Welcome
This will be the last newsletter before the Easter Break. It has been an extremely busy term with lots of learning and lots of positive behaviours. I would like to thank the Cooyar School Community for being so understanding during this time of Mark’s absence and hope that we can continue to develop a positive relationship for the best learning opportunities for our students. Please have a safe and restful holiday and I will see you next term all geared up for Naplan and Athletics, the two big events for Term 2.

After School Sports
We would once again like to hold after school sports for the Cooyar students. The focus for Term 2 will be Athletics, leading up to the school carnival. This would take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15-4.15pm. We will be looking for volunteers to assist during the afternoon; the more helpers we get, the smaller the groups and the more turns the students can have at the jumping and throwing events. We would run this coaching for 8 weeks from week 2 until week 9 of Term 2. If you are able to help out please let us know, or if you would like your children to be involved please fill in the note at the end of the newsletter.

School Camp
In consultation with the P&C we are currently exploring options for school camp 2014. The P&C have always been very generous with their subsidy towards these camps, but there will still be some out-of-pocket expenses for families. So in preparation for camp in Term 3/4 please start saving and putting away some money for this event. As soon as more details are confirmed we will advise you of the amount needed and the details of time and venue.

Bike Ride
As mentioned in the above paragraph about camp, the P&C are generous in their subsidy towards school camp. The major school fundraiser for the year is the Cooyar Bike Ride, so I would encourage you to promote the bike ride with your family, friends and acquaintances and be available to help out during the weekend of the bike ride in October.

Dental Van
The school Dental Van will be at school in May. Please find medical forms attached to this newsletter if you would like your child to attend.

KLA Day
As the first week of Term 2 is a three day week and we will be visiting Tanduringie State School for the Cross Country, we will not have KLA day that week.
From the Principal...

South Burnett Soccer Trials

Some of our senior students were keen to trial for the South Burnett School Representative Soccer Team. If you would like your child to go these trials can you please fill in the form that went home and return it to school by Friday 28th March. The trials will be in Kingaroy on Monday 31 March and you will need to make your own transport arrangements for the day.

Libby Clapperton
Principal

Student of the week

Week 8

Prep—Year 2: Charlotte for always putting in her best effort.
Year 3-Year 4: Rylie for his determination to keep working.
Year 5—Year 7: Chantelle for showing initiative when answering Grammar and Punctuation questions.
Playground: Maddison for packing up when the bell rang.

Week 9

Prep—Year 2: Jamie for Being a Learner and always putting in his best effort.
Year 3-Year 4: Damon for being responsible and encouraging his classmates to make good behaviour choices and be active learners.
Year 5—Year 7: Bree for her determined effort in double digit multiplication.
Playground: Sarah for including the Preps in handball.
**From the Classroom...**

**Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News**

We have had a very productive fortnight in the junior room, learning about persuasive texts and are working on our final assessment pieces to complete by next week. The children have enjoyed the picture books we have looked at, in particular the Pigeon series written by Mo Williams.

In Maths, the Preps have been looking at patterns in the environment, the Year Ones have been studying teen numbers and Year Twos have been working with 2 digit numbers. We will be starting our term assessments in Maths next week.

History is focussing on remembering the past. A special thanks to all the parents that helped their children bring in a significant memory from their past.

Students are working well in Geography and we are learning that we live in our homes and go to school near or in the town of Cooyar, in the state of Queensland, in the country of Australia.

The class have been showing lots of positive behaviour. They are saving all the Cooyar Cash they have earned so far for Market Day on the last Thursday of this term, so well done to all!

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

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**Middle Class (Year 3 & Year 4)**

**Maths:** We have been exploring data collection and displaying our findings with graphs.

**English:** In Preparation for the Naplan writing task we will be practising persuasive writing using the hamburger strategy. Ask your child how it helps us to organise our writing.

**Reading:** We continue to concentrate on the comprehension and understanding of the texts we read. You can help your child with this by asking questions about who, when, where, why, what and how about the books they read at home.

Libby Clapperton
Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 News

Mathematics and Language
All work is well underway and we are working towards our second piece of assessment in both subjects. As we are learning double digit multiplication, our students are learning the importance and efficiency of knowing the times tables so that they can produce an answer quickly.

All seem to have remembered most of the basic skills of persuasive writing and this has helped speed up the pace of our language lessons.

Science
We are still working on living things and learning how to categorise them.

LOTE
Students have been working on an assessment piece using the computer to record their voice as they present pictures with spoken subtitles in Indonesian.

Technology
Some of the groups are already ready for next Thursday's MARKET DAY. Last minute preparations are underway for next week and I am looking forward to the event especially, but I am sure all of us will be glad to see the end of the boxes and bits and pieces that have been stacked and stored for the day.

All parents, guardians and grandparents are welcome on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd April at 2.00pm when the Prep to Year 2 class will have the first of the shopping experiences. Cooyar Cash will be used to purchase goods. All children will be limited in their purchases to allow for fair participation for everyone.

Please remind the children that purchases will be limited and some goods will run out so that we can reduce the effects of disappointment on the day.

Thank you to Kelly who has assisted in the classroom with Technology lessons.

I wish all families a wonderful family break for the end of term one.

Carmon Sloss
Chaplain’s Corner

Recently we have been exposed, through the media, to the trial of James Peter Cowan, the convicted killer of Daniel Morcombe. It has been amazing to hear the details of the situation, including how separate pieces of incidental evidence combined to convict the suspect. For example, a passenger, on the bus who failed to pick Daniel up at the overpass, remembered a man with a goatie, standing on one leg, near Daniel, and that there was a white car nearby. Cowan’s former partner confirmed that it was a habit of Cowan, who wore a goatie and drove a white car, to stand on one leg.

Cowan was an early suspect on the basis that he lived in the area, had two prior convictions of child molestation, and could not account for his movements at the time of Daniel’s disappearance. However, at the police interview, he denied any wrong doing, and since there was no direct evidence of his involvement in Daniel’s disappearance, Cowan was not charged.

As time went by, police organised an under-cover operation to catch their man. An ‘accidental meeting’ was arranged for an undercover policeman to sit next to Cowan on a domestic air-flight. A ‘friendship’ was formed, and Cowan was invited to be involved in criminal activities, to his financial advantage. Once Cowan felt comfortable with his new-found accomplices in crime, he let down his guard and entrusted details of Daniel’s abduction, violation and murder to them. He even led his ‘friends’ to the site of the murder and the place where he had deposited Daniel’s body and clothing.

The Bible says that “what we whisper in secret will be shouted from, the housetops.” Someone paraphrased this idea by making a statement of their own: “Be sure your sins will find you out.”

Due to the good work of the Queensland Police, the good memory of witnesses and Cowan’s own carelessness, Cowan was charged with Daniel’s abduction and murder.

The best way to keep out of trouble is to avoid doing the wrong thing in the first place. However, honesty is always the best policy. If we do the wrong thing, then we need to own up. As we probably all know, telling lies and trying to cover-up wrong doing only leads to more lies and living a stress-filled life. If we live transparent lives and do the best we can to be honest and upstanding citizens, we will keep out of a lot of unnecessary trouble, and provide the kind of example that our children will do well to emulate. It’s a shame that Cowan didn’t think of that before he made a choice that impacted negatively on himself and a lot of other people,

Phil Downing
Cooyar State School Chaplain