Family Get-together
I would like to thank the staff and P&C for making last week’s social function a great success. This is always such a great event and what makes it great is the way everyone lends a hand and makes an effort to mix. It is a great role model for the students.

P&C Matters
The school is proud to announce this year’s P&C executive. (It was the first time we have ever had to vote for two positions in the 31 years Mr J has been at the school.)

President: Tracey Schloss
Vice President: Kim Brackin
Secretary: Bev Blanch
Treasurer: Jo Town

Outgoing President Kim Brackin and her team were congratulated for an outstanding 2015. The amount of P&C activity and resulting financial growth was extremely impressive. It is ALL of OUR STUDENTS who benefit from this.

We hope we can get more parents to make a contribution to the running of the school in 2016 – especially the 125th celebrations on Saturday 28 May.

Student Subsidy Change
The meeting decided to no longer subsidize students $40 per year for swimming and excursion expenses. The committee thinks its money is better used to help with the provision of facilities and resources for all students to benefit from, for example, the school plans to resurface the play area next to the tennis courts and eventually put a roof over it. These improvements are expensive, but necessary due to our enrolment increases in recent years.

School Photos
Photos will be taken TOMORROW 16 February at 9.00am. Students must be at school on time or they will miss their opportunity. Full school uniform (not including bright headbands, socks, jewellery, etc) must be worn.

2016 School Improvement Agenda
Mr J discussed the school’s Improvement Agenda for 2016. The focus continues to be on delivering a consistent and relevant whole school curriculum. A copy is attached for your reading. Please contact the school with any questions regarding this agenda.

The school will have its 4 year review some time in 2017.

Investing For Schools Funding
This year’s IFS grant will be for $57 000. All state schools use these funds to support the learning of students in the lower years. A substantial part of this money is to be spent continuing to employ our extra teacher aides. Extra teacher aides support a large number of students in classrooms every day. The school continues to build the capacity of these staff members at every opportunity.

Parent Information Session This Week
The Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers will be holding their parent information sessions tomorrow in their respective classroom. The purpose of these sessions is to inform parents of the management and routines of the classrooms, homework expectations and provides an opportunity for parents to ask any questions.

- Year 1 3:15p
- Year 1 3:50p
- Year 3 4:30p

Student Leadership

GRIP Student Leadership

Generosity Responsibility Integrity People
Year 6 students will be attending the GRIP Leadership Workshop for primary students in Kingaroy on 14 March. This workshop is for all Year 6 students in the Kingaroy Cluster.

Program:-
- How to grow as a leader – where to start from and how to improve skills
- Bye Bye Bullying – equipping students to help themselves and others
- People to Influence – everyone is important and must be included & considered
- Traffic Light Leadership – creating a plan for my leadership journey

Coolabunia School Leaders
The school has 4 different school leaders each term - Communications, Sports & Recreation, Welfare and Environment.

The school is of the view that all Year 6 students are leaders and that they should all have the opportunity to be a school leader at some stage of the year.

Year 6 students will be completing Term 1 School Leadership application forms this week, with the term’s 4 leaders being introduced to the school at next week’s Assembly.
School Swimming
Swimming lessons start this Thursday 18th February at the Nanango Pool. Students travel to and from the pool with Pursers Coaches.

- Payment to be made ASAP please.

Cost: $60.00 per student for the 10 weeks of tuition this year (T 1 & 4)
This includes admission, tuition and bus travel.

- All students must be involved as it is part of the school curriculum

Preferable payment in full would be appreciated and can be made at the office. If you are experiencing difficulty meeting this commitment – payment in advance prior to each term’s lessons can be arranged.

125th Celebrations Sat 28 May
The next committee meeting is to be held tomorrow night (Tuesday 16 Feb) at 7.30pm in the Library.

It is only 4 months until this important event. Planning will soon be turning into ACTION. All families are asked to keep Saturday 28 May free so that we can work together to make this important historical event a huge success.

Come along to a meeting or offer your help during the next 4 months. Many hands makes light work!

P&C Chocolate Drive
Chocolates were distributed on Friday. The closing date for the return of all money and unsold chocolates is Thursday 16th March.

- Families are responsible for keeping the chocolates in good condition and looking after the funds taken.
- Please ask at the office if you need more boxes to sell
- The prizes this year will go to the family that raises the most money. We have $100 Gift Voucher (Coles Group & Myer which includes Target, Kmart, Coles, Myer, Officeworks) to give out. Heaps of other lucky prize draws including wait for it ... ... ... CHOCOLATES.

The winner be advised on parade on 21st March.

The P&C thank you for your support and HAPPY SELLING / SAMPLING CHOCOLATES.

Handwriting /Maths Workbooks / RE Workbook
There are still some students without their Handwriting / Maths Workbooks – please purchase ASAP, as it is YOUR student who is disadvantaged without a hard copy to keep for revision.

Prices:
- Handwriting Books Prep – Yr 2 - $13.00ea
- Maths Books Prep – Year 6 - $19.00ea
- RE Workbooks Yrs 1-6 - $6.00ea

Chair Bag / Library Bags

- Year 5/6 students require a Chair Bag - it was missed from the Book List. Chairbags - green vinyl for $10.00 each.
- Library Bags (all Year Levels) - (waterproof) - $10.00

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Joe’s selling Watermelons!
Past student Joe Steffensen-Grant is off to India this Christmas with students from Kingaroy SHS on a Humanitarian Trip to work in disadvantaged areas. Joe is raising money for his adventure by selling watermelons.

This week he would like to offer them to the Coolabunia School community for the greatly reduced price of $4 each. The melons will be available in the school carpark

- TOMORROW (Tuesday) and
- Friday 19th at 2:30

Cool Koala says
Bus families – please let the school know if NOT travelling on any day.

Healthy-e-Screen 4 Kids - Hearing Screen Program
Permission Forms – OVERDUE.
If you would like your student to be involved in this Hearing Screen Program - Permission forms must be returned TOMORROW.

Student Contribution
Payment of the Student Contribution are now DUE – Please pay ASAP.

- Student Contributions - $20 ea for first 2 students and $10 each for each additional student per family.