Welcome

Welcome back to the school year. I am sure that 2014 is going to be filled with learning, fun, laughter and many memories.

I would like to welcome our new Prep students and families. Their first day went without a hitch. I believe that the students settled in well. I am wondering how our first time parents were faring? Welcome to Summah-Jane and Alexander and family to our school. Mrs Roediger has joined the staff as the Junior Room Teacher Aide, she will assist Mrs Duncombe on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Bourke is the Prep-Year 2 Teacher on Wednesday to Friday.

Staffing

We are currently sitting at 45 students across two classes; Junior Room (Prep-Yr2) and Senior Room (Yr3-7).

Junior Room: Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Roediger will work Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Bourke and Mrs D will work Wednesday to Friday.

Senior Room: Mrs Sloss is working Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Davies Monday-Thursday and I will be working Monday-Friday with Thursday being a Principal day.

Any additional changes to staffing will be made in the coming weeks with budgets and day eight figures considered. The only changes I foresee is the addition of teacher days and teacher aide time in classes.

KLA day will be held on Thursday’s this term. Mrs Bourke is teaching History, Mrs Duncombe is teaching Geography, Mrs Sloss is teaching Technology/ICT skills and Mrs Davies and Mrs D will teach visual arts with the students.

If you can assist at any time in the class to assist with reading, maths or even on KLA day please come in and see the teachers. We love having parent/family member helpers.

Our weekly parades this year will be held on Thursday mornings. Please feel free to come along.
From the Principal...

**Swimming**

Last year the staff decided to have swimming earlier in the term when the weather was warmer and little disruption to class routines. We decided to have swimming block in week two. Attached to today’s newsletter is the swimming permission note and invoice. Please ensure that the permission form is handed back to class teacher as soon as possible. If you are able to assist with swimming could you please let your class teacher know. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Thank You P&C**

Over the holidays we received our new home and class reading books. Our generous P&C donated $2000 towards the new books. We will cover the books and they will be in circulation. If you are an expert at covering books, I am sure you have been in training with your child’s books, let us know and we could gladly use your skills.

I look forward to working with you all over the next twelve months. We have had a great start to 2014. The students’ have come with a great attitude ready to work and learn.

See you around the school.

Mark Wrigley
Principal

Welcome!

Summah-Jane (Yr 6), Alexander (Yr 2), Oliver (Prep), Safron (Prep), Charlotte (Prep), William (Prep), Jamie (Prep), Rohan (Prep), Sam (Prep), Mrs Bourke (P-2 Teacher).
Dear Parents,

We are preparing to use our Technology lessons to create an entry for the Cooyar Show. This will involve children in Prep to Year 4 making a Lego model with wheels. It would be great if the children could bring in their own Lego (including wheels) to create their own vehicle. I am very aware that this is a cause for concern for both children and parents as none of us like to lose pieces.

If you are able and comfortable to send in Lego for your child to use in Technology classes, there will be strict rules about not sharing pieces and all pieces must come in a container that has a lid and a name on it.

If you are a Lego-free household, the children will be supplied with the Lego pieces here at school. We do have a limited number of pieces and wheels but hopefully all children will be able to access sufficient Lego pieces to make a small vehicle.

Alternative activities may be arranged in case of a shortage which will also be entered in the show.

Please write a comment in the KIT book if you have any concerns or just to let me know if this will suit you. We will be beginning to work on our models next Thursday 6th January.

Year 5,6 & 7 Technology

The children in this group will be offered a variety of options – all of which requires them to design, make and evaluate. These items will also be entered in the show. I will offer the option of cake decorating so if your child is interested in this there is a list of items which need to be supplied – one small, inexpensive fruit cake, fondant and a cake board being the most important. If you think your child will be interested in this one – you may like to keep an eye out for a bargain over the coming week or so. When the children decide on Thursday, we will write a note in the KIT book telling you of requirements. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter – I know we’ve just started but it is a great opportunity to support our local show AND do Technology for school.

Thank you.

Carmon Sloss
Chaplain’s Corner

So here we are back at school after what hopefully was a refreshing break. It is always nice to do something different – to visit new places, catch up with family and friends, complete jobs that accumulate around the place during the year, or just to enjoy some Aussie Cricket success, after a couple of years of scant pickings against international competition.

We have had some changes in both students and staff over the year end. Despite the losses, it is always nice to see some different faces, and to make new acquaintances.

It often takes a while for people to adjust to a new environment and to new people. Some of us can feel threatened by change, and we may not always make the new kid, or teacher, on the block to feel welcome. Maybe we feel that the new person needs to somehow “prove” themselves before they can be totally accepted.

The fact of the matter is that none of us can ever “prove” ourselves completely. We all need encouragement and acceptance from others. Sometimes we might feel a little shy ourselves, even though we have been here for longer than the newcomer. However, the good book says: “to have friends, we must show ourselves friendly.” Sometimes we need to make the first move and follow the golden rule: “Do unto others as (we) would have them do unto (us);” to put ourselves in the other’s shoes, and to ask ourselves how we would like to be treated were we in their situation.

2014 is sure to be a good year at Cooyar Primary School, especially if we all make it our business to look out for those around us, to make each other feel welcome, to show appreciation for the efforts of others, and to do the best we can in whatever pursuit we place our endeavours.

Phil Downing
Cooyar Primary School Chaplain

P.S. Please find attached a SUPA permission form. Please complete and return should you wish for your child/children to participate.
Public Notices...

NANANGO SOCCER CLUB

Sign On Day

ALL WELCOME!
Saturday 8th February
Burnett Street Soccer Fields
9:30am - 12:30pm

Returning and new players self-register online to save time. EASY
Visit: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Junior girls and boys aged from turning 5 yrs in 2014 through to 15yrs.
Club is registered with Get Started funding program to assist eligible children with fees
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