Hello Everyone,

What a busy and exciting day it has been at Booyal Central! We were delighted to welcome 8 new Prep students into our little school community, as well as four older children and their respective families. I hope that everyone will find their time with us rewarding and enjoyable.

I encourage all families, new and old, to grasp every opportunity to become involved in the wonderful activities and events that we & the P&C have planned this year. Classroom volunteers are always greatly appreciated. If you can spare any time to help, (even if only for a little while), please see Mrs Dyer or myself. We would really value your time and support. I am confident that you will find it a fun and rewarding experience too.

This is also a historic year for Education Queensland since it is the last time that Grade 7 will be offered in primary school. We congratulate our school leaders, Hannah Rush & Nathan Sanburg. Here’s hoping that they both have a memorable and successful time as they embark on their last year of primary schooling.

As always, ‘The Waffle’ will be sent home with the eldest child in the family each Friday afternoon. Please take some time to read it and keep up-to-date with the latest school information.

- We currently have 25 students enrolled, which means that we are entitled to a 0.5 teacher. I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Fiona Dyer is our second teacher, working mostly with the Prep-1 students, (Monday-Wednesday). Mrs Dyer is a highly experienced senior teacher and ex-school principal whom many of you already know. Look out for some wonderful art work which I am sure will be heading home from her class! Welcome aboard Mrs Dyer. 😊

- If another child enrols before next Friday we will be able to employ a full time teacher...here’s hoping! 😊
• Our 2014 Preps are: Mason Gray, Danita Horner, Brady Munn, Danica Scott, Charlie Vella, Hamish Vellacott, Stacey-May Welland and Taleah Zunker. What a lovely little group they are! (Stacey is absent from this photo).

• Today was also a very special occasion for Kaylah (Yr 3), Deklyn (Yr 1) & Madisyn (Yr 5) Loveday and Kees Paten (Yr 3) who joined us for the first time. We hope that they all enjoy their time at Booyal Central.
• The Booyal staffing for 2014 remains very similar to last year. We are delighted to welcome back Mr McGregor who will be working at Booyal on Wednesdays and alternate Fridays, (although this may change based on our Day 8 figures).

  **Teaching Principal:** Dawn Dolinski  
  **Second Teacher:** Mrs Fiona Dyer (Mon - Wed)  
  **Permanent Teacher Aides:** Mrs Marla Vaughan, Mrs Michelle Kovacs  
  **Contract or Part-Time Teacher Aides:** Mrs Bendell, Mrs Vellacott  
  **LOTE:** Mrs Cath Horner (1.5 hours over a Tuesday & Friday)  
  **Music:** Mr David Horner (Thursday)  
  **PE:** Mr Mark Pelusi (Thursday)  
  **Learning Support:** Mrs Linda Savage (alternate Fridays)  
  **Special Needs:** Mr McGregor (Wednesdays & alternate Fridays)  
  **Administrative Officer:** Ms Wendy Day (Thursdays & Fridays)  
  **Cleaner:** Mrs Nancy Warren  
  **Groundsman:** Mr Peter Vellacott  
  **Religion:** Mrs Elaine Turner (alternate Thursdays afternoons, starting late Term 1 for students in Yrs 1 – 7).

• Parades will continue to be held on Monday mornings. All welcome to join us.

Swimming will be held in first term this year, starting next Thursday for six weeks. The hour-long lesson will start at 12.30 pm. Mr Pelusi, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Kovacs and two instructors will attend each week. Permission letters will be sent home later this week. Parent helpers would be appreciated, either to get in the water or observe on the sidelines.

• In the interest of every child's safety please reverse park when dropping off and collecting students.

• School supervision will be provided from 8.30 a.m. Please ensure that children do not arrive before this time, unless prior arrangement has been made.

Hats provided free of cost and are to remain at school at all times.

• Learning starts promptly at 9 am. It is important that children arrive at school early enough to unpack their bags, hand in readers and do any jobs they need to.

• If your child is absent please advise us prior to 9 am. The answering machine is always on when office is unattended or, alternatively, please text me on 04 686 19795.
Homework resumes next week. There will be a slight change in format, with sentence writing eliminated. This will now be done in school time.

- Thursdays are library borrowing days.
- My office day is now on Thursdays.
- Thanks to Mr Vellacott and Mrs Warren for work they did over the holidays ensuring that the school and grounds looked neat and tidy for our return.
- A new interactive whiteboard, as well as a large standard whiteboard, will be installed in the library over the next couple of weeks.

**Student Of The Week:** The first recipients will be announced in next week’s Waffle.

**Gotcha Winners:** See this Friday’s Waffle for winners!

I hope that you are feeling as happy and positive about the new school year as we are. As always, please do not hesitate to have a chat with any staff member if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Educating your child is a team effort!

All the best,    Dawn