Welcome
We are officially half way through the term. I must admit it feels like a runaway train at the moment. Classes are busily working on assessment items. We have had great weather for swimming so far this week. Thank you to Jacinta Ryan for running our Book Fair. We have one more day for parents to buy some books. Lock in Friday afternoon in your calendars from 2:30-3:30 to grab these books.

Prep Transition
Starting Tuesday the 18th of November is the beginning of our Prep Transition mornings. Parents are mandated to attend these mornings with their child. The mornings start off at 8:45am and conclude at 10:30am. We do encourage the children to stay at morning tea and playtime. This helps with the transition with our students for 2015.

P&C Meeting
The last P&C meeting for the year is being held on Monday the 17th November. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in the Library and 3/4 Classroom. See you there.

Presentation Night
Please place on the calendar the date for our Annual Presentation Night. This event will be held on the 4th December. Deb Frecklington will be attending this year to hand out awards to our students. The evening begins with a sausage sizzle and a fun filled reflection of 2014. Please let your teachers know if you and your children will not be attending Presentation Night. Classes have begun practising their concert items and we can ensure that students not attending do not have main parts.

Cooyar Shop
This week students have been participating in their rewards from the Cooyar Shop. We had the fishing boys catch some fish with Mrs Davies. Gaming hour was a success. The students will be having pizza in the park, art and craft and movie and popcorn today. The students have enjoyed each activity thus far. We will introduce Ice Block Friday this week. The students will use their cash for a milk ice cream or water ice block we have purchased from Home Ice Cream. This will happen at second break on Fridays.

 Behaviour Lessons
Over the next fortnight we are focussing on the following topics with our behaviour lessons on parades and in class:
This week it is: Be a Learner in all areas: This is actively listening and following instructions, being organised and punctual, ask for help if needed and care for self, others and the environment.
From the Principal...

Next week we are focussing on: Be a Safe, Responsible Learner when transitioning around the school: Move safely, respectfully and appropriately, keep traffic areas clear and line up responsibly.

If you can review these with your children at home it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great fortnight. See you around the school.

Mark Wrigley
Principal

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News

Dear Parents,

Wow! It's week 6 already. Where has the term gone???

We have a really busy week this week with Swimming and Book Fair. Thank you to all parents who are able to come and help with swimming. It is really great.

The children are publishing their persuasive writing. Well done everyone! You have done a wonderful job.

The children are really excited to be participating in the Cooyar shop rewards this week. Well done to all who have earned enough Cooyar Cash to buy an activity.

Thanks for your continued support and you are always welcome in our room.

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

Year 3 & 4

Students are working hard on their History PowerPoint on the effects on British Colonisation before and after. The final draft of their persuasive writing and speech is in progress. I am looking forward to hearing their views and trying to convince the class. The students will be begin their final maths assessments for the year in the coming weeks. We will begin our final Science unit and it is focussing on Physics. We have begun our Presentation Night performance and everyone is super excited.

Until next time.

Mark Wrigley
From the Classroom...

Year 5/6 Classroom

This week has been spent catching up on work that needs to be completed. With swimming and Cooyar Cash Shop reward sessions and Book Fair on, it has been a very full five days. We have some Science work to complete before our term is finished and we are fast running out of days. History will also be hard pressed to finish over the next few weeks as swimming takes the History timeslot for today. Year five students completed their last small piece of Mathematics assessment this week and achieved great results with everyone receiving either an 'A' or 'B'! The children really seem to enjoy Chance and Data and this has been reflected in their results.

Sydney Slideshow

Thank you to all the parents and guests who attended our Slideshow. I fully understand how difficult it is to take time out of our crazy schedules but the children were all thrilled to have such a large audience even though their nerves really felt your presence! It is a really valuable learning experience to speak in front of an audience and it is a gentle way to start out when our audience is full of familiar faces!

Garden

Battling the heat, the potatoes are still struggling on, some healthier than others. The beetroots are our next taste experience - roast beetroots with a touch of balsamic vinegar! I wonder what the children will think? The cauliflowers are suffering and our red cabbage is still trying to keep on going. Strawberries pop out bright and red with a lucky few receiving one to try. Come on rain....

Fishing

What a successful fishing trip with our heroic fisherwoman, Mrs Davies, yesterday!! Imagine the excitement of the children who went fishing and came back with a catch of three fish!! They will all be trying their catch this morning along with a few chips from one of the children's potatoes! What a great idea! Thank you, Mrs Davies, for sharing your skills with these children. I was even told the correct lengths for the Bass and the Jewfish yesterday afternoon...someone learnt something!

School is fast drawing to a close...I just wonder if we can all keep up!

Carmon Sloss
Photo Gallery...

Fishing

Pizza in the park
The annual Remembrance Day memorial was held around the country of Australia this last Tuesday, as it has for the past 95 years since the First World War ended on Armistice Day, 1918.

I remember growing up in Primary School when all would come to a halt at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. A minute’s silence was held, and would often be followed by the teacher asking students to discuss the wartime stories involving parents or grandparents.

This year I was privileged to watch the televised service from our national capital. Past Prime Minister, John Howard, spoke of his own father and grandfather who, although in different regiments, met one day on the battle fields in Europe during the Second World War. It was a special memory for the family.

Mr Howard spoke of the heartbreak experienced by thousands of Australian families who lost loved ones in wars from the Boer War in South Africa in the early 1900’s, to the most recent war in Afghanistan. He spoke with pride of Australian Defence Force personnel, who have been involved in war, not to further our nation’s boundaries, but to protect those whose freedoms and lifestyle have been threatened by others who have used force, intimidation and murder to impose their will. Mr Howard also mentioned the good will and friendship shown by Australian forces towards people in countries in which battles have been fought.

As I watched the proceedings, I was reminded of battles that are fought in our own society. Members of our Police Force sometimes need to use weapons against those who seek to impose their will against others, whether by robbery, murder or intimidation. Sometimes we can battle against others using our tongues or through unfair practices in business, sport, or even sadly in the family home.

The only way for wars to be put an end to, on the international or local scale, is for each of us to follow the golden rule “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Conduct ourselves in a manner that demonstrates fairness and good will to others, and stick up for those who are unfairly harassed in their daily pursuits.

Phil Downing
School Chaplain
Student of the week

Week 5

Prep—Year 2— William for his ‘can do’ attitude towards being a learner.
Year 3—Year 4— Shannon for his diligent approach to learning times tables and writing persuasively. Being a learner.
Year 5— Year 7— Kaycee for continuing to produce a high standard of work and rising to the challenges given.
Playground— Seth for being a model student and a great ambassador for Cooyar State School.

Week 6

Prep—Year 2— Safron for making great progress in her writing. Well done!
Year 3—Year 4— Betty for always trying her best in all activities. Being a learner.
Year 5— Year 7— Belinda for becoming more independent in her approach to learning.
Playground— Gabrielle for being a responsible leader and setting a good example for other students in the playground.

School Rules

Be safe
Be responsible
Be a Learner