Date Claimers:
Swimming continues this week
24 November—Prep Transition continues
26 November—Yarraman High School Transition and Kendall Kindy visit
1 December—Middle and Senior Class Brisbane Day Trip
4 December—Presentation Night
8 December—Graduation Dinner

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.

Newsletters by Email.
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.

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Three weeks until our 2015 school year ends! We are in the middle of reporting and assessment time and we are busily planning and preparing for many upcoming events. Please make sure you keep up to date over these three weeks by reading our newsletter, touching base with Facebook and checking KIT books for any notes.

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

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

School FACEBOOK
The Cooyar State School Facebook page is regularly updated with event photographs and reminders. Search Cooyar State School on Facebook. You will see our first few posts. Please remember that comments are monitored by the school and that this site is an open advertisement of our school and the pride we have in it.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year
Queensland students will now start the 2016 school year on Wednesday 27 January — the day after the Australia Day public holiday. Monday 25th January will now be a Pupil Free Day.

Sending Money into the School
Even though BPOINT is our preferred payment method at the school, if parents are sending in money, please ask your child to post it in the money box secured to Mrs Ehrich’s desk. Please do not leave money in the office unless it is posted into the letter box.

Investment in Staff PD in 2015
This year we have invested heavily in staff professional development. All Junior staff were trained in Role M Mathematics earlier in the year, staff have been trained in Dyslexia, Speech and Gross Motor, and last fortnight, all staff went to Dalby to be trained in Seven Steps in Writing. Next year we will continue in our Seven Steps in Writing journey, from which we have had great success this year.
From the Principal...

**Australian Government Mobile Service Centre**
Is coming to Cooyar! Please see the Australian Government Mobile Service Centre ad in Public Notices for more information. It will be here on Monday 7th December from 9.30am across from the Cooyar Hotel.

**FRRR ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grant**
Our school was lucky enough to win an $8000 grant from the latest round of FRRR ANZ Seeds of Renewal Grants. We have purchased nearly 1000 new readers thanks to this funding. Prep Transition parents have been busily covering these books each Tuesday during Prep Transition time. Thank you very much to these mothers. We greatly appreciate your help!

**School Mornings at Cooyar**
Please note that students who do not catch the school bus should not be arriving earlier than the arrival of the school bus. Most days this is from 7.45am. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Cooyar Cash Rewards Term Four**
Our sign up for Cooyar Cash Rewards week Term Four is already up. We are encouraging all students to work towards their preferred reward for our final rewards week for 2015. Our rewards have been very successful this year, and through a few changes, we have kept it fresh and appealing to students. We look forward to continuing this next year.

**After School Sport**
Afternoon sports is continuing with Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Davies. A note to parents that transport arrangements must be organised by parents and in conjunction with contacting Mr and Mrs Payne to have this confirmed. Please note that sport concludes at 3.45pm. Afterschool sport will continue until Tuesday of Week 9.

**Kindergarten Visits**
This term, I have been visiting Maclagan Kindergarten to strengthen our early year’s transitions. It has been great to be part of many activities that Miss Lisa has organised as part of each kindergarten day. On my first visit, we made predictions about one of my favourite picture books ‘Pete the Cat’ by Eric Litwin. Last week, we read the book to check whose predictions were correct. Next visit, I am taking my octopus outfit which was of great interest on my last visit.

**Book Fair 2016**
Mrs Gibson – Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! What a fantastic 2015 Book Fair. The P and C purchased the end of year books for students, the school purchased Presentation Night Awards and out of the total income from Book Fair, the school received $442 worth of free books. We have purchased a range off novels for the junior, middle and senior students. Thank you for supporting this year’s Book Fair.

**Prep Transition**
Prep Transition continues each Tuesday for the next two weeks. From feedback, students are thoroughly enjoying the experience and settling very comfortably into our school environment. Bob Perry, from Great Start Great Futures, visited this week. Bob works in the 0-5 years space and enjoyed visiting on a day when he could see both our Playgroup and Prep Transition.

**New School Signs**
Over the next month, families will notice an upgrade to our school sign and the installation of another sign in the Flag Garden. This year, we have worked hard on promoting our school within the wider community. Our signs will refresh the entrance to our school and let people know what it is they are driving towards as they drive down the road.
From the Principal...

**End of Year Family Dinner and Presentation Night – TIME CHANGE to 5.00pm Start**

This year we are trialling a new presentation night. This year, presentation night will take place on **Friday 4th December at 5.00pm**. 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.

**Awards Night 2015**

Presentation Night is quickly approaching. This year we will be awarding a Be a Learner award to a student in each year level and an overall Be Safe and Be Responsible award to two students across the whole school. Below is a description of our new awards:

- **Be Safe Award** - recognising behaviour through following all of our school rules inside and outside of the classroom, during excursions and on the school bus (if relevant).

- **Be Responsible Award** – replacing our Community Award and recognising the student who takes responsibility at school each day, shows leadership and sets the example for their peers.

- **Be an Active Learner Award** – replacing our Academic Award and recognising the student in each year level who is displaying all aspects of being a dedicated and high achieving learner.

**Middle Senior Brisbane Trip**

On 2nd December, Middle and Senior Students will be travelling to Brisbane for an excursion that will incorporate the Port of Brisbane, Science Centre, Museum, Gallery of Modern Art and the University of Queensland. We will be departing the school at 6.30am and will arrive back at Cooyar around 9.30pm. It will be a long day, jam packed with interesting activities. Permission notes and invoices will be sent home later this week. Student behaviour will be reviewed leading up to the excursion to determine participation in this event. Safety is always our first priority on any excursion.

**Homework and Home Reading – Lunch time catch up**

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.

**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...

**School Payments**

BPOINT is the new payment system being adopted by the Department of Education and Training. Thank you to parents who have tried the new system over recent months. Please feel free to contact the school and have us step you through the system. 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](http://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.

**Silver Spelling Champion Awards**

Beginning this term, we will be awarding a silver Spelling Champion Award to students who achieve 100% in every spelling test for Term Four. This award will be presented at the end of each term from Term Four, 2015. We are already seeing students working hard to achieve high results in their weekly spelling tests.

**High school 2016**

Both Yarraman and Nanango have been working with us to organise transitions for our Year Six students. Our next whole day Transition is on 3rd December, 2015 at both Yarraman and Nanango High Schools. A permission letter will be sent out closer to the date.

**Yarraman Transition Term Four**

This Term, Yarraman State School will offer a fortnightly transition for Year Six students attending Yarraman in 2016. The remaining dates are:

- 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.

**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**

Playgroup is continuing each Tuesday at Cooyar. 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 Tanya 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.

**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.

**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. Our attendance for this fortnight is 92.44%. 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 News**

On Monday we had our final P and C Meeting for 2015. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank the P and C for their support this year and their hard work in fundraising at the Trail Ride. The P and C have donated $4500 to the school this year for inline subscriptions and reading books. They also funded the bus for the Middle and Senior school trip in December.

**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.

**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 being a safe and responsible learner when transitioning around the school.
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| 1    | Introduction of Term | - School rules  
- Classroom rules, routines, procedures  
- What does School Wide Positive Behaviour Support at Cooyar State School look like? |
| 2    | Be Safe in all Areas | - Use equipment appropriately and with care  
- Respect the rights of others  
- Report dangerous or unusual situations  
- Eat only your own food, in designated areas  
- Be hygienic |
| 3    | Be Responsible in the Playground | - Play fairly, follow the rules and take turns  
- Return equipment at the end of play |
| 4    | Be a Safe, Responsible Learner in all Environments | - Be persistent and engage in all tasks  
- Be open to new ideas  
- Ask permission to leave all areas  
- Be cyber safe |
| 5    | Be Safe in the Playground | - Play suitable, school approved games  
- Be sun safe  
- Play in approved areas |
| 6    | Be a Learner in all Areas | - Actively listen and follow instructions  
- Be organised and punctual  
- Ask for help if needed  
- Care for self, others and the environment |
| 7    | Be a Safe and Responsible Learner when transitioning around the school | - Move safely, respectfully and appropriately  
- Keep traffic areas clear  
- Line up responsibly |
| 8    | Be Responsible in all Areas | - Speak truthfully, respectfully and appropriately  
- Act with respect, consideration and integrity  
- Follow procedures and obey all rules  
- Place litter in bins  
- Wear your school uniform with pride |
| 9    | Be a Learner in the Playground | - Cooperate with and include others |
| 10   | Be a Safe and Responsible Learner for Road Safety | - Cross the road with care  
- Remain seated while the bus is moving and show respect  
- Walk bikes in the school grounds, to and from the bike racks  
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike  
- Move directly to and from school  
- Use paths to enter and exit school |
From the Principal...

**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 24th November
- Tuesday 1st December
Prep Transition Registration forms are available from the school office and will be sent to prospective families for 2016. Prep parents for 2016, please note that an original birth certificate needs to be sighted by Mrs Ehrich when enrolling your child.

Have a great fortnight,

Yours in Education,

Kendall Seccombe
Junior News—Prep, Year 1 and Year 2

Class Restaurant
On Tuesday of Week 9, our class will be taking part in creating our very own class restaurant. Students will be helping to prepare some of the menu choices which include nibblies, fruit kebabs, tacos and jelly and ice-cream. The menu was decided by the class and the majority won. We will be decorating the classroom with some inspiring table centre pieces that are being made in technology lessons.

Christmas Party Lunch
On the Thursday of Week 10, the junior room will celebrate the year coming to a close with a class party. Students will be asked to bring in a plate to share. Notes will come home at a later date.

Assessments
Students have been completing tasks this week to finalise subjects for the reporting period in many subject areas.

Swimming
I’m sure there will be lots of tired little children in the junior room this week due to swimming. Students have been impressive getting ready for swimming so far. Thank-you to parents who have donated their time to help at swimming lessons this week. It is a great chance to participate in your child’s learning and often a rewarding experience.

Prep Transition
What a great bunch we have for next year! We have been very impressed with how well the children have adapted to being in the classroom and how eager they are to participate in activities. Thank you to the older students in the class for being great role models and lending the littlies a helping hand when needed.

Under the Water Theme Dress Up
There were some creative, scary, cute and colourful outfits for Bookfair last Thursday. Thank-you to parents helping with this activity!!!!

Looking forward to having a great last few weeks for the 2015 school year!

Tania Duncombe and Bronwyn Spencer
Middle Room News—Year 3 and Year 4

In the middle class we are working on completing our assessment for our reporting period. Students have been working hard on proving their learning through several culminating tasks:

- **English:** Reading benchmarking to determine the level students are reading at and the skills that they are using when reading. We completed our Persuasive texts on ‘Schools should have vegetable gardens’. Mrs Sloss and I were blown away with the effort from students on this assessment task. Students applied the learnings that we have been teaching throughout this term and semester.

- **Mathematics:** Over the semester, students have been completing assessments as they have been moving through our focus topics.

- **Science:** Students have been participating in experiments and hands on learning experiences.

- **Geography:** Students are completing their report on connections with a country in Asia. Students have been learning about Trade, Aid, Migration and Tourism over the term. Students will also write recommendations on the steps that Australia should take to maintain these connections into the future.

This week we have been focusing on following the school rules - Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be an Active Learner in class each day. We have been talking about this in the lead up to our trip to Brisbane on 2nd December. It is important that all students follow our school rules up to the very last day of the year.

Thank you to Mrs Sloss who has been doing some interesting Kitchen Garden cooking including Zucchini Chocolate Cake and Zucchini Spaghetti. We have had zucchinis coming out of our ears this month.

Next newsletter, we will be sharing some of the very impressive persuasions that students have written. To see how our writing has developed this year, makes both Mrs Sloss and I very proud.

Have a great fortnight,

Kendall Seccombe

Middle Classroom Teacher
Senior News—Year 5 and Year 6

We are certainly on the count-down now! Assessments that are now complete include Technology and Drama (last term), Science, English, Geography and Music. Indonesian, H&PE and Maths are being finished off during this week and our class has one more final piece of assessment to complete. It is an historical narrative that will be presented in an oral format. Using our knowledge of significant people in Australian history, the children have been asked to present a narrative of one character.

One would think we could all relax a little now but the year fives are just beginning their preparations for Graduation Dinner and, of course, this means speeches for both groups of students. Invitations are currently being compiled ready to send out to our guests. It is a time of high stress, coupled with high excitement and a sense of finality for the year sixes. I would like to remind parents here that the year five children will need an outfit of black pants/skirt and a white shirt/blouse for Graduation Dinner night. It is not necessary to buy new clothes for this, especially as they will all be preparing and serving food. Also, on the day of the dinner, the year five class will remain after school to prepare for the evening and will need to be collected by their parents after the dinner is finished. (Time to be advised.)

Miss Seccombe has been reminding the year sixes of their legacy and asking them to be mindful of how they would like to be remembered by the rest of the school. Much of how they act and what they do over the next few weeks will be what is remembered by others.

Miss Seccombe and I had the pleasure of marking some exceptional persuasive writing pieces last night. Keep an eye out in future publications for some excerpts from these!

Carmon Sloss
WHY TEACH SELF-TALK TO KIDS?
by Michael Grose

Self-talk is the foundation strategy to teach kids to shift their thinking about a negative event.

Let me explain.

A negative event happens such as a child’s sibling won’t share a much loved toy. The child immediately feels anger. He thinks, “Not again! I hate her! She never shares and it’s not fair”.

This thinking feeds his anger, which starts to spiral. In a heartbeat he’s lashed out at his sister for inflicting such an injustice on him.

**Here’s what happens…..**

Our thoughts, often reflected through self-talk, change when we experience and emotion. We tend to focus on the event that caused the emotion. Anger shifts our attention **outward** to the thing, person or event that caused it. Sadness shifts our attention **inwards** toward the loss. Our emotions change how we see the world. We are usually more optimistic when we are happy and more pessimistic when we're sad.

**The key is to change your self-talk.**

By changing the chatter in your brain from something negative, catastrophic or unhelpful to something more realistic, positive and helpful, can help get you through a challenging situation. Positive self-talk examples include:

“Stuff happens, I can cope”

“It’s no big deal”

“I’ve put up with worse than this”

“I may want it but I don’t need it”

Help children develop age-appropriate self-talk scripts for a variety of common situations they meet so they can avoid an escalation of their emotions. Then encourage them to change the monkey-brain tape in their heads when they catch themselves saying negative, catastrophic or down-right regretful things.
There are three types of parents.
There are those who walk in front of their kids; there are those that walk behind their kids and those who walk beside their children.

‘Walk in front’ parents love to lead the way. “Let’s go” is their mantra. This is the style for task-orientated, busy, enthusiastic types. I was this type of parent when my kids were young. It’s the style I default to. The trouble was, I may have thought I was leading but my children didn’t always follow!

‘Walk behind’ parents usually push their kids hard. “Come on” is their mantra. This is the style for parents with high expectations and parents with a lot on their plate. This style is exhausting as you always seem to be pushing harder than you want. It’s doubly hard when kids are resistant.

‘Walk beside’ parents do a great deal with their children. “Let’s do it” is their mantra. This is the style preferred by relationship-driven, inclusive types. This was my wife’s preferred style. She was a hands-on parent who spent much of her time teaching, talking and explaining to kids. This style is time-consuming, and can make it hard for parents to have their own time.

So which style do you naturally default to?

Effective parents adapt to different situations and different children. There are times when you should be a ‘walk in front’ parent, just as there are times when your kids will want you to be a ‘walk beside’ parent, particularly when life doesn’t go their way.

There are times, and some kids, who need to be pushed hard. They need someone to ‘walk behind’ them and push like mad. You may have been one of those types of kids yourself.

The trouble is, if you are pushing like mad then resentment can build up. If you find yourself always ‘walking behind’ then you need to spend some time ‘walking beside’ your child to build up good will.

Similarly, if you are a ‘walk in front’ parent (more likely to be a male) always miles ahead of your kids, you may need to slow down and spend some time ‘walking beside’ your kids. They’ll appreciate the change.

What style does my child need right now?

There is a better question to ask than “What style do I default to?”

That is, “What style does my child need right now?”

Ask that question often enough, and respond appropriately and you will find your effectiveness as a mum or dad will increase astronomically as you’ll be meeting the needs of your child.

You may prefer one style but try not to get stuck in that style. Remember, great parents are adaptable, rather than inflexible. Try practising different styles so you get used to how each style feels. You’ll also discover the styles that your kids feel most comfortable with.

So explore, experiment and grow as a parent. Your kids will benefit from your flexibility and self-knowledge.
Cooyar State School P&C Association

Minutes of General Meeting

16.11.15

Meeting Opened: 7.48pm

Present: Kendall Secombe, Christine Duncombe, Scott Duncombe, Jacinta Ryan, Cathy Davies

Apologies: Shane Gibson, Bill Brown, Michael Duncombe, Greg Ryan, Paul Barron

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

Business arising from minutes of last meeting:
Greg has completed earthworks and track repairs as required.

Correspondence:
Inwards:
Louisa’s embroidery – quote for uniform bucket hats
P & C QLD Parent Talk magazine

Outwards:
Cheques and thank you letters to Cooyar Town Rural Fire Brigade and Yarraman SES
Thankyou letters to landholders not in attendance at the bbq and Woolworths
Jacinta moved that the correspondence be accepted. Second Cathy. Carried.

Business arising out of correspondence:
Christine moved that we increase the price of bucket hats to $16 each to cover increased costs from supplier. Second Kendall. Carried.

Treasurer’s report:
Cash book balance (Main Account) at 16.11.15 - $82,774.07
Cash book balance (Tuckshop Account) at 16.11.15 - $2,642.66
Christine moved that these amounts be accepted. Second Cathy. Carried.

Christine moved that we invest $50,000 in a 3 month term deposit. Second Kendall. Carried.

Principal’s report:
• School Improvement and behaviour management
• Student attendance
• Curriculum 2016
• Professional Development & Staffing
• Finance
• Student Council
• Principal Goals for 2015
• General Business
Kendall moved that her report be accepted. Second Jacinta. Carried.

General Business:
• Discussion regarding Presentation Night, Graduation Dinner and break-up.
• Discussion regarding progress with building plans. The P & C offered a letter of support toward Kendall’s application for funding of Kitchen Garden building.
• Christine moved that the P & C allow up to $100 for the Tuckshop ladies’ break-up. Second Kendall. Carried.
• Footpath construction is in progress.
• Discussion regarding a vote of thanks from the P & C to Cooyar State School teachers and staff.

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7:30pm
Meeting Closed: 9.28pm

Cooyar State School P & C Association
Week 5—Term 4

Prep—Year 2— Jamie Duncombe for his industrious attitude towards writing. Being an Active Learner.
Year 3—Year 4— Maddison Ehrlich for applying strategies to her writing. Being an Active Learner.
Year 5—Year 6— Damon Sloss for 3 paragraphs in 50 minutes in Geography. Being an Active Learner.
Bridget Dando for a consistent approach to learning and responsible behaviour at all times. Being Responsible.
Playground—Chelsea Cooper for great behaviour at afternoon sports and putting in a great effort. Being Responsible.

Week 6—Term 4

Year 3—Year 4— Bree Duncombe for applying learnings to improve her persuasive writing. Being an Active Learner.
Year 5—Year 6— Amelia Davies for best paragraph of writing. Being an Active Learner.
Playground—Mackenzie Harris for being helpful in the playground. Being Responsible.
Rain! What a gift for our gardens! The zucchinis have gone crazy, with one day’s harvest this week being seven zucchinis! The corn has tassled and the cobs number three on a few of the stalks. Strawberries are bearing and sending out runners. The watermelon is flowering. The first cucumber was picked on Monday and the apple cucumbers will also soon be ready to pick. Beans are being picked on a daily basis, with the children eating most of them straight off the vine.

With so many zucchinis, we had a Chocolate Zucchini Cake last week and this week we will sample Vegetti made with zucchini cut into fine strips (like spaghetti) with a pasta sauce and cheese. We also served up zucchinis cut into quarters lengthwise, topped with sweet chilli sauce and cheese melted on top. The Cooyar school children are certainly getting a great sampling from our little plots.

**Chocolate Zucchini Cake**

1 1/4 cups SR Flour  
1/4 cup cocoa  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 tblsp butter  
1 teaspoon grated orange rind  
3/4 cup castor sugar  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup milk  
1 cup grated zucchini  
1/2 cup chopped pecan nuts

Sift dry ingredients together. In a bowl with an electric hand-beater, cream the butter, orange rind and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time beating well between each addition. Stir through milk, zucchini, pecans and dry ingredients, mix well. Spoon batter into a well buttered, base lined 15 x 25 cm loaf tin. Bake in an electric oven 180 degrees C for 45 minutes or until cooked. Cool before removing from tin. When cold, top with Orange Frosting or dust with icing sugar.
Photo Gallery...

Prep
Transition
Public Notices...

Nanango Blue Light and Nanango Lions Club
Children's Christmas Carnival
Blue Light Skating Rink—George Street, Nanango
Friday 11 December 2015
Gates open at 5.00pm
Santa arrives 6.30-7.00pm

ALL FREE

- FAIRY FLOSS
- POPCORN
- SLUSHIES
- FACE PAINTING
- JUMPING CASTLE

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre
The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:
Opposite the Cooyar Hotel, McDougall Street
COOYAR
Monday, 7 December 2015 9.30 am to 4 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

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150th Anniversary
Nanango State School
1866 - 2016

Come on back to Nanango State School and celebrate with us 150 years of learning & memories
All Welcome

Friday 12th February 2016
7pm
Anniversary Meet & Greet at Ringsfield House featuring the original Nanango State School Building
RSVP 01.02.2016
Call or Text 0429 632 976

Saturday 13th February
9am - 1.00pm
Anniversary Fair at Nanango State School
ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD STALLS MEMORABILIA, MERCHANDISE 150th ANNIVERSARY BOOK

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