Hi Everyone,

It is always lovely to walk downstairs first thing in the morning to hear the cheery, enthusiastic greetings from the children and feel the positive buzz of activity, both in the classroom and around the playground. Booyal Central is definitely a great place to be! 😊

Thanks to Mrs Ilett for working with the P/1 class during Mrs Dyer's absence. Everything went very smoothly. The children particularly enjoyed making some cute little frogs. Mrs Ilett will return as acting principal when I head back to Muttaburra for a couple of weeks in June.

Mrs Dyer is keeping in touch during her time away. It sounds as though she is having a terrific time and is all ready for today's competition. We wish her well.

- The Principals' Business Meeting at Caloundra was a great opportunity to hear from the Director General and Assistant Directors, as well as to catch up and share ideas with other principals.

The Department leaders clearly explained Education Queensland’s goals and their expectations of every school regarding improvements in literacy and numeracy. Thankfully they realise that every situation is different so it sounds as though schools will eventually have more power to decide how funds will be spent so that they can best support their own students. The first example of this is the Great Results Guarantee funding that we will receive this term.

Swimming: it was lovely weather for a dip yesterday! 😊 There are three more lessons left.
• Staffing figures were released earlier this week. Since we do not have any students with disabilities enrolled Mr McGregor will no longer continue to work at Booyal for 3 days a fortnight. This is a real loss for us. All the best, Ian, and 'Thank You' for everything you have done around here. Unfortunately, our teacher aide hours were also reduced.

• Mrs Turner will return to teach RE on alternate Thursday afternoons, starting in Week 8.

• Project Club elections were held last Friday. Congratulations to Hannah Rush, (President), Mitchell Rush, (Secretary) and Paul Vella (Treasurer). It is a real privilege to be a school leader and I have no doubt that these three young people will excel. We are all very proud of them. An official presentation will be made during parade on Monday 24th February.

• WIN 10 IPADS: The NewsMail is running a competition where one school will win 10 Ipad. Tokens can be collected out of the newspaper each day and the school with the most per student wins. Please spread the word and drop off any tokens to school.

• Thanks to our Federal Member Of Parliament, Mr Keith Pitt, we now have a new Australian flag flying high. The previous one was looking very tatty looking indeed.

I was contacted by an organisation that wants to offer keyboard and guitar lessons after school. They provide the instruments and offer small group instruction. At this stage I have no further details but if the idea is of interest please let me know.

• TABLE DISPLAY P/1 CLASSROOM: Thank you to everyone who brought along something green for the display table. These items will be sent home this afternoon. Next week we will have an 'under the ocean' table. Boys and girls as asked to bring in any items that might be suitable for this table on Monday.

Banking Day is Friday       Library Day is Friday

"Thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time at school this week. Not only do we appreciate your help but it also sends an important message to the children that you believe their education is important.
Each week the students will tell you what they have been learning in class.

**ENGLISH: We learnt about:**

- how to write a new chapter of a book
- how to add lots of adjectives
- how to write using the ‘show, don’t tell’ strategy
- how to edit carefully
- how to write prepositional phrases
- how to make a Powerpoint on the computer

**MATHS: We learnt about:**

- pie graphs, dot plots, picture graphs and stem & leaf graphs
- we carried out surveys
- decimal numbers - what they mean and how to times them by 10s and hundreds
- how to work quickly ..in 10 seconds with Mrs Vaughan
- when you times whole numbers by 10 you just put a zero on the end and add two zeros when you multiply a whole number by 100
- how to ‘jump’ in maths to make doing sums easier - Mrs D is funny but it helps you remember stuff
- how to make patterns in fractions. It was tricky but I got there in the end!
- how to turn fractions into decimals
- I learnt how to do harder sums

**HISTORY:**

- Australia’s population trebled during the Gold Rush. It doubled over 2 years.
- We learnt what “Eureka” means
- The Chinese were the second largest group of migrants on the gold fields
- Mrs Vaughan gets tongue tied with Aboriginal words and it’s a bit funny! 😊
- We learnt about Burleigh Heads’ buildings and Aboriginals.

**SCIENCE:**

- We started our fair test tomato experiment, growing plants in different amounts of light.
- We learnt how to make a building.
- We learnt that paper degrades in the ground.
OTHER THINGS WE LEARNT:

- how to log onto computers quickly
- how to do a pencil dive in the pool
- how to make a pirate hat
- We did our special interest projects – we learn lots of information and it’s fun.
- how to make a frog
- how to fluently describe our houses in German
- In music we did exercises to help us use our imaginations.

Achievement Awards:

Well done Abigail, Erin, Khye & Nathan. Wonderful work!

Gotcha Winners:

Congratulations, Mitchell & Charlie

Student(s) Of The Week:
Mrs Dyer’s Class:
Charlie Vella: for excellent work on his sounds in the morning

Mrs D.’s Class:
Doc McLaren MacGregor: for his much improved attitude and work ethic in most classes.
Well done, boys! 😊

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.

**NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY**

*Hungry Dog* by Nora Bone  
*The Haunted House* by Hugo First  
*Swinging By The Trees* by Bab Boon  
*The Long Sleep* by Anna Sthetic  
*Lost In The Desert* by Diana Thirst  
*Pants Down* by Lucy Lastic

**AND FINALLY….. “What is your favourite TV. show?”**

- **Mason:** Max Steel  
- **Danita:** soccer  
- **Brady:** swimming  
- **Danica:** Peppa Pig  
- **Charlie:** Baba & The Adventures Of Baboo  
- **Hamish:** Peppa Pig  
- **Taleah:** Peppa Pig  
- **Deklyn:** Deadly 60  
- **Cooper:** Transformers  
- **Leeroy:** My Kitchen Rules  
- **Mary:** Arthur  
- **Clinton:** Scooby Doo  
- **Doc:** Dennis & Gnasher  
- **Kees:** Deadly 60  
- **Jessica:** Scooby Doo  
- **Kaylah:** Scooby Doo  
- **Erin:** Life With Boys  
- **Khye:** The Grudge Band  
- **Toby:** Scooby Doo  
- **Abigail:** My Kitchen Rules  
- **Maddy:** the tennis  
- **Mitchell:** Deadly 60  
- **Paul:** Transformers  
- **Nathan:** Camp Lake Bottom  
- **Hannah:** Victorious  
- **Mrs D:** The Bill 😊
## DIARY DATES

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It has been a great week.  
Have fun on the weekend!  

Kind regards,  
Dawn

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