Welcome

We are only two weeks into the new school year and time is already flying. Our days are jam packed with English, Mathematics, Science and Geography and we will be jumping into the pool for our swimming block in a fortnight. In classes, we have been busy preparing for our Cooyar Show School Display and individual student entries in a range of categories including photography, painting, drawing, cake decorating, card making, Lego building and door stop making. I am looking forward to the community and the wider South Burnett community having the opportunity to see the hard work of our students.

Swimming

Swimming notes and invoices were sent home last week. I encourage all parents to return forms and monies as soon as possible to allow us to organise our swimming block. Students are currently being assigned Cooyar Rashie Swim Shirts for our swimming block. Students will be responsible for bringing these Rashie Shirts each day and we asked that they are returned washed the following week to be stored for our end of year swimming block.

New Bell Times – A Reminder

As many families already know, school times are changing for the 2015 school year and beyond. School will now begin at 8.30am and finish at 2.30pm. The bell times for our new school day are:

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Thank you.

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.
Being Equipped for School
Thank you to families for making sure their children are equipped for school each day. School uniform, a ‘brain food’ filled lunch box, KIT folder, nightly reading and homework folders and any other equipment they might need help students prepare and work throughout each day. We have started using our text books in each classroom. Any families who have yet to buy these books, I ask that you source them as soon as possible so that your child does not fall behind in their learning.

School Bus Meeting
The school bus meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th February at 4.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend the bus meeting.

Curriculum Focus
In English, we have been continuing our work on writing a narrative. We have been learning about important strategies that will make our writing more organised and more interesting including Sizzling Starts, Backfilling, Building the Tension, Dynamic Dialogue and Reaching the Climax.

Each week of this term, we will also have a whole school spelling focus. Below are our focuses for the next fortnight:

| Week Three | a  | Eg. ant, cat, apple, travel. |
| Week Four  | k, c, q, ck, x, ch | Eg. kite, cat, queen, clock, box, Christmas |

Our Week Three Mathematics Curriculum Overview is below:

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LOTE, with Ms Lay, has begun for our Year Five and Year Six students. Year Three and Year Four have also started their Cultural Studies lessons with Ms Lay each Wednesday. Students are enjoying learning to count and communicate in Indonesian, as well as learn about Indonesian culture.

Our School Rules and Behaviour Expectations
Each week, we review our School Rules and explicitly teach expected behaviours associated with these rules on parade. This week, our focus is on being responsible in the playground. Below are our focus teachings for this week. I encourage families to use this information to have discussions at home that support the teachings at school.
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| 1    | Introduction of Term                   | School rules  
Classroom rules, routines, procedures  
What does Positive Behaviour of Learning at Cooyar State School look like? |
| 2    | Be Safe in all Areas                   | Use equipment appropriately and with care  
Respect the rights of others  
Report dangerous or unusual situations  
Eat only your own food, in designated areas  
Be hygienic |
| 3    | Be Responsible in the Playground       | Play fairly, follow the rules and take turns  
Return equipment at the end of play |
| 4    | Be a Safe, Responsible Learner in all Environments | Be persistent and engage in all tasks  
Be open to new ideas  
Ask permission to leave all areas  
Be cyber safe |
| 5    | Be Safe in the Playground              | Play suitable, school approved games  
Be sun safe  
Play in approved areas |
| 6    | Be a Learner in all Areas              | Actively listen and follow instructions  
Be organised and punctual  
Ask for help if needed  
Care for self, others and the environment |
| 7    | Be a Safe and Responsible Learner when transitioning around the school | Move safely, respectfully and appropriately  
Keep traffic areas clear  
Line up responsibly |
| 8    | Be Responsible in all Areas            | Speak truthfully, respectfully and appropriately  
Act with respect, consideration and integrity  
Follow procedures and obey all rules  
Place litter in bins  
Wear your school uniform with pride |
| 9    | Be a Learner in the Playground         | Cooperate with and include others |
| 10   | Be a Safe and Responsible Learner for Road Safety | Cross the road with care  
Remain seated while the bus is moving and show respect  
Walk bikes in the school grounds, to and from the bike racks  
Always wear a helmet when riding a bike  
Move directly to and from school  
Use paths to enter and exit school |
From the Principal and Classroom...

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, questions or concerns.

Have a great fortnight.

Yours in Education,
Kendall Seccombe

Junior News—Prep, Year 1 and Year 2

Over the last two weeks, students have been settling back into the routines of school and the Preps have done an amazing job adjusting to class life.

In our phonics program we are learning four new sounds of the alphabet each week. We practice them in the morning with silly songs and actions. Some students have been very creative making up their own little song for the sound.

In English, we have been taking care with our bookwork while writing sentences and listening to stories. Your child may start talking about writing ‘sizzling starts’ in their sentences. We are encouraging exciting words and sentences to grab our readers’ attention.

On Thursday afternoons we will visit our school library and swap our books. The books can be kept for the week and returned on Thursday or put in the returns box in our classroom when you are finished with them.

Cooyar Show Entries

Our very impressive paintings and drawings for the Cooyar Show are getting framed and ready to hand in. The majority of students have also done a fantastic job completing their Lego masterpieces and will complete their handwriting soon. On Thursday 19th, we will decorate cupcakes and make edible necklaces.

Gardening

The Junior room will be gardening every second Friday afternoon along with the rest of the school. We are looking at planting seeds. If students have any gardening gloves at home or spare seeds we could plant, they would be greatly appreciated.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons begin in Week 5. The school will supply the Rashie for your child on the Monday of that week. Any parents interested in helping, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Well done to the Student of the Week! We have the comfy lounge chair ready!

Many thanks,

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe
Senior News—Year 5 and Year 6

We have now all settled back into the school routine and the new times for the school day. Of course, just as we think we are working it all out, there has to be a change. Due to staffing allocations for 2015, I will now teach seven days a fortnight. This means Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for week 3 and in week 4 it will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, continuing to alternate for the rest of the year.

Gardening will be every second Friday afternoon beginning February 27th and we would again appreciate parent helpers for this exercise. Please let us know if you can be of assistance or simply arrive on Fridays at 1.25pm. Miss Seccombe and I have discussed looking into available grants that we may be able to apply for to help set up a larger gardening space with convenient watering facilities.

Last year’s potato crop struggled on through many dry weeks but most of our children persisted in watering and still produced some potatoes. Our two best plants, though, were nurtured by Kaycee Barron and Bridget Dando. Bridget won the prize with a crop that weighed 1.2kg.

In class, we are working on writing narratives, revising mathematical skills and learning order of operations skills, Technology projects for the show and have just started some mapping in Geography. Thank you to all parents who, on short notice, on Monday afternoon allowed their children to stay after school to work on their cakes for the show. The next cake workshop day will be Monday, 16th February and possibly Tuesday as well. All Technology projects must be finished by Thursday 19th February.

The children have been asked to bring their homework books in every day for marking and in the hope that they are encouraged to work on it through the week instead of just Thursday night.

Carmon Sloss
From the Chaplain...

Chaplain's Corner

Two weekends ago provided a smorgasbord of excellent sporting duels and good news which very likely harnessed the interest and gratitude of most Australians.

On Saturday evening we had a wonderful exhibition of tennis put on by the world’s top two women tennis players - Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova. Both players provided some superb shots, and did not leave us wondering how good they could be. Unfortunately only one player could win, and we saw Serena Williams take the trophy. The speech of each competitor, after the match, was relatively long and heart-felt; live spectators and television viewers enjoyed every minute of them. Serena spoke of her poverty-stricken childhood when she only had a racquet and a ball in the backyard, and that she never would have dreamt that she would go on to win nineteen Grand Slam titles. It was good to hear her acknowledge, and give credit to, the role of God in her life. She also spoke encouragingly of her opponent, and gave thanks to her support-team, and to the crowd who urged her on. Maria said that, as a tennis player, she loves playing against the best, and that she was proud to have come second to such a great player. There was no hint of pride or arrogance from either player but rather, both exhibited humility and good sportsmanship. The atmosphere created during the game, and later at the presentation ceremony, surely made those witnessing the event forget some of the unsavoury news items that we witness daily. It helped us all realise that there are still plenty of good things in life.

Saturday night also provided captivating moments for followers of the round ball code. A young Australian team captured the Asian Cup against South Korea, which had not conceded a goal for the whole tournament. The Australians looked to have the match in their keeping until the final seconds, when South Korea scored an equalising goal, sending the match into extra time. To the excitement of Australian supporters, Australia then scored the winning goal, creating the most memorable win in Australian football/soccer history. Again, members of the winning team were humble in victory and credited much of their success to inspiration gained from their coach and loyal supporters.

Sunday evening was almost just as good. Novak Djokovic was humble in winning his sixth Men's Australian Open Tennis title (over Andy Murray), showing good sportsmanship along the way. Again he gave credit to his coach and support team, and thanked the crowd for their support.

Sunday evening also saw the Australian One Day Cricketers scored an emphatic win over England, to win the tri-nation's trophy in Perth. Great excitement was evident among the players and crowd after the match, and credit was again given to those who supported the players.

We then woke up on Monday morning to hear the good news that journalist Peter Gresne, who had been imprisoned in Egypt for 400 days, had been released after support from friends, fellow journalists and the Australian government. Surely this news was well received by Peter himself, his family and work colleagues, all Australians, and people from around the world who had hoped and prayed for his release.

All of these events in just a couple of days go to show that no man is an island, and that the encouragement of friends, colleagues and the general public can inspire us all to achievements that may surprise even ourselves, especially if we remain humble and appreciate others along the way.

Phil Downing
School Chaplain
Week 2

Prep—Year 2— Charlotte E. for her fantastic participation and enthusiasm in her first two weeks at school. Being a Learner.

Year 3—Year 4— Madeleine for being prepared for learning each day and being an active Learner in all lessons.

Year 5—Year 7— Chantelle for being an applied student and remaining undistracted. Being a Learner.

Playground— Seth for showing great leadership skills to the other children. Being Responsible.

Week 3

Prep—Year 2— Willow for showing maturity and being a great role model. Being Responsible.

Year 3—Year 4— Shannon for working hard in class each day and problem solving calmly with adults. Being Responsible.

Year 5—Year 7— Bridget for multiple 20 out of 20 results in Maths Mentals. Being a Learner.

Playground— Oliver for listening and following instructions. Being a Learner.
Public Notices…

Cooyar Agricultural Society Inc.

Cooyar Show will be the 21st February 2015. The Society has now a website. The website address is www.cooyarshow.com.au

To cut costs all Schedules, Entry Forms, contact details for President, Secretary and Stewards will be listed and available for download from the beginning of next week the 15th December, 2014.

Thank you.

Tuckshop Meeting

First Tuckshop meeting will be Tuesday the 17 February at 9am at the Tuckshop. We will be discussing the Menu for the year, so if you have anything you would like to suggest please come along.

See you there!

Leanne and Chloe

P.S. Reminder when completing Tuckshop orders - first break is now the big break for the students.

Bell Show Ball

The Bell Show Ball is on Friday 13 February, 2015 night, at the Memorial Hall, Wallace Street, Bell.

It’s a great night out for some family fun and dancing! There will be continuous live music by ‘Darren Gray’ and ‘Pure Kaos’. The evening is licensed and Supper is provided.

There are cash prizes and a sash for Junior Showgirl, Show Princess and Show Queen.

So come on out to Bell for a great night.
Doors open at 7.30pm.
Admission—Adults $10, High School Students $4

If you wish to know more information or wish to book a table, please contact Judy on 07 4663 9784/0448 344 313 or Casey on 0429 057 644.