Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to Term Four. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break. I enjoyed some time with my family in Brisbane before boarding a cruise of New Caledonia and Vanuatu. By total coincidence, Mrs Dionysius and Mrs Clapperton were on the same cruise. It was a relaxing week visiting some picturesque islands in the Pacific.

Well, October has arrived. Can you believe it? This term is going to fly by, more so, because of the many events that we have organised. I encourage all parents to read each edition of our newsletter this term as there will be many date claimers and information for all families.

Last day of Term Three Update
I would like to thank parents for their support on our final day of Term Three. Due to a lightning strike, our school’s power box caught on fire, resulting in no power to the school. Electricians worked throughout the day to restore the power and rebuild our power box. It was a crazy morning and I appreciate parents working with us to make arrangements for your children for the day.

Morning Reading Program
We have reviewed our morning reading program and have made a time change from 8.30 – 9.00 to 10.00 – 10.30am each day. This will allow teachers to be with the class from 8.30am and also allow Parade to return to 8.30am on Thursdays. The morning reading program will begin in Week 2.

Parade Changes
Parade is returning to Thursday 8.30am. We hope to see you there!

Pupil Free Day Week 3
Monday 19th October is a Pupil Free Day. Students will not attend school on this day. School staff will participate in a cluster moderation on this day.

Our Key Priorities in 2015 are Writing (underpinned by Spelling), Reading and Numeracy.

48 School Days to go…. Let’s make each one count!

So our information can stay up to date, please advise the school of any changes to your:
- Address
- Phone numbers
- Medical conditions
- Medication

Thank you.

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.
From the Principal...

**Spelling and Mathematics Overview**
Each term we provide a spelling overview for parents. This term we will also be providing a mathematics overview for parents. These are attached to this newsletter and provide the information to parents to support the learning that is taking place at school.

**Cooyar Cash Rewards Term Three**
It was great to see so many students attending rewards for Term Three. From leatherwork to dance club, cupcake party to an Italian My Kitchen Rules, students enjoyed the new and old rewards on offer. Some photographs of these rewards are in this newsletter. Rewards week for Term 4 has already been posted. Students can sign up when they have saved the required amount of money. We are hoping to see even more students attend our final Cooyar Cash Rewards Week in Week 10 of Term 4.

**After School Sport**
With funding from the Sporting Schools Grant, from Weeks 2 to 9 this term, we will be offering after school sport at Cooyar State School. From 2.45 – 3.45pm on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, students can stay to take part in after school sport with Mrs Duncombe and assisted by Mrs Davies. If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the attached permission form. Parent helpers will not be required at this stage. Please note that parents are responsible for transport arrangements for their child/ren at 3.45pm.

**Senior Shirts**
Senior Shirt letters were sent out from the P & C at the end of last term. Please note that payment must be made at the time of ordering. We thank the P & C for continuing their generous tradition of subsidising Senior Shirts for our future Year Six students.

**Chaplain**
Our School Chaplain is Wendy Chapman. Wendy joins us each Monday at Cooyar. Wendy is available to talk to parents on Mondays and also can meet with students. After a student’s first visit to Mrs Chapman, parents will be required to complete a permission form to allow their child to continue to meet with Mrs Chapman. Mrs Chapman also runs a lunchtime club at first break and works with students in class.

**End of Year Family Dinner and Presentation Night**
This year we are trialling a new presentation night. This year, presentation night will take place on **Friday 4th December at 6.00pm**. The night will begin as presentation night and move into a ‘family dinner’. All parents and family members who attend the presentation night are invited to stay and continue the night with a whole school family dinner. The P & C will be providing the meat for the barbeque and we ask that families who would like to stay for the dinner, provide a salad or dessert to share. More information will be released closer to this date.

**Graduation Dinner**
This year we have decided to have a ‘Dinner Under the Stars’ to celebrate the Year Six graduation. This will be held on **Tuesday 8th December at 6.00pm** at the school. More information will be released closer to this date.

**Graduation Dinner – Request for Objects**
We are preparing for our Graduation Dinner and would like to ask families (and relatives/ friends) to collect the following items to donate to the Graduation Dinner. We need as many of the following as possible. Thank you in advance.

- Plastic 2L milk bottles
- Empty glass bottles of all shapes and sizes
- Seed pods/ pine cones

**Recognising Behaviour Champions**
Beginning this term, we will be awarding golden behaviour certificates to students who have followed the school rules each day for the whole term without a red card. This award is recognising the students who continually follow school rules and do not get red cards. These special awards will be presented to students at the end of each term. From next year, we are working towards an end of year achievement award for students who achieve four gold certificates in a year - that is, following our school rules and receiving no red cards for the whole year. This is an important achievement to recognise. Throughout each term, we will be encouraging all students to aim for these special awards.
From the Principal...

2015 Cooyar Trail Ride – Have your Signed Up to Volunteer Yet?
Sign up now at the school office to volunteer at our 2015 Cooyar Trail Ride. Our Annual Cooyar Trail Ride is our school’s major fundraising event each year. Our P and C Association does not ask parents to fundraise throughout the year with pie drives and other fundraisers. Instead they run one main fundraiser that funds their support over the following 12 months. This year, the P and C have donated $4665 to the school to fund our PM Readers that are part of our daily reading program, guided reading lessons and home reading program. They also funded our online subscriptions to Reading Eggs and Mathletics for students across the school. Every second year, they fund the Senior Camp and also contribute towards bus costs for excursions. For this reason, it is expected that each family will contribute time to this single fundraising event. We look forward to seeing each family contributing their time over the weekend.

Homework and Home Reading
This year, we have not worked on the three strikes system for homework and home reading. Beginning this term, we will be 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 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
BPOINT is the new payment system being adopted by the Department of Education and Training. 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 will become our preferred method of payment over the coming year. Please try BPOINT for your next school invoice. This method is no different to you using EFTPOS at your local supermarket.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
Last newsletter I forgot to mention a student who was the first to submit their Reading Challenge Form. Hence, I put it away in a ‘safe place’ only to find it after the last newsletter. Congratulations to Lara Mylett for completing the challenge so enthusiastically.

NRL Gala Day
On Thursday 17th September, Mrs Sloss and I accompanied the Middle and Senior students to Blackbutt for the NRL Gala Day. Students enjoyed the day and playing against the other teams. They were keen to try out the rucking formations that we had been practising. Some photographs of the day are included in this newsletter.

Behaviour Tracking
Every five weeks, we record the positives and red cards that students receive in classrooms. In the last five weeks of Term 3, teachers awarded a total of 1081 positive rewards to students. We also had a total of 44 red cards given for this period. This data shows that at Cooyar State School, for the second five weeks of Term 3, teachers gave 25 positives to each red card. This is well above PBL targets and is data that we are very proud of. At Cooyar State School, we reward students with Cooyar Cash each day for following our three school rules – Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be an Active Learner.

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 we will be focussing on reviewing our school rules and expectations in preparation for our final term of the year.
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From the Principal...

Technology Challenge with Mr Eastwell
In Week 10 on Monday 14th September, Middle and Senior students participated in the Technology Challenge at Benarkin State School. We travelled with our designs and competed against the other schools. Rachel, Jasmine and Shannon won the team challenge in a record time of 18 seconds. Cooyar also took out the WINNING SCHOOL award. Students worked hard with Mr and Mrs Eastwell to plan, create and reflect on their designs over the 7 weeks leading up to the Challenge. We were proud to see the students using their designs in the competition. These activities will also contribute towards student's technology results for Semester Two. At the end of the day we were able to present Mr and Mrs Eastwell with a thank you card and a selection of vegetables from our garden to say thank you. We are looking forward to having Mr and Mrs Eastwell back next year.

Booklists for 2016
As teachers, we spend a lot of time carefully considering each item that we put on a booklist. We take into account cost for parents and needs for student learning. We specifically choose items according to the learning need that they will fulfil. I understand that it can be easier, and sometimes slightly cheaper, to purchase exercise books in different sizes; however, teachers have chosen that size specifically for particular lessons and activities. We are asking all parents to follow the book list. By purchasing different books, students will not be able to complete activities in the same way their peers will. It is expected that all children will have their text books by the end of the first week of the new school year. Photocopying pages for students who do not have text books soon becomes costly for the school and disadvantages your child. Thank you for your support in this matter. School booklists will be released early next week. If parents are not able to order online they are welcome to come to the school office and bring their credit cards. Mrs Ehrich will be able to help you to order through our system.

Community Playgroup
Community Playgroup begins this week and will continue until week 9 of this term. It will continue throughout the Prep Transition Program from Weeks 6 - 9. During these weeks, Mrs Sharon Duncombe will be facilitating the playgroup, while Mrs Tania Duncombe facilitates Prep Transition. We invite all members of the community to join us on Tuesdays from 8.30am for Playgroup. Playgroup will run until Week 9 of this term. Our playgroup is an opportunity for all families in the wider community to meet and provide engaging 0 – 5 Year learning experiences for their children. Each week will have a book focus with activities combined with sensory play and outdoor play and exploration. We will finish our playgroup morning with a communal morning tea (parents please bring a plate to share) while the children get to join the rest of the school for a lunch time play. Please invite any families out in the wider community that you know of. Pre-school learning and engagement is the first step in the journey towards education for your child. We look forward to seeing as many families at our playgroup as possible.

Homework
In the last newsletter, I asked parents to support and encourage homework at home. While I understand that life is very busy outside of school hours, the importance of homework cannot be understated. It is an important review tool to strengthen student learning. We ask all parents to listen to their children read aloud each night. Home reading is not silent reading. It can be as simple as having your child sit and read to you while you are getting dinner ready. We are encouraging reading aloud because we are finding that many students read differently when they have to read aloud. Often when reading to themselves, they will skip words they do not know and therefore, lose meaning. By reading aloud, they have to address all words and sentences in the book. By asking your child questions about the book after they have finished reading, you are also strengthening their comprehension skills. Nightly spelling review is also important. Anyone in the family can read out spelling words for students to practise. Students can then check the spelling of these words with their spelling sheets. We thank you in advance for furthering your child’s learning at home.
From the Principal...

**School Bus**
A reminder to parents that our school bus is now full. Parents wanting their children to go home on the bus to visit friend’s houses, cannot be guaranteed a place until the bus roll is called and we find out if there are spare spaces. We ask parents to make alternative arrangements for such visits.

**Attendance**
Our Regional Attendance benchmark is 92%. Each fortnight, I will be publishing our school’s achievement in attendance. 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.

**Absences**
Please be aware that if your child is absent for 3 or more days, a doctor’s certificate is required from the school to verify the absence. If students are absent for a period of over 10 consecutive days, parents are required to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. With a recent spate of sickness, it is important that parents are aware of these requirements.

**P & C Meeting**
Please join us for the next P & C Meeting on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm.

**Bendigo Bank School Banking**
School banking is a great opportunity to teach children about money, savings and budgeting. If you would like your child to participate, visit the Yarraman Bendigo Bank Branch for more information. School banking will be collected at the school each Tuesday.

**Prep Transition Days**
All families in the community with Prep aged children for 2016 are invited to attend our transition. Dates for transition will be:
- Tuesday 10th November
- Tuesday 17th November
- Tuesday 24th November,
- Tuesday 1st December
Prep Transition Registration forms are available from the school office and will be sent to prospective families for 2016.

**Book Club**
Book Club is a great way to purchase low cost reading resources for your children as well as help the school. The school receives reward dollars based on the amount of book club families’ purchase. We are using these bonus dollars to purchase resources and book rewards for students. Thank you for supporting school book club and in turn supporting our school. Thank you to Mrs Gibson for organising Book Club at Cooyar State School.
From the Principal...

**School Recycling Centre**
Thank you to the community for supporting our school recycling centre. By dropping your glass and cans off to the site, you are supporting the school. It's as easy as accessing the site at any time and sorting your glass and cans into the appropriate areas. The Toowoomba based company come and collect the material and monies are sent to the school P & C. The Cooyar Hotel has been supporting this venture by recycling glass and cans with us for many years. We invite everyone in our local community to support us in this venture.

**High school 2016**
Both Yarraman and Nanango have been working with us to organise transitions for our Year Six students. At this stage of the year, we ask parents to write a note in your child’s KIT book to confirm the high school that your child will be attending next year. The high schools have specifically asked us for student names. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Yarraman Transition Term Four**
This Term, Yarraman State School will offer a fortnightly transition for Year Six students attending Yarraman in 2016. Below is an overview of the program:

- **12th October** – Monday – 1.15 – 2.45pm – lunchtime followed by classroom visit.
- **21st October** – Wednesday – 8.30am – Yarraman visits Cooyar State School
- **21st October** – Wednesday – 5.30 – 6.30pm – Year 7 Parent Information Night at Yarraman State School
- **27th October** – Tuesday - 1.15 – 2.45pm – lunch time followed by classroom visit.
- **11th November** – Wednesday - 1.15 – 2.45pm – lunchtime and full school assembly
- **26th November** – Thursday - 1.15 – 2.45pm – lunchtime followed by workshop (SEL lesson Star Values, Vivos, computers, High school timetables and expectations).
- **3rd December** – Thursday – Full day transition with rotational activities.
- **30th November to 4th December** – Interviews with Year Six Parents and Students.

Please note that parents must organise their child’s transport to and from Transition sessions.

**School Website**
Did you know that our school website contains all of our school newsletters and information about our school including date claimers, news items, tuckshop menus and enrolment forms? Our website is a one-stop-shop for our school. When you have a minute, log onto [www.cooyarss.eq.edu.au](http://www.cooyarss.eq.edu.au) and have a browse through the wealth of information available to all members of the public, including prospective students.

**Cluster Moderation**
On the Pupil Free Day in Week 3, teachers will participate in moderation with other schools in our cluster. Moderation is about teachers getting together, bringing student work and making sure that an A standard is an A standard in all schools in our Cluster. Students have completed a write on demand persuasion over the last week. This will be marked and moderated here at our school before being taken to a cluster moderation day on the October Pupil Free Day in Week Four. A, B and C graded work samples will be taken and moderated on the day. The aim of moderation is to ensure consistency of grading and high expectations of student work across the seven schools in our cluster.

**Curriculum Focus**
In English this term we will be focussing again on Persuasive writing, working towards extending and strengthening our skills in sentence structure, cohesion, vocabulary, punctuation and editing

Have a great fortnight,

Yours in Education,

Kendall Seccombe
Welcome back to everyone from holidays!

**Science**
Our unit on weather will continue this term and over the next two weeks, students will be investigating and making their own weather instruments.

**Health**
Students will be learning about ‘Stranger Danger’, through the Daniel Morcombe Health and Safety unit. This is always a valuable way to teach students about their own personal safety though role playing, class discussions and a variety of other activities.

**Homework**
Congratulations to all students who consistently complete and hand in their homework each Friday. A special mention also goes to students who have completed the extra challenges set. Well done!

**Library**
On Wednesday afternoons students will be able to visit the school library and borrow books. They may return them at any time before or on the next library visit. Students need to return the last book before borrowing another.

**English**
We have started straight back into spelling, with our pre-tests completed earlier in the week and tests given this Friday.

Reading aloud to parents each night is very important as well as practicing your sight words.

**Music**
The Junior room will be singing songs on Fridays and learning some special ones in preparation for the end of the year activities.

Looking forward to another great fortnight in the Junior room!

*Tania Duncombe and Bronwyn Spencer*
As of our first day back, we have 48 teaching days left of 2015. We have a lot to fit in in this time to finish off our year.

This term the Middle Class will be focussing on:

- English – writing a persuasion – strengthening our sentence structure, cohesion, vocabulary, punctuation and editing skills.
- Mathematics – please refer to the term overview attached to this newsletter
- Geography – completing our assessment – information report on connections between an Asian country and Australia.
- History – writing a historical narrative as a convict who arrived in Australia on the First Fleet. Students will be investigating Captain Cook and the First Fleet. They will be exploring the experiences of convicts and those on the First Fleet.
- PE – we will be doing our swimming block in Week 7 of this term.
- Arts – Music – we will be learning to play a Christmas carol on the recorder and practising our carols for presentation night.

Homework began this week with nightly spelling activities (remember, dictation is an important part of practising our spelling words!), times table revision and nightly home reading. As explained in this newsletter, students who fail to complete nightly home reading (signed by a parent) will attend a daily reading club at first break. Homework is due completed each Friday. Students who do not hand in completed homework on a Friday morning, will complete their homework on Friday at first break. In Year Three and Four, it is a student’s responsibility to make sure that they are completing their homework each day.

This term is jam packed with learning leading up to our assessment and reporting period, as well as many school events. I ask that, throughout our busiest term of the year, parents make sure that students get enough sleep and have enough brain food to get through each day.

At the end of this term, a day excursion to Brisbane has been planned for Middle and Senior Students. Attendance on this excursion will be dependent on behaviour over the coming 9 weeks. Students who choose not to follow the school rules can pose a safety risk to the rest of the group on excursions away from the school. Behavioural expectations working towards the excursion will also be discussed throughout the term with students.

We are working towards getting ready for Year 4 and Year 5. As the term progresses, students will be encouraged to take more responsibly for their learning and will be given more responsibility as upcoming leaders of the school.

Here’s to another great term…. Let’s make every day count!

Have a great fortnight,
Kendall Seccombe
Middle Classroom Teacher
Senior News—Year 5 and Year 6
The countdown is on! Year 6 students have 10 weeks of primary school left and, remembering how quickly last term went, the end will be on our doorsteps before we can blink! The 5/6 class has been reminded to set out homework neatly and ensure they write the words from their spelling list out with someone asking them the words. The list is then checked by the student and errors are relearned and rewritten in the ‘re-writes’ column. This term the homework will often be less as there are other commitments like swimming and high-school transition days. Reading, some maths and spelling must always be done, however, and parents must sign to indicate that the reading has been done.

Science
As we begin with a short week, and our science assessment is currently a work in progress, the students are being encouraged to finish this by the end of week two. Written work will be worked on this week in an attempt to finish the majority of the research required. The practical component will be completed over the next few weeks.

English
Term four sees a return to the persuasive exposition. Having developed a knowledge of the structure of the persuasive last semester, the students will now learn a variety of techniques to enhance their writing in this genre. Many of the processes are still in their infancy, so we look forward to seeing how the development influences the students’ writing over the next term.

Mathematics
We will begin this term with the topic of measurement including perimeter, volume and area. We will also be revising some of the skills learnt last term that are essential for mathematics.

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE
What a thrill to see all of our teams compete in the Challenge at Benarkin on Monday, 14th September, the last week of third term! All competitors had worked well on their vessels and a few produced very unique and functional items to answer the challenge brief. Both Tanduringie and Benarkin also came forward with some unique ideas and it was interesting to see the variety of ways each had answered the design brief.

After watching each team put their skills and their vessel to the test, with much cheering and (I am proud to say) encouragement of ALL teams, Cooyar State School not only won the day with the top four teams being ours, we also come home with the winning team award.

CONGRATULATIONS to our budding ‘engineers’ : RACHEL DANDO, JASMINE CLAYTON and SHANNON MURPHY. This team created a unique vessel with a superb working mechanism using a rubber band and then worked together like a well-oiled machine to bottle 9 golf balls in 15 seconds!! without dropping one.

We were all amazed and very excited to see the team in action on the day.

Congratulations also goes to team Bridget, team Amelia and team Bree who also scored highly on the day and put our school on the top of the leaderboard. It was a great thrill for all of us and I think we were even better than last year!

GARDENING
It looks like we will have a challenge to keep up the water to our vegetables this term as weather predictions are not favouring mild temperatures or significant rain, so we will have to do our best. Some families enjoyed a little broccoli at the end of last term and the break has seen the beetroot grow to a significant size after our end-of-term cook-up of the vegetables got cancelled. We shall try to use the last of the broccoli and beetroot soon to give the children a taste of our fresh vegetables.

The 3/4 class did get the opportunity to taste fresh garden peas on Tuesday and, as they are all gone, they must have been good! Our lone potato is healthy and the spinach is really flourishing – Spinach and Cheese Parcels might be on the menu again!! The zucchinis have little ones on and the strawberries are flowering. We will try and hurry the watermelons (!) along to try and have one before the end of the year. Corn and herbs are also doing well. The mulberry tree has a new flourish of leaves after the battering the frosts gave it.

Looking forward to a busy and exciting term,

Carmon Sloss
Photo Gallery...  Cooyar Cash Rewards Week

Cup Cakes

Fishing

Dance Party

Leatherwork
HOW YOUR CALMNESS DECREASES SIBLING SQUABBLING

By Michael Grose

There is nothing like a sibling squabble to supercharge a child’s emotions. What starts as a minor dispute escalates into World War 3, where the whole family becomes involved, including you.

Of course, these fights break out at the worst times – whilst you are in the midst of getting dinner, helping with homework or getting ready for work in the morning. As the caring adult, it is your job to maintain peace and take the heat out of difficult situations.

First you need to stay calm. Yep, stay in control. Staying calm while there’s chaos all around is the NO.1 task of leadership. In fact, in any group the leader will always be the person who will remain calm in a crisis. You don’t have to have the answers, but you do need to stay calm and in control.

When you stay calm not only will your children follow, but you will be able to more effectively manage their squabble so it doesn’t happen again.

CHAPPY’S CORNER

What does a Chaplain do?
One of the most important features of school chaplaincy is that it compliments rather than duplicates the work of other school-based support staff.
School Chaplains seek to promote, prevention and early intervention.
Chaplains model positive values, attitudes and behaviours to students and mentor students towards positive goals and outcomes.
They help students become better role models.
School Chaplains are available to everyone in a school, and students, parents/carers and staff all access chaplaincy services.
There is a close link between learning and wellbeing. Chaplains support the educational goals schools have for their students through in-class support, talking to students about school issues.
They say "prevention is better than cure". Chaplains help students in the early stages of their development so they are better equipped to manage issues in their later years.

I visit Cooyar School every Monday.
My background is in Social Work and Bachelor Counselling.
I would be happy to chat with any parents on a Monday, who would like to know more about Chaplaincy, or would just like to meet the Chaplain, and have a coffee, and a chat.

QUOTE:
"Parenting is a higher calling than the pursuit of our own happiness. It carries a big cost. But it can also bring the highest of rewards: the depth of love a parent feels and the privilege of knowing that we have helped shape a life" (Nicky & Sila Lee).

Wendy Chapman
(Chappy)
Photo Gallery...  OUR DRAMA PERFORMANCES

A Scene from ‘The Magic Pot’

A Scene from ‘Couches’

A Scene from ‘The Missing Shoes’

A Scene From ‘Ucky Duck’
**Week 9—Term 3**

**Prep—Year 2**— Lara Mylett for diligently learning all her lines for drama presentation. Being an Active Learner.

**Year 3—Year 4**— Ben Duncombe for seeking and accepting feedback on his work. Being Responsible.

**Year 5—Year 6**— Seth Davis for enthusiastic and more confident participation in Mathematics lessons. Being Responsible for his own learning.

**Playground**— Mackenzie Harris for being a great ambassador for Cooyar State School. Being Responsible.
Photo Gallery...

**NRL Gala Day**

[Images of children playing rugby]

**Technology Challenge**

[Images of children holding certificates]
Cooyar State School P&C Association

Minutes of General Meeting
14.09.15

Meeting Opened: 7:10pm

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

Apologies: Cathy Davies, Chris Mylett

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held:
Christine moved that the minutes be confirmed as read. Second Michael. Carried.

Business arising from minutes of last meeting:
Bike Ride stickers – design proof has been approved and being printed

Correspondence:

Inwards:
HEST quotes
P & C QLD e-newsletter
Louisa’s Embroidery – quote for Senior shirts
LJ Apparel – quote and order forms
Dalby Moto (emails between committees) regarding Bike Ride etiquette

Outwards:
Elvie Munt
P & C QLD Textile Inventory report
Dalby Moto – 2016 Bike Ride dates
HEST – booking forms
Matthew Thomas – helmet sticker order
Cooyar Hotel – accommodation booking
OLGaming – liquor permit exemption
LJ Apparel – uniform order
Senior Jersey/shirt notes to parents
Bike Ride rosters
Jacinta moved that the correspondence be accepted. Second Michael. Carried.

Business arising out of correspondence:
Paul moved that the P & C purchase one short-sleeved Senior shirt for each Grade 6 student and that a note be sent to parents giving the option to purchase a second shirt or long-sleeved jersey. Second Christine. Carried.

Treasurer’s report:
Cash book balance (Main Account) at 14.09.15 - $34183.69
Cash book balance (Tuckshop Account) at 17.08.15 - $2122.16
Christine moved that these amounts be accepted. Second Michael. Carried.

Principal’s report:
- School Improvement and behaviour management
- Student attendance
- Curriculum 2015
- Professional Development & Staffing
- Finance
- Student Council
- School Promotion and newsletter
- General Business
Kendall moved that her report be accepted. Second Greg. Carried.

**General Business:**

- School Chaplaincy – Kendall will discuss this with SU for 2016
- Paul moved that the P & C fund the bus required for the Term 4 camp. Second Michael. Carried.
- Family Dinner – Shane moved that the P & C provide the meal for the end-of-year Family Dinner on the 4th December. Second Michael. Carried.
- Bus run extensions to Wutul are not able to be extended at this stage.
- Bike Ride thank you bbq to be held on Saturday 24th October at the school.

**Next Meeting to be held on Monday 26th October 2015 at 7:30pm**

**Meeting Closed:** 8:42pm
Old Macdonald Farm Open Day

Where: Yarraman Kindy 13 Toomey St Yarraman
When: Thursday 15th October 9.30am
Cost: $8.00 each. Children under 5 FREE.

You are invited to join us for a fun filled day complete with farm animals, craft and face painting.

If your child is under 5 and you are considering Kindergarten, this will be a great opportunity to spend some time exploring our Kindy and speaking with our educators to find out more about our fantastic education program.

Maclagan Windermere Kindergarten Cent Sale Saturday 31st October 2015 Maclagan Memorial Hall

Door Entry:
Adults & High School Students $5.00
Primary School Students $2.00
(includes light supper, tea & coffee)

Ticket Calling Begins at 7pm
$1 per sheet

No ATM facilities so please bring cash

For Further Information, please contact:
Kait 07 4692 1274 or
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♦ Moffatdale State School Centenary Saturday 31 October 2015 from 9am to 4pm
♦ Cooyar State School P&C Bike Ride 17 & 18 October 2015

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