, with their assessment items, to determine if the goals have been achieved or are still being worked on. This reflection will also be sent home in KIT books. This is a valuable process that shares the responsibility for learning with students and aims to further our high expectations of each student to be the best they can be.

**Homework**
We are currently reviewing our Homework procedures in consultation with the P & C Association. We are looking at one of three options:
- Current homework procedures
- A homework book for each year level and home reading (consistency across all year levels)
- A homework folder with home reading, spelling lists and times tables
I encourage parents to reflect on the above three options and come and see me with feedback before the next P & C Meeting.
From the Principal...

**Student Resource Scheme**
I have also been discussing a move towards a Student Resources Scheme with the P & C. I believe that a resources scheme, at the cost of approximately $100 per student per year would have the following advantages:

- The school would provide all stationery for each student
- Parents would not have to source/buy any books or stationery
- Parents would not have to label and cover books at the start of the year
- Students would be able to arrive on the first day of school with their school bag, lunch and hat
- It would save each family money on our current book schemes

The invoice for this scheme would be sent out at the start of Term Four and would be due at the end of school year to allow the school to order resources. I will be looking to the P & C for approval of introducing this scheme into Cooyar State School. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please come and see me before the next P & C Meeting.

**Drama Term Two**
Last Friday was the first day of Drama this term. Students are working towards end of term performances. Students thoroughly enjoyed their first week and we look forward to Drama continuing until the end of the term.

**NRL Term Two**
This term, students have been enjoying NRL lessons each week on Tuesdays. This year, Mitchell Sargent, the new NRL Development Officer, joins us on a weekly basis to run lessons with our students. I have no doubt our students will enjoy NRL as much as they have Tennis.

**After School Sport**
This week was the first of After School Sport. Mrs Sharon Duncombe has once again offered to run after school sports training each Wednesday from 2.45 – 3.45pm from Week 3. Mrs Duncombe will need parent helpers each week for this program to continue throughout the term. Thank you to parents who volunteered this week. Two or three parent helpers each week would be great. Permission notes have been sent home. If your child catches the bus home, please make alternative arrangements with the Payne’s for your child’s transport home. Mrs Duncombe will not be responsible to organising students after training for the bus or pick up. Please note that it is expected that students will be picked up promptly at 3.45pm. We thank Mrs Duncombe for giving up her time to organise and run these afternoons.

**Playgroup Term Two**
Our Community Playgroup started again this week. Mrs Gibson has tentatively planned a term full of great early learning experiences for our Playgroup children.

- Week Four – Mother’s Day
- Week Five – Butterflies
- Week Six – The Beach
- Week Seven – Volcanoes
- Week Eight - Horses

We welcome all members of the Cooyar and wider community to bring their children along each Tuesday from 8.30 – 10.30am for playgroup. It is a great way to get together with other parents in the community and have your child engage in early learning and development activities.

**Silver Spelling Champion Awards**
Last week, students who were awarded the Silver Spelling Champion Award for Term One joined me for a special morning tea. It was great to take some time to sit and have morning tea with these students and hear about their school work and weekend activities. I look forward to celebrating with students next week. Students are working towards this award again this term.
From the Principal...

Gold Behaviour Champion Awards
It is great to see so many students working towards this award again this term. This award recognises the students who continually follow school rules and do not get red cards. Students who receive four Gold Behaviour Champion Awards in 2016 will be presented with a Behaviour Medallion at Presentation Night at the end of the year. This is an important achievement to recognise.

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.

If your child will be absent...
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.

School Arrival
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.

School Pick Up in the Afternoons
Please note that Cooyar State School is not able to offer After School Care to parents. It is expected that students will be picked up between 2.30 and 2.45pm. Furthermore, if you are picking up your child of an afternoon, it is expected that your child will stay inside the school grounds until they have informed the bus duty teacher/teacher aide that you have arrived and that they are leaving. 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.

P & C Meetings Term Two
P and C Meetings are another great way to stay informed about the school. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on:

   Monday 16th May 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...
From the Principal...

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**

Please note that 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 is our preferred method of payment over the coming year** as it saves us administration time in following up payments. Please try BPOINT for your next school invoice.

**Our School Rules and BehaviourExpectations**

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 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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Yours in Education,

Kendall Seccombe
What a wonderful couple of weeks students have had! They are really enjoying our English focus on persuasives this term. We have started with looking at some of Mo Willams ‘Pigeon’ character books and students absolutely love them, wanting to share them with anyone who comes into the class. We have looked at the different sentence structures the Pigeon uses to try and persuade us to allow him to drive a bus or have a puppy as a pet. We have tried similar sentence structures to persuade Miss Seccombe to let us have some lollies at school! We haven’t road tested them as yet.

Preps are extremely quick at subitising to 5 now and can even subitise a number in groups and tell us for example that 3 and 1 are 4 – all within a split second. Wow! We are still working on writing our numbers to 10 and connecting number names with symbols and pictures. We will be doing some work this week on 2D shape which will be fun. Year one students have been looking at counting patterns and have done a lot of work on 100 boards over the last 2 weeks to gain familiarity and to see how patterns are visible. Year ones have also started number facts to ten speed tests. If you would like any of these sent home to use at home please ask.

Our technology unit has required us to explore the school and classify some finds as software and hardware. We found things such as a photocopier/printer/fax, mouse, headphones, keyboard, monitor and Wii. We then explored the computer ‘desktop’ and found things such as Word, Paint, Publisher and PowerPoint. We grouped all of these things into either hardware or software. Miss Seccombe’s class gave us a taste of what we can do when we combine software and hardware, when they taught us how to code Bee Bots – fantastic tools for introducing coding. We will get to ‘play’ with them ourselves in a couple of weeks.

Last week we welcomed Mrs Strohfield into our class for her orientation day at school. Students were very well behaved although the day didn’t run quite as planned (not so unusual in the junior class!). I don’t think we scared her too much though and I am sure she will return for the start of her practicum placement next week.

Thank you to all those parents who encourage and support their child to borrow from the library bus every 2nd Tuesday. This is an amazing resource we have literally at our doorstep! We enjoyed looking for books on the ANZACS and war last week. I think we will see what books on technology we can find next week!

Thank you to parents also for sending in ‘historical’ items for discussion during sharing time (and puppies!!). This has been very interesting! I quite enjoyed the ‘old tap’ out of the ‘old tank’! Sharing sessions are all about students being comfortable talking in front of their peers and are always very interesting.

If you have any worries about your child’s learning please feel free to drop in for a chat. Thank you for you continued support.

Bronwyn Spencer
Middle Room News—Year 2 and Year 3

It was fantastic to see our students marching on ANZAC Day and especially their behaviour throughout the ceremony. I was very impressed!

ANZAC day ties in well to the Year Three History Unit which looks at the difference between commemorations and celebrations. Due to the significance of ANZAC Day in Australia, students will need to recall information about the day and why we commemorate it.

Year Two students have been investigating the changes in technology from the past until now. Most of the class had never seen early types of refrigeration like ice boxes, so it was a great talking point. Students are encouraged to bring any interesting items from the past in for Show and Tell and we will take a photo to add it to our History wall.

English

Currently we are in the middle of a persuasive on the topic of “Horses vs Motorbikes”. Students need to create a sizzling start and then build three strong arguments for their favourite type of transport. I’m looking forward to conferencing with the students so they can complete these persuasions.

Students have been reading with Mrs Sharon and Mrs Davies following our SCORE reading framework each day except Friday.

Thank you for your patience with the home reading sheets. They have been a little confusing and will need some adjusting for our new PM books. I have sent home an ‘old style” home reading sheet until the necessary changes have been made. If parents could just write the book’s name, date and when they read, like they have in the past it would be appreciated.

Class Pets

Another job has been added to our Class Job Roster and that is looking after our new hermit crabs. We have two and voted on the names of Snappy and Hermie. Some of the other choices were; Shirley, Misty, Snippy, Nick and the obvious Crab. Great voting guys as I was a concerned about a hermit crab called Shirley.

Digital Technology

The ‘Beebots” have been getting a workout in the class. Students have experimented with them and now are fine tuning their skills by writing and testing a code or set of instructions for it to follow. Students will be assessed on their coding skills later in the term.

Maths

Year 2- Week 3: Two digit numbers

  Week 4: Representing fractions, including halves, quarters and thirds.

Year 3 - Week 3: Identify, comparing and constructing angles.

  Week 4: Representing fractions, including thirds.

Tania Duncombe
From the Classroom...

Senior News—Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Our Seniors made us very proud on Monday at the Cooyar ANZAC celebrations.

Well done to Jessica, Seth, Jasmine, Damon and Ben for running this year’s ceremony and leading the March. Many people in the community were also touched from receiving ANZAC biscuits that students had baked. This is a nice annual tradition that we will continue.

This fortnight we have been working on our paragraph structure for persuasive writing. We have also had the Year Three students in joining us on learning Senior student strategies on writing persuasions. Students are focussing on providing evidence in each of their paragraphs with a:

- **Topic Sentence** – introduces the argument. Use a strong sentence starter.
- **Supporting Sentences** – evidence to reinforce your topic sentences. Why is this true? How is this true? Could you use a rhetorical question?
- **Concluding Sentences** – re state your topic sentence in different words to remind people of what you have just argued.

In Mathematics we have been focussing on problem solving and test taking skills by learning

- How to attack a word problem by highlighting the key words
- Being the expert by ruling out the ridiculous/ obviously incorrect answers
- How to show working and thinking to come up with the correct answer in word problems

We have also been reviewing our fractions, multiples and factors as well as using our Bee Bots to complete coding challenges. Senior Students have also been teaching coding skills to students in the younger grades.

We are continuing our Perspective Art unit and students are also enjoying their drama lessons with Mrs Crockett (the lately married Miss Herold).

Students are busy in History with Mrs Sloss. Last week they had Mr Plant visit to discuss his time at Cooyar State School when he was a boy. He also discussed historical aspects of the town and the community. We appreciate Mr Plant taking the time to visit our students. The Senior Class will be sending Mr Plant a thank you card in appreciation of his time.

All students have met with me to discuss and decide upon their personal learning goals. We try to refer to these goals throughout each day when they are relevant. A copy of these goals have been sent home in KIT folders. I encourage parents to support these learning goals through homework and home reading at home.

Have a great fortnight.

**Kendall Seccombe**
Senior Classroom Teacher
Photo Gallery...

ANZAC Day 2016

Spelling Award Morning Tea

Playgroup

Cross Country
**Student of the week...**

### Week 1—Term 2

**Prep—Year 1**— Lilly Barnett for great listening skills during history. Being an Active Learner.

**Year 2—Year 3**— Willow Davis for being able to model excellent behaviour and work habits. Being Responsible.

**Year 4—Year 6**— Mackenzie Harris for being on task, participating, having a go each day. Being an Active Learner.

**Playground**— Declan Munt for great behaviour and being responsible in the playground. Being Safe and Being Responsible.

### Week 2—Term 2

**Prep—Year 1**— Cameron Ryan for taking extra responsibility to improve his reading by reading an extra home reader each night. Being Responsible.

**Year 2—Year 3**— Chelsea Cooper for being ready to learn. Being Responsible.

**Year 4—Year 6**— Arien Cooper for his hard work in spelling this week. Keep up the great work. Being an Active Learner.

**Playground**— Micheal Beckhouse for blending in and doing his best to be safe. Being Safe.
Cooyar State School P&C Association

General Meeting held on 18th April 2016

MeetingOpened: Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Kendall Seccombe, Scott Duncombe, Jacinta Ryan, Christine Duncombe, Chris Mylett, Shane Gibson, Michael Duncombe, Paul Barron, Bill Brown

Apologies: Katrina Davies, Greg Ryan, Chloe Davis

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held: Minutes from the previous General Meeting were confirmed as read by Michael, seconded Bill. Carried.

Business arising from minutes of last meeting: Tennis Court Hire has been set up with keys at the Cooyar Hotel and insurance covered.

Correspondence:

Inwards:
Promotional brochure – Felton Industries

Outwards:
P & C Activity Declaration form – P & C’s Qld
Jacinta moved that the correspondence by accepted, seconded Christine. Carried.

Business arising out of correspondence: nil

Treasurer’s report:
Christine presented the Monthly Financial Reports and moved that the reports be accepted, seconded Bill. Carried.

After discussing the financial reports, Christine moved to rescind the above motion until further reports where available. Seconded Bill. Carried.

Principal’s report:
School Improvement
Attendance
NAPLAN 2016
Curriculum
Student Learning Goals
Positive Behaviour for Learning
Professional Development and Staffing
Finance
Sports Day

General Business, including Swimming Carnival, booklist, homework, renovations and ANZAC Day.

Kendall moved that her report be accepted, seconded Bill. Carried.

General Business:
- Bike Ride – Showgrounds to be booked for Bike Ride camp site
- Recycling Area – Working Bee date to be set to clear area and repair school yard fence as needed.
- Excursions – Length of day and travel arrangements were discussed.
- Camp – Discussion regarding the coach hire and drivers for Camp. It was decided to continue with dry hire of the coach.
- Paul moved that the cost of Camp to each student be $100 per student. Seconded Christine. Carried.

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 16th May at 7:30pm

Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 9:10pm
Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Cooyar State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.


Quinalow Secondary Department 50 Year Reunion

The Quinalow State School Secondary Department will be celebrating their 50 Year Reunion on Saturday 14th May 2016 in the school grounds. The day will commence at 10.00am and conclude around 10.00pm, with Market Stalls, A Licensed Bar and Food being served throughout the day.

Official Programme Of Events

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Are You A Stall Holder?

If you happen to be in the area you are most welcome to drop in and say Hi and check out our wonderful School and Market Stalls. Our Staff Holders will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm on our school oval. This market has particular emphasis on handmade, original arts and crafts so it should be very interesting and inspiring to see the wide range of stalls including face painting, sweets, jewellery, homebake, pot plants and more.... We look forward to seeing you there!

Are We Looking For You?

We are calling all stall holders, hobbyists, demonstrators to book your sites today. Sites start from $10 or $20 for a powered site.

Contact Sam on 0498 927 726 or Rebecca on 0407 653 375 for further information or to book your site.

Contact Details:

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Progress Street, Quinalow QLD 4403
Phone 07 4692 9333 Email quinalow50years@outlook.com
Facebook ’Quinalow State School Secondary Department 50 Year Reunion’

Upper Yarraman Annual Hot Tea and Cent Sale

Saturday 7 May—doors open 6.30 pm

Come along and enjoy a range of delicious home cooked food and then have a little fun trying to win some fantastic prizes.

All proceeds from the night are donated to the Qld Cancer Appeal. Raffle for the night is a Timber Blanket Box.

Enquiries: 0458 638 546