Hello everyone,

Time flies when you are having fun 😊 Here we are at the end of Week 3, with Easter Eggs and hot cross buns already in the shops. At this rate the term will be gone before we know it.

- **REMININDER:** parades are on Mondays and swimming lessons continue on Thursdays. All welcome.

- A fire drill was conducted today, with all students acting swiftly and responsibly. Next week we will also practise our lock down procedures.

- District office staff have confirmed that Mrs Ilett can continue to work as a Booyal teacher on Thursdays until the end of Semester 1 (with a very high likelihood of extension). It is wonderful news for us all. 😊

- We are still waiting to hear how many teacher aide hours our school has been allocated. It is likely that we will also have a special needs teacher working at Booyal for a small amount of time. More details to follow.

- Since we are a much bigger school this year I went shopping on the weekend and purchased a larger portable tent that we can use on sports days, (much lighter to move around than our big hot-pink beauty!). Very exciting.

What’s the fastest drink in the world?
(Milk because it’s pasteurised before you see it 😊)
• **The big bosses**, Steve Case and Leon McKay, **will visit next Monday** morning. It will be great to touch base with them before the huge 2-day principals’ conference in Brisbane (the week after next). As many of you will know, every 2 years every school principal in Queensland participates in this conference. It is a massive affair; a very valuable training and information gathering experience.

• **Matheletics**: all students are subscribed to an online Maths program called Matheletics. It is an excellent teaching resource with not only lessons but also the chance to compete in maths races ‘live’ with other children across the world. This program can also be accessed from home computers. Your child’s password will be sent home on Monday.

• **Speechie**: Anita, the speech therapist will visit on Tuesday.

• **The Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs met again today** and discussed *The Purpose of Enterprise*. Students learnt that all successful businesses solve problems for people, before reflecting on their own passions and skills. We also brainstormed creative and free ways of advertising.

We are following the program set out by the Academy of Young Entrepreneurs (AYE) and are just at the stage of brainstorming ideas for the business that we will run together this term. Next term the children will break into small groups and operate their own micro-businesses using the same AYE program. The children are welcome to wear their Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneur t-shirts in middle session on Fridays, to help them get into the swing of things.

• **Sports notes**: I receive a large number of e-mails about sports training opportunities in Bundaberg/Gin Gin. If your child has an interest in a particular sport please let me know and I will forward any relevant information on to you.

• You may or may not be aware of a program called **Get Started** which aims to provide opportunities for children aged 5 - 18 who are least able to afford sports club membership, by providing them with a voucher for $150 which they can use to join a sports club. Please have a chat with me or Mrs Dyer if you would like more information.

**SELF MONITORING**

As part of our focus on improving reading comprehension the students have been learning the important skill of **self-monitoring**, which means that they double check that what they are reading actually makes sense. A child who is able to self-monitor will know when something is not making sense, they can identify what it is that they do not understand (word, sentence or paragraph) and can use strategies to correct the situation. We teach strategies in class to help all students self-monitor.
Display Table
Thanks to those families that contributed items. We had a blanket, blocks, black pen, tissues (because you blow your nose on them) and a blue book cover for “bl”. We also had two contributions for a - an Apple and alphabet pasta. Please remember that students can bring items along any day if you forget on Monday and everything will come home on Friday. It is great seeing the students check out what is on the table. Parents pop in any time before school to also check it out.

Next week is 's' for Preps and 'gr' for Year 1.

History
I hope parents of P/1/2 students received their History Notes on Wednesday. 'Thank you' in advance for helping us with that task and returning the sheets.

Special Projects
Did you know that on a Tuesday afternoon the P/1/2 students work on special projects? Currently we are working on a 'Big Book of Booyal School’. The idea of this is a book for the office that visitors and new people to our school can look at and get an overview/feel for our school. In Week 2 we jointly planned it. This week we marbled paper in school colours, the Yr 2 took some photos and we worked on the title page.

A big 'Thank You' to parents in the Junior for helping to assist their child return their homework folders daily.

Trivia: The collective noun for a group of frogs is an army, a colony or a knot!
Friday is our banking day.

PLEASE NOTE: Change to library borrowing days:
P-2: Fridays 3-7s: Thursdays

P&C NEWS

P&C meeting Tuesday, 17th February. Please help support all our children.

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Miss Fiona has a few second-hand shirts for sale from a past parent; $5 each.

3 x size 14
1 x size 8
1 small and 1 large adults

Children who often miss school struggle in class and do not reach their potential.

Gotcha Winners
Congratulations, Clinton and Peter-Craig

Students Of The Week:
What a great brother and sister team!
Congratulations Charlie and Mary 😊

Mrs Dyer's Class: Charlie for being such a responsible and hardworking student.

Mrs D.'s Class: Mary for consistently giving her best effort, producing some amazing work and always smiling!
Award Recipients
You can't get better than a bunch of happy Booyalians!
Well done team. 😊

AND FINALLY.....
What do you think every adult should learn to do?

Hayley: learn how to play
Jessica: learn not to stand too close when there is a fire
Peter-Craig: learn stuff like drawing and art stuff
Tiah: learn how to ride a bike
Charlie: learn how to be happy! 😊
Danica: learn not to swear and not to drink alcohol
Aliyah: learn to ride horses
Hamish: learn how to jump off stuff
Mason: learn how to ride a 4-wheeler
Danita: learn how to turn a hoola hoop on one arm
Leeroy: learn how to be naughty!
Cooper: learn how to ride a bike
Deklyn: learn how to run fast
Jayden: learn karate because they need a bit of exercise
Mary: they should learn how to drive and where places are
Clinton: learn that they have to stay with kids the whole time when they are cooking otherwise they mess up
Kaylah: learn how to stop smoking
Kees: learn how to ride a motorbike
Doc: learn how to look for stuff
Rachel: learn how to ride a horse
Leelyn: learn first aid
Jessica: learn what kids want and what kids do
Abigael: learn how to cook
Paul: absent
Mitchell: be able to count properly
Daniel: learn how to teach kids
Toby: learn how to boil eggs properly
Maddy: learn how to play kids' games
DIARY DATES

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Thanks, as always to all of our wonderful volunteers.
Have a lovely weekend
Dawn 😊

If you, or any of your friends or relations, would enjoy receiving The Waffle via e-mail each week please send me their details so that they can be added to the mailing list. My e-mail address is ddoli4@eq.edu.au

We always do our ‘Booyal Best’…….and nothing less! 😊

Something to make you smile……. 😊

A man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. The officer asked him where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I’m on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? Who’s giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."

And a word of advice……. 😊

If at first you don’t succeed, perhaps skydiving is not for you!

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