Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Our final fortnight has arrived and I have never seen a fortnight that is so busy. We have been practising for Presentation Night, the Middle and Senior classes had their day trip to Brisbane yesterday, the Junior Class had their class restaurant, the final Playgroup and Prep Transition day was held yesterday, we have sport tomorrow with Mr Smith, parent-teacher interviews tomorrow night and Presentation Night Friday. Not to mention the many events, including Cooyar Cash Rewards week and Graduation, next week.

As this is the final newsletter for 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few ‘thank yous’:

- To our hardworking and dedicated staff thank you for the extras you do each day to make this year even more engaging and eventful for our students. I see the many hours before and after work, and on weekends that you all put in to give our students the best opportunities and learning experiences. An added thank you for giving your time for excursions and trips to extend our student's learning. Thank you for your efforts and support throughout this year.

- To Mrs V who keeps our school so clean and Mr Munt who keeps our grounds immaculate – thank you for making our school comfortable and well presented.

- To Mrs Ehrich who works hard in the office to keep our school running smoothly – thank you for working with all staff throughout the year.

- To our parents who volunteered in the tuckshop, at the Trail Ride, at school and community events – thank you for your contributions. We greatly appreciate your support.

- To the P and C Association – my appreciation and thanks is below.

- A special mention to Mrs Rita Barron who has been coming in to read with Junior students throughout the year and Mrs Gibson for our fantastic 2016 Book Fair and Book Club this year.

- To the Cooyar Community – thank you to the many people in the community who support us by taking part in school events, keeping a watchful eye on the school and making donations throughout the year. Cooyar State School works hard to play a part in our small community and we are thankful for your support.

Please have a restful and safe holiday with as much cheer as the holiday season can bring. Christmas is one of my favourite times of year. For me it’s all about family, friends, food and fun. I hope yours is filled with these as well. Warmest wishes and see you in 2016.
Date Claimers for this fortnight:
- Thursday 3rd December – Sports with Mr Smith, Full day high school transition for Year Six students, Parent interviews.
- Friday 4th December – Presentation Night 5.00pm, students to wear school uniform. Please return RSVP by Friday morning.
- Tuesday 8th December – Graduation Dinner 6.00pm. RSVPs to Mrs Sloss. Year Five Students to stay after school with black and white clothes.
- Wednesday 9th December – Quinalow Industrial Arts Cooyar Rewards morning.
- Thursday 10th December – P and C Book presentation, break up luncheon from 12.00pm (Middle and Senior students to return forms and monies please), water play from 1.30pm.

School FACEBOOK
The Cooyar State School Facebook page is regularly updated with event photographs and reminders, and it is a great way for parents to track our whereabouts when we head out of the school on excursions. 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.

Parent Interviews
Tomorrow evening we will hold our Parent Interviews for Term Four. Notes with times are attached to this newsletter for families that will be meeting with teachers tomorrow night.

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.

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

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
Cooyar Cash Rewards week is upon us. Students have signed up for a range of activities with the Cooyar Cash that they have been rewarded with over the term. 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.

Book Covering Dynamos
Over the four weeks of Transition, we have had a group of mothers who have been tirelessly covering our new 900 reading books. To Mrs Ehrlich, Mrs Barron, Mrs Munt and Mrs Duncombe, we say a HUGE thank you. I would also like to mention Jamie-Lee Barron for coming in and helping as well. You have saved us many hours and we have the books ready to use for 2016. We greatly appreciate your efforts.
From the Principal...

**School Office Hours in Pupil Free Week**
The Cooyar State School office will be open on Tuesday 19th January from 8.30 – 12.30pm, Wednesday 20th January 8.30 – 3.30pm and Thursday 21st January from 8.30 – 11.00am.

**After School Sport**
After school sport for Term Four has finished. Thank you to Miss Sharon for organising after school sport this term and Mrs Davies for working with Miss Sharon to deliver this extra program to students.

**Kindergarten Visits**
Last week, I had my last Kindergarten visit of the term. I have really enjoyed my visits and it has been great to be part of many activities that Miss Lisa has organised as part of each kindergarten day. Last week, I took along my octopus outfit from Book Week and we read Pete the Cat one final time. I also got to listen to a practice of the Kindergarten Break Up Concert song that the students were performing last Thursday night. My thanks goes out to Miss Lisa for welcoming me into the Kindergarten. I look forward to continuing my visits in 2016.

**Book Fair 2016 – What a bonus!**
Thanks to everyone’s purchases during Book Fair, not to mention the P and C’s generosity in purchasing books for each student in the school, the school received over $400 worth of credit to spend with Scholastic. We have purchased over 70 new chapter books for our junior, middle and senior students with this reward money.

**Prep Transition**
Prep Transition has concluded for this year. We have received feedback from parents that our Pre Preps have thoroughly enjoyed this year’s transition program, no doubt thanks to the engaging activities organised by Mrs Spencer and Mrs Duncombe. We look forward to seeing our new Preps arrive in January 2016 and to continuing our transition at the end of 2016 for our future students.

**Playgroup**
Our community playgroup has also come to an end for 2016. What a great program this has been. Thank you to Mrs Duncombe and Miss Sharon for all of their hard work, and a special thank you to parents and families for coming along and supporting this new initiative. We will be continuing our Playgroup into 2016, from early in Term One. We will be sending home information at the beginning of our new school year. We hope to see all families again next year.

**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. Please note that we are asking students to **wear school uniforms** on this night. 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. Please return RSVP forms to the school as soon as possible. We look forward to celebrating with you all on Friday.

**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. Please return your RSVPs by the end of the week.
Middle Senior Brisbane Trip

Yesterday the Middle and Senior Classes headed to Brisbane for our day trip. When reflecting on the way back from a HUGE day yesterday, I considered the importance of these trips to our students at Cooyar. Our day in the city offered several valuable experiences to our children:

- Experiencing the hustle and bustle of a busy inner city – crossing roads at major intersections, giving way in busy public places, spending time exploring public exhibits, seeing the sheer number of people and the chaos of a city in peak hour, seeing bus ways and train stations.
- Experiencing the cultural precinct – exploring exhibits at the Gallery of Modern Art and appreciating that art comes in many forms, having a go at making their own art at an artist's workshop, walking through the State Library of Queensland and seeing the public using the area for their needs, exploring the Museum and the exhibits that reflected the great parts of our state, engaging in hundreds of hands on learning experiences in the Science Centre, exploring South Bank Parklands and meeting people from other countries.
- Learning about the importance of trade to our state and nation at the Port of Brisbane – from coal to crude oil, woodchip to vehicles, passenger services to container transport, students learnt many facts about trade with our Asian neighbours, the size of the industry and the importance of it to Australia and Brisbane for employment and resources.
- Learning everyday skills for the future – walking to the left, navigating bustling public areas, using traffic lights and walkways, watching where they were going in crowded areas, meeting people from other cultures, looking after each other in an unknown place.

In my opinion, these excursions are invaluable, not only for the learning that takes place, but for the cultural immersion, the everyday skills that students will need for the future and a level of understanding and comfortableness in a place that is much larger and busier than our home town. We look forward to continuing to offer these experiences to our students in 2016.

Homework and Home Reading

Homework and home reading have finished for 2015; however, we still encourage students to read each night. Students know how much I enjoy reading and my love of ‘escaping’ into a novel. We aim to instil this love of reading in our students.

School Payments

Thank you to parents who are using BPOINT for payments. This system is saving Mrs Ehrich a lot of time in the office. 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. 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.

Recognising Behaviour Champions - Presentation Night

On Friday Night, 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...

**Silver Spelling Champion Awards**
Beginning this term, we will be awarding Silver Spelling Champion Awards 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. This term we have two special Silver Champions in the school – Rhiannon Ryan and Josie Brown. Congratulations to these students. They will be presented with their awards on Parade tomorrow morning. We look forward to awarding more students throughout next year.

**High school 2016**
Our whole day Transition is on 3rd December, 2015 at both Yarraman and Nanango High Schools. Thank you to parents who have returned permission letters. We have no doubt that students will enjoy their day at their new school.

**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.

**School Bus**
This newsletter contains an update from Mr and Mrs Payne with regards to next year’s bus route.

**Attendance**
Thank you to parents who are ringing up or writing a note when their child/ren are absent. The school has a policy that it will ring home if a student is absent to follow up with the parents. By phoning the school in the morning and leaving a message, parents are assisting us with this process. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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

**School Watch over the Holidays**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

**Our School Rules and Behaviour Expectations**
This week we will be focussing on being a learner in the playground.
## From the Principal...

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  - 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...

P & C News
As this is the final newsletter for 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the contribution of our school’s P and C Association in 2015.

- $3000 towards purchasing new guided readers and home readers
- $1600 towards online subscriptions for Mathletics and Reading Eggs
- $800 towards the bus for the Brisbane Trip for Middle and Senior Students
- $50 donation for the use of Thornville Hall’s chairs and tables for our Presentation Night and Graduation Dinner
- Purchase of reading book for each student in the school for break up day
- Purchase of Senior Jerseys for each Senior Student for 2015
- Purchase of the plaques for Presentation Night
- Purchase of engraved pens for graduating Year Six Students
- Attendance at regular ‘pathway meetings’ to get the pathway underway from the school to the corner

Without our school P and C Association, our school would not have as much to offer each student. I would also like to thank them for their continued support of myself, our staff and our school throughout 2015. To position holders, Scott Duncombe, Jacinta Ryan and Christine Duncombe, thank you for all of your hard work to keep our P and C Association running smoothly. To parents who attend each meeting, thank you for your support of the school and to parents who worked at our P and C Trail Ride and in the tuckshop throughout this year, thank you for your continued efforts. It is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe break,

Yours in Education,

Kendall Seccombe
From the Classroom...

Junior News—Prep, Year 1 and Year 2

Class Restaurant

While the Middle and Senior classes were away on their excursion to Brisbane the Junior class had their very own restaurant experience. The first step was deciding on a suitable menu that the majority of the class supported. Then students developed table plans, place cards, table centre pieces, decorations, posters, menus for the tables and their very own placemats.

Some of the dishes students cooked or prepared were pinwheels, cheese straws, fruit snacks, jelly and ice-cream (thanks to Mrs Spencer’s ice-cream maker).

Students took on various roles, including being waiters and cashiers.

The class was enthusiastic and extremely helpful in all activities leading up to the restaurant and a wonderful time was had by all. The food was great and the company even better!

This was a fantastic way to finish our Prep transition and Playgroup days at the school and it was wonderful to see the way children of all ages mixed and were comfortable together.

A special thank you to the clean-up crew as well!!!!

Christmas Party Lunch

It’s called the party season for a reason! 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. A reminder note will be sent home next week.

A Special Thank-you

There have been many, many helpers over the year from swimming, after school sport, tuckshop, parent helpers in class, parents holding P & C positions, Pre-Prep parents and family covering books, playgroup parents, bookclub and bookfair representatives. To all of you we say thank-you! A special mention also goes to Rita Barron for her reliable and consistent presence to listen to your children read each Tuesday of the entire year!!! This role in particular is extremely beneficial to each students reading skills.

As this will be the last news from the Prep/1/2 room, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful students and parents for their efforts throughout the year. It has been a joy working with your children over the last twelve months and watching them grow. Please have a relaxing break over the holidays, and return safely for 2016.

Merry Christmas from Tania Duncombe and Bronwyn Spencer!
Well the end of our school year is upon us. I wanted to use our final newsletter to showcase the impressive writing of our students. Writing has been a school priority in 2015 and we will continue this journey in 2016. We have seen great progress in student’s writing awareness, skills and abilities. For their assessment this term, students were required to write a persuasion to argue that all schools should have a garden. Below are some of their best paragraphs.

Thank you for your support throughout 2015. I look forward to seeing you and your children back in 2016. Happy reading!

Some people might say that school gardens waste your time, space and money. First it doesn't waste your money it saves it because it saves buying food from the shops. It doesn’t waste space, even though you could use it as a soccer field, gardens are more important. Finally it doesn't waste time because if you had to drive all the way to the shops who would be wasting time now. School gardens help children, they save money, time and space. By Holly.

RIP! As I ripped the fresh carrot from the garden. It was actually quite fun gardening, picking the weeds, watering, harvesting the grown plants and most of all having fun. You may think that gardening is boring, but it’s interesting and fun and I’m going to show you three reasons to prove why we should keep gardens. By Ethan.

Let’s face it, who wants to be stuck inside doing maths, geography, and science when you can be outside in the fresh air getting Vitamin D. I would not! By Thomas.

Let’s face it, if your school wanted to make something, gardens would save money. If schools had a garden you would just walk outside and just grab what you need. If all you eat is junk food and take away, I suggest that you get a garden. I think that if kids are eating unhealthy and want to save money you should get a garden. By Benjamin.

Take some time to consider that if your school has a vegetable garden it will save your parent and your school a whole heap of money? Your Mum and Dad can save a lot of money because usually they have to drive all the way to either Toowoomba, Dalby or whatever town they go shopping in and have to pay for fuel. Plus your parents still need to buy all of the expensive fruit and vegetables when they can get some cheap food from school. Your school can save money because when students are doing a cooking class for example the teacher won't have to buy all of the ingredients for the recipe. Wouldn’t you agree? By Gabrielle.

As I have said earlier, gardens are a good way to spend money, they help you lose weight and they are a perfect way to communicate with nature. I thought about gardens again. Then the teachers called a school vote. All the hands that were in the room shot into the air, except the clock’s hands. “Everybody”, said Miss Secombe, “there will be one hundred dollars put towards two gardens for now”. By Maddison.

Let's be honest, gardens get you into nature so you can learn about plants, experience the job and it relaxes you. Gardening will also give you a break from writing and hard work. I’m sure you would like that if you had to write and do hard work all day every day, but you don’t and you can thank gardening for that. When you are out gardening it gives you a chance to talk to some mates and get Vitamin D. This is very important for your body. By Shannon.

Kendall Secombe
Middle Classroom Teacher
All students had a very enjoyable day at Brisbane yesterday, and this morning’s lesson was testament to the amount of learning that occurred throughout the day. I was astounded at the details and facts they recalled from yesterday’s excursion. As a teacher, I was thrilled to see and hear the guide mention the stockpile of Acland and Tarong coal, the woodchip produced from the tree tops from the pine trees at Yarraman (trucked from Gympie) and the grain stockpile from the Darling Downs. Our guide, Peter, was quoted by the children this morning as they remembered that he had mentioned the reduced amount in the grain stockpile as a result of the ongoing drought in south-west Queensland. He told the children that it is often said at the port, when referring to the reduced pile – ‘no rain, no grain’. It was interesting to see that the effects of drought are visible, even at the Port of Brisbane and our children were easily able to relate to this.

Peter even asked our group which town, close to Acland, the train that was loaded with coal had come from and they were able to correctly answer; ‘Oakey’. Wilkie Creek at Dalby was also mentioned and it seemed that, even though we may not always be aware of it, we are connected to our capital city in many ways. The bunya nuts and aboriginal stone axes in the museum were another local connection and Amelia was quite delighted to find a relative of hers mentioned on a ‘Donated by …’ card on one of the items in the museum.

The Sciencentre was enjoyed by all of the children and we had to call them all together well before they had ‘seen everything’ or got ‘bored’. It was a worthwhile and educational journey that all of us enjoyed (even the teachers!).

Below are some examples of student assessment paragraphs they were required to write as a persuasion to argue that all schools should have a garden.

“Some people might say that is just a waste of time… BUT, when it has been a few months since you planted your fruits and vegetables, you’ll be cooking up a storm of healthy food and it will all be worth the trouble you went to grow the food (even though there is not any real trouble that you have to go to to grow the food). Therefore you will live more actively and have home grown, healthy and fresh produce! Isn’t that the whole point of gardening?” By Jessica.

“Let’s be honest everybody is going to grow up and have to cook their own food, so what’s a better way than to get your skills in primary school, like cooking and how to look after plants. I mean seriously who doesn’t like cooking, making delicious things and getting your hands dirty. If schools get a garden we don’t just learn how to cook and to grow plants, we get recipes so when we are older we know how to cook a dish of food. So you’d better get cooking with your class, teachers and teach them how to cook and look after the garden.” By Damon.

“Also you can go out in the garden instead of sitting in the classroom all day! Instead you could be active in the garden. These kids these days are fat and over weight. They do nothing. At least at school you could be active and trust me when we grow things we can eat it. It tastes delicious.” By Jasmine.

“Some people might say that it cost less money and you can cook with the food you get from the gardens. It might taste better but you have to wait for it to grow and then you can pick it and make zucchini slice or something else. You might get to cook it and it might cost less money.” By Seth.

Carmon Sloss
Information from the More Support for Students with Disabilities (MSSWD) Team

Darling Downs South West Region

DON’T BLAME YOUR KIDS WHEN YOUR EMOTIONS LET YOU DOWN

By Michael Grose

One of the greatest challenges we have as parents is maintaining a sense of calm when the chaos of childhood is bubbling all around us. Recognise any of these situations?

You’re in the midst of crazy hour just before dinner and you’ve two under-fives racing towards you, each with a tale of woe about the other.

You’ve a primary-aged boy who refuses to do his homework even though he’s struggling at school.

You’ve a teenager who rudely mimics your quite reasonable request for help.

All situations that we know in our heart of hearts that should be ignored, or at least handled calmly but also situations that commonly lead to us losing our cool!

If only….

So often our best parenting intentions are derailed by our inability to regulate our emotions. We so often blame our kids for their poor, thoughtless or challenging behaviour but it’s our emotions that let us down, derailing our best intentions.

Then the recriminations begin.

“If only I had taken my daughter seriously, I should have listened, not shrugged her off”.

“If only I hadn’t told my son he’d continue to struggle at school as he was lazy like his father”.

“If only I had used a little humour to laugh off my teenager’s baiting rather than getting involved in an argument of his making”.

You can’t put the genie back in the bottle

Once your emotions let you down you can’t take your outbursts back.

You need to go into damage control to repair relationships that have been strained, to reassure kids who are disappointed with your response, and to rebuild self-esteem that’s been damaged by your outburst. Once something has been said it can’t be unsaid. Once the genie is out of the bottle you can’t put it back no matter how much you want to do so.
Chappy's Corner

Respect and power-with:

Power-with is not possible without respect. Respect requires a high regard for people's intrinsic worth, the right to self-determination and the right to participation and inclusion. It requires belief in people's potential; honouring and valuing their strengths and seeking to learn from them. Being respectful means believing in people's rights - the right to safety and the right to resources.

Respect also involves a high regard for uniqueness and diversity. Respect for uniqueness is crucial in understanding experience. While we have much in common with others each of us is unique. Our experience and the meaning we give it is unique to each of us. (Wayne McCashen)

As we come towards the end of a school year and Christmas fast approaches I would like to thank the school community for your support of chaplaincy and look forward to working alongside you next year. May you all know peace, love and joy this Christmas.

Wendy Chapman (School Chaplain)
To Miss Seccombe, all teachers and staff
at Cooyar State School,
The P&C would like to acknowledge and thank each
of you for your hard work and dedication toward
educating our children throughout 2015. We
appreciate the opportunities provided for our children
at Cooyar and also the support of the schools staff
toward P&C activities.

Thanks also to parents and community members for
their contributions to P&C activities and fund raising in
2015. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas!
Student of the week...

**Week 7—Term 4**

**Prep—Year 2**— David Munt for his ability to focus and concentrate in swimming lessons. Being Responsible.

**Year 3—Year 4**—Shannon Murphy for outstanding improvement in persuasive writing. Being an Active Learner.

**Year 5—Year 6**— Jasmine Clayton for an excellent effort in persuasive writing. Being an Active Learner.

Seth Davis for an excellent effort in persuasive writing. Being an Active Learner.

**Playground**—Charlotte Ehrlich for being a responsible student in the playground. Being Responsible.

**Week 8—Term 4**

**Prep—Year 2**— Chelsea Cooper for putting extra effort into writing. Being an Active Learner.

**Year 3—Year 4**—Arien Cooper for following class instructions. Being Responsible.

**Year 5—Year 6**— Bree Duncombe for improving writing from a D to a B result. Being an Active Learner.

Rachelle Dando for improving writing from a D to a B result. Being an Active Learner.

**Playground**—Josie Brown for happily participating in After School Sport. Being Responsible.
Photo Gallery...

Footpath has arrived
Better late than never!!!!!
Photo Gallery...

Brisbane Trip
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