Hello Everyone,

It was a delight to see the smiling faces of our Preps in the Isis Town & Country yesterday. What a happy and energetic bunch they are! 😊

Here is the latest news from around school. It has been great to see everyone looking smart, in full school uniform and shirts tucked in. We might only be a small school but we can certainly be the smartest, in more ways than one!

Reminder: Students are released from class at 3 p.m. It is a duty of care that every parent is in the car park at this time to collect their child/ren, or has made alternative arrangements and informed a staff member. Understandably, there will be very occasional times when, for one reason or another, this is not possible. In these cases, please have the courtesy to phone school and let someone know.

The issue for school staff is when late pickups begin to happen regularly. When the incidence of late pick-ups is frequent it is considered a case of neglect.

In a small school staff members often have to travel to after-school meetings or have their own family commitments to attend to so need to leave school promptly. Thank you for being respectful and understanding of this requirement.

Due to insurance liability issues, the playground equipment is out of bounds after school hours, including during P&C meetings. Many of us remember how easily accidents can happen after last year’s incident during a P&C meeting.

Mrs Dyer recently provided us all with a wonderful introduction to karate. Dressed in her gi, (pronounced ‘gee’), and executing several self-defence moves she certainly looked ready and raring for the National Championships on the Gold Coast next week. Good luck, Mrs Dyer, have a wonderful time!

We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Ilett who will be teaching the P/1 class from Monday – Wednesday next week.
- I will be leaving at lunchtime on Tuesday, travelling to Caloundra for the Principals’ Business meeting, (PBM) the next day. This is one of seven PBMs that will be held around the state at which Education Queensland’s Director General will speak. In these changing times, it will be very interesting to hear his messages regarding the direction of education. Mrs Pam Turner will be my replacement.

- Good luck to those students who submitted applications for Project Club positions yesterday. Speeches and voting will be held this afternoon, (Friday), with badges presented on parade, Monday 24th February. It is lovely to hear the passion and pride that all the candidates have for their school. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful young people here. Results will be published in the next Waffle.

- **TABLE DISPLAY P/1 CLASSROOM:** Parents might have noticed that the children have a different display in their classroom each week. In Week 2 it was hats, in Week 3 a science table and next week it will be a ‘green table.’ We would like to ask each child in P/1 to bring along a green item for display on the table. If they bring it along on Monday they will take it home on Friday. Something non-precious would be appreciated.

  It was a beautiful day for swimming yesterday. A great time was had by all! There are four lessons remaining this term.

- **Prep Reminder:** If you have a child in prep, please ensure that there is a spare set of undies and shorts left in their bag, just in case of an accident.

  Book club due on Monday

  ![Banking Day is Friday](image)

  ![Library Day is Friday](image)

  **Camp** has been tentatively booked for Thursday and Friday of the second last week of Term 4, 4th-5th December. We will travel to Riverside Retreat for two full days of activities and an overnight stay.

  Mrs D’s class will also visit the Ekka this year, (August), which will involve an overnight stay in Brisbane and tours of some local attractions. The younger children will remain at school for a couple of fun-filled days. More details will follow.
Each week the students will tell you what they have been learning in class. This week the comments are from the two groups in Mrs D’s class, however Mrs Dyer’s class have also been working extremely hard and we will include their reflections in future Waffles.

I hope that the children actually do share some of the classroom happenings with you when they get home, however I wonder if you get any of these common responses.
How was school?..."Good." What did you learn/do today? ..."Not much"
“What was the best part? "Playtime/home-time."

Does any of that sound familiar? If you have a high school student you could probably replace any of those answers with a grunt or a shrug of the shoulders!

**ENGLISH: We learnt about:**
- nouns....capitals and full stops...speech marks...how to write faster
- direct and indirect speech...adverbial phrases...pronouns.....we read 'The Twits'..we are learning how authors use words to make us like characters and the plot of a story ..verbs.. ...persuasive strategies....spelling...

**MATHS: We learnt about:**
- how to answer questions in 10 seconds.....multiplying by 10 and 100...time...turnarounds... harder sums...what a (maths) sign means
- fractions...factors and decimals...shapes...patterns....how many days in a year and a leap year.. our times tables...rounding numbers.....the distributive law....the associative law...the cumulative law... tenths and hundredths..lowest common denominators....multiples...adding fractions....and much, much more! 😊

**HISTORY**
- Learning about Aborigines....families...different people...what sources of information are...what people did in the olden days....what can be different in families
- The gold rush....life in mining towns...the 1800s...continuity and change....how to ask historical questions

**SCIENCE:**
- Properties of materials...we made a tall tower...
- I am learning what temperature tomato plants need to grow....habitats and environments....how to design a fair test...we did a field study
"Thank you" to everyone who helped around school this week and also at swimming lessons. We really appreciate your time and effort!

Achievement Awards: Award winners for this week were published in the Waffle that was sent home on Monday

Gotcha Winners: Well done! Last week's Gotcha winners were also published in Monday's Waffle.

Student(s) Of The Week:

Mrs Dyer's Class:  
Danita Horner: for remaining on task in class and always doing her 'Booyal Best'

Mrs D.'s Class:  
Kaylah Loveday: for tackling all tasks in such a positive, enthusiastic manner

Congratulations, girls! 😊

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 are attached and are due back on 25th. We would love parents to help with tuck-shop this year so that a roster can be drawn up. It isn't a big job and never takes long. Please see Tanya, Desrae or Nancy if you are able to assist.

• AND FINALLY....."What is the most disgusting thing that you have ever eaten?"

Mason: rotten grapes: they taste like rotten cheese  
Danita: ants: they taste really hot. I once had some and had to drink lots and lots of water all night. I didn't stop until morning. I'm glad I didn't swallow them all because then I would be an ant murderer!  
Brady: rubbish..it's very yucky..the bad guys make me eat it!  
Danica: worms and a horrible lolly that tasted like a candy cane.  
Charlie: pumpkin: I really don't like it...ever.  
Hamish: bananas: they taste yucky
Taleah: I don't like sandwiches unless they are squashed
Deklyn: black liquorice
Cooper: peaches: the inside part is too orange
Leeroy: tomato: they taste like cabbage and I hate cabbage.
Mary: pumpkin and potato mashed together. I hate it!!
Clinton: the skin between the egg and the shell, it tastes yucky!
Doc: flies: they are gross and hairy. I ate one once and it felt weird going down.
Kees: cow meat: it is too chewy
Jessica: tomatoes - because of the seeds, their taste, their skin and the juice...horrible!
Kaylah: rissoles: because they are gross and have onions in. I don't really like onions.
Erin: an old egg. I didn’t like the yolk or the white bit around the outside...they were HORRIBLE!! Yuck! It felt yucky because it was actually from an old hen and should have been from a chick.
Khye: mashed pumpkin: it tastes lumpy and weird
Toby: mushrooms - they are so smelly and I always spit them out.
Abigail: fish: I like the battered and bread-crumbed fish but not the other slimy type, like sardines. I once drank rotten milk though and that was even worse!
Maddy: mushrooms: they have no taste but when you chew them they are all slimy and yucky.
Mitchell: medicine: the stuff you take when you’re sick. Even though it is supposed to taste like chocolate, but a bit stronger, it’s gross.
Paul: pumpkin: it’s yucky and makes your throat feel disgusting.
Nathan: dirt: that’s because it is dry and really dusty. It also has a few rocks in it most of the time that you can choke on...at least I did when I ate dirt.
Hannah: cow liver: it is disgusting and once made me almost vomit!
Mrs D: hot dogs!! 😊

**DIARY DATES**

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Here's hoping that you'll have an enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards,
Dawn

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