Welcome

It is a super busy time at Cooyar State School at the moment. All classes are putting final touches to Presentation Night performances. I am sure all attendees are going to enjoy the fun filled evening.

I would like to congratulate all our ex students who have received awards at the recent Nanango State High School awards night and tonight at the Yarraman P-9 awards night. To see our students continued success proves that special things happen here at Cooyar with their foundations being set.

I would like to thank Jayne Donaghy for her work with our Year 2 and Year 4 students this term. We used for Great Results Guarantee (GRG) money to start their preparation for NAPLAN 2015. We were able to work on their writing, numeracy and literacy skills, giving us a head start for 2015 with areas to focus on to develop.

Presentation Night

Next Thursday the 4th November is our annual Presentation Night. The evening starts at 5:30pm with a BBQ. All are welcome. The event begins at 6:30pm. This year Deb Frecklington will attend our evening. This evening is a fun filled evening where we celebrate the success of our students. I look forward to seeing classes' performances and witnessing student awards. It is also a chance to say goodbye to our Year 6 students as they head off to Junior Secondary and mark a significant time in Queensland Education with Year 7 joining high school. Hope to see you there. The evening this year will be held in the undercover area.

School Times 2015

As everyone is aware the starting and finishing times in 2015 are changing. The 2015 school hours will be 8:30am - 2:30pm. The make-up of the day is as follows:

8:00-8:30am  Students arrive at school
8:30-10:30am  Morning Session (including fruit break)
10:30-11:10am  Big Break
11:10-1:00pm  Middle Session
1:00-1:30pm  Little Break
1:30-2:30pm  Afternoon Session

Please come and discuss this with me if you have any concerns.

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.
From the Principal...

**Celebration Day**

Celebration Day is being held on the last day of term Friday 12th December. Normally I don’t reveal our plans until closer to the date but we have some plans which may require some preparation on parents’ behalf. We are planning a ‘Decorate your Bike Competition’. Students will need to bring in a bike/trike/scooter that they can decorate and will then have a speed race. Our Adopt-a-Cop Sean Donaghy will be there to catch the speed of our students over distance. Families are asked to send in a plate of food to share for morning tea. We will have a movie and a mini disco followed by a sausage sizzle. In the afternoon we will have a water fight with the rural fire brigade’s help. We ask that students bring in their water pistols/blasters etc to have an epic battle. We will finish the day sharing watermelon. The day is a free dress day at no cost. Parents you too are invited to share in this day with us if you can.

**Cooyar Community Christmas Party**

Cooyar's BIG Community Christmas party is on again on the 6th December at Memorial Park starting at 2pm. There will be some excellent activities including a jumbo water slide (don’t forget the towel), jumping castle and face painting. Santa will be arriving at 6:30pm and the evening will conclude with an outdoor movie ‘The Lego Movie’. A wonderful event. Hope to see you there.

**Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea**

On Tuesday the 2nd December, we are holding a Thank You Morning Tea for all our volunteers this year. Invitations will be sent home today. We would love for you to come so we can thank you for all your support during 2014.

**Report Cards**

Staff member are busily working on report cards. We plan to have these out to the students in week 10.

**2015 Book Packs**

Bedrock Books informed me that book packs are on their way to the school. When they arrive we will contact you to collect them. If you were unable to order packs, you still can make this order. The packs won’t be available until the new year, but it would save you fighting the crowds over the Christmas break.

**Emergency Ready?**

With November almost over it means Summer is almost here, (if not already). I urge all our families to think and act on having an emergency kit ready. We are heading into a very dangerous bush fire season and families need to be ready. On Monday there was a massive bush fire at the back of Blackbutt. It required many fire crews, helicopter bombers and plane spotters. Families were forced to leave quickly. If you haven’t already, put plans in place. There are many sites on the government website to assist.

Have a great fortnight. I look forward to catching up with you at Presentation Night.

Mark Wrigley
Principal
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 News

It’s Week 8 already! Only 2 more weeks left until the holidays.

Our Pre-prep visitors have started coming along on Tuesday mornings. They are having a great time with literacy and numeracy activities.

We have been busy completing our science task ‘A toy design’. The children have designed and made many different toys with moving parts that can have light or sound.

In Maths we have been busy representing Data, looking at two dimensional shapes, and addition and subtraction.

We are busy practising for our presentation. The children are very excited! Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Michelle Bourke and Tania Duncombe

Year 3 & 4

Students have finished their persuasive speech, Mathematics assessment and History PowerPoint. The students are working on their final Science unit, we are focussing on Physics (push/pull, heating). The students are engaging in many experiments based on these concepts. I am looking for high quality explanations on the experiments, whether it was a fair test, results and an explanation of the results.

For Presentation Night students are required to wear a work shirt. I am sure there is a work shirt in dad’s cupboard your child can borrow. If these can be brought as soon as possible, I will keep them at school so they are not forgotten on the night. From their practises the students are going to look and sound awesome.

Some students have had their final reading testing of the year. Well done Rylie, Zoie, Jasmine, Tommy and Seth on their reading levels improving.

Until next time,

Mark Wrigley
From the Classroom...

Year 5/6 Classroom

Having finalised our major assessment pieces, it is time to finish off workbooks and end of year tasks. Many of the children have no set written homework for the next three weeks but are still required to do their reading. I have also asked that they bring in their reading books for times when they have a few spare moments. Year 6’s are working on their end-of-year speeches and year 5’s are beginning to think about Graduation Lunch preparations.

Students require a black shirt, leggings and a head covering for Presentation Night. These need not be new, in fact it is preferable that they are not. On the topic of Presentation Night, we would love some willing volunteers to work with packing tape on the night prior to the 5/6 presentation...please let us know if you can be of assistance.

Year 5’s will require black bottoms and white tops for Graduation Lunch day. Again, not new and not absolutely essential that they fit the colour code. Light coloured tops will be acceptable and boys may wear dark jeans if they wish.

Gardens

Some children are harvesting their potatoes as the extreme heat takes its toll. Others are still watering with dedication and hopefully will be rewarded for their diligence. At present, Arien holds the record for the largest crop of only 400g. I think there is a very good chance there will be greater crops to come yet.

As for any further planting, there will be a long delay until after the holidays and hopefully some rain will encourage us in the new year.

Carmon Sloss
From the Principal...

**Student of the week**

**Week 7**

Prep-Year 2—Lara for always putting in 100% effort. Being a learner.
Year 3-Year 4—Thomas for improved effort in all class activities. Being a learner.
Year 5-Year 7—John for beginning to take responsibility for his exercises. Be responsible.
Playground—Bree for being a super-dooper all round great student of Cooyar State School. Being a learner.

**Week 8**

Prep—Year 2—Trey for making a big effort to be a learner in class. Being a learner.
Year 3-Year 4—Damon for being a responsible learner in all class activities. Being a learner.
Year 5—Year 7—Jake for applying some self discipline in the area of learning. Being a learner.
Playground—Chelsea for always playing well with her peers. Being responsible.

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**School Rules**

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be a Learner