Welcome

I would like to offer my congratulations to Kendall Seccombe who will be the Principal at Cooyar State School at the beginning of 2015. Kendall will be visiting on Friday, so feel free to drop in and say hello. She is looking forward to being at Cooyar State School in 2015. I wish her well in her new endeavour.

We say goodbye to our Year 6 students and wish them luck as they head off to Junior Secondary. They have been great leaders this year and I know they will do well in their next phase.

Goodbye to families that will be leaving Cooyar State School at the end of the year. Thank you for contributions and good luck in the future.

Celebration Day

Just a reminder that Celebration Day is this Friday. Students are asked to bring in their push bike, scooter or tricycle to decorate and get ready to get their speed tracked. The students will also watch a movie, have mini disco and massive water fight. Students are encouraged to bring water fighting paraphernalia to finish the day. Students can come in free dress; meaning sun safe hat, sleeved shirts and no offensive material clothing.

Students will need to bring a plate to share for morning tea and there will be a sausage sizzle at lunch time. Feel free to join us in this day to make it a special one.

2015 Bus Times and School Hours

As you are aware school in 2015 will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Students living in town will be able to start arriving to school from 8:00am onwards. This is a very exciting time for Cooyar State School with new times.

Attached to the newsletter is the information about bus runs (Rangemore Rd, East Cooyar and Yarraman). Please call Chriss or Peter Payne if you have any enquiries. Bus times need to be adhered to.

Report Cards

Report cards are being finalised. If technology is running smoothly, we plan to get these out on Thursday but if that is not the case students will receive them Friday. Students absent on these 2 days will receive their report card in the mail.

School in 2015

School starts on Tuesday 27th January. Place that date on your calendar at home.

As the year is close to an end, I would like to thank everyone for another successful year. I feel the last three years have been great ones and together we have made a big change to Cooyar State School. I wish the students, families and staff nothing but the best for 2015 and beyond. I will miss you all.

Mark Wrigley
From the Classroom...

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News

Wow! It's the last week and what a busy week it has been. The students have been participating in their Cooyar Shop rewards this week.

On Tuesday we had our last Prep transition morning. Everyone settled in well and we look forward to seeing you ready for school next year. Thank you to all the parents who came with their Pre-Preps, you were a wonderful help.

Last Thursday night was presentation night and congratulations to all students who performed. You all did an amazing job. What about the year 5/6 class?

It is a bit of a sad week this week with Mr Wrigley leaving us at the end of the week and the Year 6’s moving on to high school. Thank you Mr Wrigley for all your support and hard work that you put in. You will be greatly missed.

Tomorrow is the Year 6 graduation lunch and we would like to wish them all the best for next year. We are sure you will take a lot of memories away with you.

This Thursday, the Prep/1/2 class will be having their restaurant. The students have planned their menu and decorations and will prepare the food in the morning. The students will **not need to bring lunch tomorrow** unless they do not wish to eat the food on the menu (Spaghetti bolognaise, pizza wheels, fruit). **They will still need to bring their morning tea.**

Thank you for all your continued support and making our year at Cooyar in the Prep/1/2 class a great year.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and we will see you next year.

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

Year 3 & 4

To my class, Thank you for all your efforts this year. We have had many good times and a few trying times. I hope you can look back on this year and say I learnt a lot, I laughed a lot and I was valued. Remember to apply yourself to your work, complete it to the best of your ability. I am counting on you to continue to make the world a better place when you get older.

Mark Wrigley
We are busily preparing for our Graduation Lunch tomorrow at 12.30pm. Miss Lay has also played a major role in preparations for this event and I would like to thank her for her time.

A special note of gratitude must go to the whole class of 5/6’s who choreographed their own dance steps for Presentation Night and saved me a great many headaches! I thought they were really quite creative and all played a part in some way. The boys were great participants and joined in just as enthusiastically as the girls. I was very impressed with their efforts...I wonder if we learnt times tables to dance steps, would we be as swift as we were to learn these steps!!?

After all of our 'Cooyar Shop' class rewards this term we owe big "Thank You's" to a number of people; the local hotel provided pizzas for 'Pizza in the Park', the Cooyar Store for a wonderful 'Special Lunch' and Quinalow State School's Manual Arts teacher, Mr Barltrop, for his 'Industrial Skills' morning. The children have all enjoyed their rewards.

Year six children arrive at school at 12.30pm tomorrow with their families for a Graduation Lunch with significant teachers and family. See you there!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and, if your child has not harvested their potatoes, they are most welcome to take them home if they are in removable containers and wait for the harvest.

Thank you to all parents who have supported me in gardening endeavours and in general classroom projects this year. In some way, Mum or Dad always gives a hand, either directly or indirectly and I am very thankful.

Carmon Sloss
From the Principal...

**Student of the week**

**Week 9**

Prep-Year 2— Chelsea for great effort and improvement in her writing skills. Being a Learner.
Year 3-Year 4—Taitum for constant effort in class. Being a Learner.
Year 5-Year 6—Bridget for making a concerted effort in classwork to complete workbooks. Being a Learner.
Year 5 –Year 6— Aidan for being responsible and showing great promise for a school leader next year. Being Responsible.

**Week 10**

Prep—Year 2— Maddison for making a fantastic effort this week following our school rules. Being Safe, Responsible and a Learner.
Year 3—Year 4— Ben for being a Safe, Responsible Learner.
Year 5— Year 6— Aidan for showing responsibility in behaviour choices. Being Responsible.
Year 5—Year 6—Bridget for being a good Learner.
Playground— Willow for playing safe in the playground. Being Safe.

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**School Rules**

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be a Learner
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.

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Cooyar Community Pork Off

The weigh-in’s have been finalised and a big congratulations to our winners:-

1st Prize $150  Fallon Kelly
2nd Prize $90   Dan Kelly
3rd Prize $60   Tania Duncombe

Well done everyone and next year we will do it again!

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Cooyar Cash Rewards—Technology at Quinalow State School