Welcome

Term 2 is flying and it is hard to believe winter is just around the corner. With this in mind, please ensure that your child’s clothing is all well named. The mornings start cold and as it warms up the jumpers and track pants are soon discarded. To help with confusion and lost property please clearly name all articles of clothing.

Late Arrival and Early Departures

If your child is late to school for any reason, please go to the office first before going to the classroom to fill in the sign in register. Alternatively if you are picking up your child early, please fill in the register as well. It is kept in the folder cradle on the corner of Jodi’s desk. Schools are accountable for your child’s whereabouts and we would appreciate your help in keeping this register accurate.

Bush Dance

The Bush Dance was a great night. Thanks to all those families who attended and contributed a scrumptious supper. The winner of the Student Council Whip raffle was Rylie Barron. Congratulations Rylie, I’m sure you’ll give it lots of use.

School Camp

It is proposed that later in the year, the Senior class will be heading off to Sydney for the Biannual School Trip. Please start putting some money aside for this amazing trip. Details are still being finalised but if you are aware of any great places that we wouldn’t want to miss, please let me know ASAP.

School Wide Positive Behavioural Support

This week our staff attended another training session. We will be making a matrix of expected behaviours in different areas of the school and asking for feedback from the students and parents on how the process is going. So keep watching this space.

Welcome

A big Cooyar welcome to our new family who have joined the middle class. Welcome to Tommy in Year 3 and Jasmine in Year 4. They are settling in well and will be a great addition to our school.

Farewell

It is always sad to say goodbye, but it has been great to know Sarah and Kelly and we wish them and their family all the best as they set out on their new business enterprise. Good luck and all the best for the years to come.
Children do as you do. Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You’re her role model, so use your own behaviour to guide her. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say ‘please’, say it yourself. If you don’t want your child to raise her voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

Libby Clapperton
Principal

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News

It was great to see everyone having fun at the Bush Dance on the weekend and we were especially proud of the way our young people got involved in the dancing.

Now that the Bush Dance is finished we will be gearing up for Sports Day by continuing to practice our throwing and catching skills for ballgames and other athletic events.

In History, we have been looking at significant events with family or the community and how they are celebrated or commemorated.

Some of the topics being covered in Maths are;

Year 2 – Fractions (wholes, halves, quarters and eighths)& Telling the time to half and quarter hours.
Year 1 – Time (focusing on an hour) & addition and subtraction problems.
Preps - Measuring length – (thinking of ways to measure and learning about measurement words) & shapes.

In English, everyone has put in such a great effort into their retell unit over the past five weeks. Students in years 1 and 2 had to create a power point presentation with their own pictures and then use it to retell the story in front of the class. Prep students retold the familiar story of, ‘The Three Little Pigs’ with props. Well done to everyone for their performances! We taped them on to Mrs Bourke’s IPad and will let the students watch them to provide some feedback.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and parents who help in our classroom.

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

Oliver with his show and tell.
From the Classroom...

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

**Maths**
Place Value concepts have been the flavour for this week. Year 3 have explored 3 digit numbers and Year 4 have explored 5 digit number. Year 5 has also begun multiplying 4 digit by 1 digit numbers.

**English**
We are busy preparing to make a powerpoint presentation about our chosen character from our novel “Matty Forever.”

**Homework**
This has been getting much neater and I have been pleased with the way that children are learning their number facts. Please remember to practice your spelling too, so you are ready for the Fridays spelling test.

**History**
This week we wrote an Historical Narrative about Anzac Day and next week we will start our assessment task.

Libby Clapperton

**Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 News**

**Science**
All students are busily purifying their water samples. We are attempting to retrieve drinking quality water from a variety of sources; dam, creek, grey water. It is EMPHASISED, though, that the children are NOT encouraged to drink their samples as the vessels we have caught the evaporated water in were not sterilised before we collected it. Thank you to parents who have sent in bottles and supported their children in this experiment. The results are creating much interest at this stage.

**Mathematics**
Multiplying by double digits and long and short division is in full focus and becoming more and more fluent. It is enjoyable watching the children's confidence grow. Feel free to test them out at home!! 4 times tables are being practised this week.

**English**
With narratives finished, the focus is on comprehension and improving reading levels until the end of term.

**Farewell**
It is with a touch of sadness that we bid farewell to our only year seven student this week. Sarah leaves us for Taabinga State School and we will miss her sporting prowess (and points) on Athletics Day. Our class wishes you all the best, Sarah, and always remember you are welcome at Cooyar any time.

Carmon Sloss
From the Principal...

Week 5

Prep—Year 2— Chelsea for being a great learner and improving her writing.
Year 3—Year 4— Heaven for helping other students in class.
Year 5— Year 7— Bridget for a conscientious effort to catch up.
Playground— Jake for showing compassion to the junior student on playground.

Week 6

Prep—Year 2— Lara for always having a smile on her face and for being patient, responsible and never complaining.
Year 3—Year 4— Seth for consistent work ethic.
Year 5— Year 7— Aidan for a determined effort to learn double digit multiplication and SUCCEEDING!
Playground— Rhiannon for being responsible and helping the Preps on the playground.
Cooyar Bush Dance

[Series of images depicting people dancing in a hall, including children and adults.]