Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful start to the term it has been. Classes are operating smoothly and efficiently, with routines becoming more streamlined by the day.

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to offer a huge ‘Thank You’ to all of our wonderful volunteers. There are far too many to mention individually but I hope that you each realise how valuable your help is and how much we really appreciate your support. Thank you!

- As we start another week, it is lovely to welcome Abigail Hanson and her family to our school. Abigail is 10 years old. This brings our enrolment to 25 students.

- Day 8 figures were submitted last Thursday. Unfortunately we were slightly short of the number of students needed to secure a full time second teacher. Mr McGregor’s hours may also be affected. I will keep you informed.

- Despite the overcast weather, swimming was enjoyed by all. As always, the behaviour of all our students was impeccable.

As well as the Booyal staff and parent helpers, we have hired two swimming instructors from the pool. Swimming continues this week. Reminder: the swimming fee is $24 for the term, which can be paid on a weekly basis.

- School banking information will be sent home with this ‘Waffle’. Friday is banking day.

- Mrs Vellacott’s and Mrs Bendell’s rosters have changed slightly.
• Mrs Dyer will be away next week at the National Karate Championships. Good luck!!! Her replacement, Mrs Janis Ilett, will call into school this week to say "Hello" to the children and have a meeting with Mrs Dyer regarding the work that needs to be done.

• Uniforms: In order to maintain Booyal’s high standard there is a consistent approach to the standard of dress at school. Just a friendly reminder that fancy, colourful hair accessories are to be enjoyed after school and on weekends; they are not appropriate school uniform. School socks are black.

• Project Club application forms were sent home last week and are to be returned by this Thursday, 13th February. Students in Grades 5, 6 & 7 are encouraged to apply for a position. Speeches and voting will occur on Friday afternoon, straight after lunch. Parents are welcome to attend. Badges will be presented on parade, Monday 24th February.

• Friday is now library day.

• You may have heard about the ‘Great Results Guarantee’ in the media. Schools have been offered funds to on the guarantee that they will achieve literacy and numeracy benchmarks. We can apply for $5,000 which will be used to give children more opportunities to read to staff on an individual basis. We expect to receive this funding late in Term 1, although daily reading will restart today.

• Over the next fortnight we will be finalising the 2014 budget and Annual Improvement Plan, (A.I.P.). Every school is required to develop and submit an A.I.P. which outlines our school’s priorities for the year, as well as the strategies that will be used to achieve success.

• The first fire drill for the year was held last week. Congratulations to everyone on the calm and efficient way they behaved during this exercise. Well done!

• A golf coach will visit school four times this year. His first visit will be in the week of April 28th.

• Watch out for beautiful prep photo in the Isis Town & Country this Thursday. A photo will also be included in the News Mail’s annual feature of Preps and Year 12 students on Wednesday March 26th.

• There was great excitement in the P/1 class last week when a new interactive whiteboard was revealed. Children and staff are enjoying learning more about this wonderful learning tool. A large standard whiteboard was also installed today. The new classroom is looking terrific!

• I received an e-mail advising that the goodies we ordered from the Woolies ‘Earn & Learn’ program will be delivered any day now. 😊
• Thanks to Mrs Vaughan, the children’s computer passwords have been reset so everyone can access the technology again, including software such as Matheletics and Reading Eggs. Students are welcome to take their passwords home and use this software on their own computers too. Please see a staff member if you would like more information.

• We received some lovely informative Christmas posters from our sister-school friends at Abbey Road College in England. They are displayed in the classroom so feel free to drop in and have a look. The children also sent a lovely e-card wishing everyone a happy Australia Day.

Mr Paten kindly brought in an incredibly cute sugar glider to show the students.

Reminder: School supervision is only provided from 8.30 a.m. Please ensure that children do not arrive before this time, unless prior arrangement has been made. Due to insurance requirements, any children arriving before 8.30 a.m. will be asked to undertake quiet activities, (such as reading), sitting under the admin. building.

Achievement Awards: Congratulations to those students who achieved the next level in their times tables tests and/or sight words.

Gotcha Winners: Danita Horner & Paul Vella. Well done!
Student(s) Of The Week: (for last week)

Mrs Dyer’s Class:
All P/1s for the wonderful way that they have settled into the new year.

Mrs D.’s Class:
Kaylah Loveday, Kees Paten, Maddy Loveday for adjusting to their new school so well and trying their ‘Booyal Best’ from Day 1.

Note: ‘Students Of The Week’ who were announced at this morning’s parade will have their photos in Friday’s ‘Waffle.’

P&C NEWS

➢ The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 25th February, 3 pm at the school. The AGM will be followed by a regular meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Amongst other things, we will be discussing the formation of a school centenary subcommittee.

➢ Tuckshop: Friday 28th February. Order forms will be sent home closer to the date.

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What’s a polygon? (A dead parrot)

What do you call fifteen rabbits hopping backwards? (A receding hareline)

Here’s hoping for a wet week!

Kind regards, Dawn 😊