Hello Everyone,

Yesterday it was very exciting to launch the first ever Booyal Central Facebook page. This will be a terrific way of keeping everyone up to date with school activities, as well as promoting all the great things that are happening around the place. Please take a moment to “Like” us on Facebook and share the link with your family and friends.

A permission form is attached to this Waffle. Please return it indicating whether or not you grant permission for your child’s photo to be posted on Facebook from time to time. Please see me if you have any questions or concerns.

On Monday everyone ‘mucked in’ and got busy during our annual Clean Up Australia activity. We all spent some time picking up rubbish around the grounds and car park. It was amazing how all the little bits of litter, (especially from outside the school), added up. We are certainly looking extra spick and span now!

Our final swimming lesson will be held next Thursday. Hopefully the weather doesn’t get any cooler before then. Many thanks to Mr Pelusi, Mrs Vaughan, Mrs Kovacs, our instructors, (Jocelyn and Adrian), as well as our wonderful parent helpers, (Mrs Gray and Mrs Zunker) for ensuring that everyone learnt lots and had a great time.
The first Project Club meeting for the year was held today. These are great opportunities for children to learn the valuable skill of meeting procedure, as well as organise enjoyable fundraising activities. Amongst other things, the children are planning a morale boosting activity to support those farmers affected by drought.

Mr Horner has provided some more information, (attached), regarding ‘Seussical.’

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.

I passionately believe that children benefit from learning about the wider world so every day in the 2 - 7 class we discuss the news and current affairs. Not only is this interesting and great for improving general knowledge but it is also a time when we encourage the students to form and justify their own points of view about various issues. The children are soaking up a great deal of information and appearing to really enjoy these sessions.

Each Friday I will attach a news quiz to the back of the Waffle which might be fun for your family to try. We will share the answers in class the following week.

TABLE DISPLAY P/1 CLASSROOM: The display table for next week will be ‘rainbow’. Children are asked to bring along any items related to rainbow.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

- P/1/2 children will need a 1.25 litre empty soft drink bottle (in any condition) for their art next Tuesday.

- Mrs Dyer needs an extra parent helper for next Tuesday’s art lesson, 11th March. Please see her if you can help out. The children will be colouring fabric cushions.

- In the mornings, on a Monday and Wednesday, the P/1 class needs a helper to assist with sight words. This helper will take students individually to hear their sight words using a number of different strategies - flash cards, jumping on their sight words, etc. Please let Mrs Dyer know if you could regularly assist on one or both of those mornings from 8.30-9.00 a.m.

- Art lessons are loads of fun. Just look at the incredibly colourful fish the children made last week.

Did you know that the target for Prep students is to know 100 sight words by the end of the year? Year 1 students are aiming for 200 sight words by the end of the year!
WIN 10 IPADS: The NewsMail is running a competition where one school will win 10 Ipads. 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.

Next week we will have some fun planting giant pumpkin seeds. Keep watching to see how well our pumpkins grow!

On 26th March, 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Mr Gary Monks and student representatives from the Isis District High School will be visiting Booyal to talk to our Grade 6 & 7 students about what to expect at high school next year. The group will also answer any questions the children may have. Parents are most welcome to come along to this session too.

Golf coaching dates have been confirmed:

1st May, 31st July, 23rd October & 24th November

Banking Day is Friday Library Day is Friday

'Tails' is the favourite playtime game at the moment. It is lovely to see students from all the different grades exercising and playing together so well.

The Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival will be held on 19th May at Givelda State School.

"Thank you" to our wonderful parent helpers this week.

You are all great!

P&C NEWS

The P&C A.G.M. will be held next Wednesday, 12th March, 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.
We received a lovely e-mail from our Adopt-A-Cop, Snr Constable Sharon, (part of which I have reprinted below):

Good morning Dawn, (& all my little Booyal Buddies),

Please accept my apologies for not getting in touch sooner. I have been on leave, after having surgery, and at the present time I am on light duties, which renders me “stuck” in the station.

It’s nice to see in the Weekly Waffle that everyone is doing so well, and trying very hard. Can you please pass on my congratulations to all of the award recipients. Hopefully I will be able to visit and present some awards soon.

I hope everyone has been practising the learning of their home addresses / phone numbers and parents’ details. I have some awards here for those who can recite these very important details!

I have a very full email “inbox” at the present time, but stopping and reading the Weekly Waffle makes me very proud to be the adopt-a-cop for Booyal Central.

Please let the children (& teachers) know that I have not forgotten them. I am very keen to come along at and visit any time you need me, but unfortunately, I’ve been out of action for the last 5 weeks.

I cannot wait to read the next edition of the Weekly Waffle.

Will talk soon
Kind regards
Sharon

Achievement Awards:

What a top effort Abigail, Erin, Jessica & Nathan!

Gotcha Winners:

Thumbs up to Clinton & Danica for winning the Gotcha draw last week.
Good on you both!

Student(s) Of The Week:

Mrs Dyer’s Class:
Taleah Zunker: for remembering to use her ‘big voice” when speaking in class. Well done!

Mrs D.’s Class:
Erin Sanburg: for epitomising the perfect Booyal student. Erin showed enthusiasm, drive and determination to master something that was initially very hard for her to do. Keep that ‘can do’ attitude going, Erin!
WHAT WE'VE LEARNT:

ENGLISH: We learnt about:
- the difference between 'your' and 'you’re'
- what the 'conflict' is in a story and how to think of some examples
- how to use our imaginations better - it’s fun!
- persuasive devices
- inferential comprehension
- we finished off our *Twit* chapters and learnt how to write stories

MATHS: We learnt about:
- how to work out the average of a group of numbers
- I learnt how to round numbers easier
- the 'hump diagram' helps us do change mm to kilometres and "stuff"
- the difference between chance and probability
- the knack of easily working out sums like $8 \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ or $15 \times 9$ (two ways)
- how to work out tricky percentages of any number

HISTORY: we learnt about
- The Eureka Stockade
- about Peter Lalor and that he was a well-respected man who became a famous politician after leading the miners during the Eureka Stockade
- that the Eureka Stockade was at Bakery Hill in Ballarat
- a gold licence cost 30 shillings and was checked twice a week

SCIENCE: we learnt that
- aluminium, copper and lead are metals
- about mould, fungi and bacteria
- how a tomato turned mouldy in a time lapse movie..YUCK!!
- most plants are salt intolerant
- how to make careful observations during experiments

OTHER:
- how to use the photocopier
- how to save people in the water
- how to tread water
- *Mrs D’s PPPP rule: preparation prevents poor performance*
- to save money by shutting the door when the air conditioners are on!
AND FINALLY....."What has made you laugh the most?"

Mason: seeing my little brother going face-first, hitting his head on the concrete all the time - it's really funny!
Danica: when Dad tickles me
Brady: when a clown is being silly
Danita: when Grandad tickles me
Charlie: someone sitting a pumpkin on their head
Hamish: Zac wrestling with me. We sometimes stare at each other for a long, long time and that's really funny.
Taleah: when Khye makes funny noises
Deklyn: when the girls go “AGHH!!” when they see a grasshopper in the car!
Cooper: Dad telling me jokes
Leeroy: a chook sitting on Clinton's shoulder
Mary: Dad cracking an egg on Paul's head, (he only does that when Mum's away in Brisbane though!)
Clinton: when Leeroy kept face-planting on the oval every time we did sport last year. He kept tripping over his own feet!
Doc: Funniest Home Videos
Kees: Mitchell trying to ride my bike ... he ALWAYS falls off it!
Jessica: when Dad's talking on the phone and being silly. He sometimes rings up the hardware shop and asks for a kilo of steak or pretends to be someone else.
Kaylah: in history Mrs Vaughan accidentally said 'Come-bummery' instead of Kombumerri.
Erin: my horse playing silly when Mum came in to feed him. He always ran around stupid-like. He also stole Nathan's football and chewed it - that was really funny as well.
Khye: Paul's jokes, like this one: Why did the ghost go to the party alone? Because he had no body to go with.
Toby: when Jazz (the dog) pretended to be dead
Abigael: on a DVD when a girl put her friend's head in mashed potato and everyone started to laugh
Maddy: when my brother jumps in the pool and does funny actions
Mitchell: in Ice Age 2 when the possums sit in a tree and have a secret that they reveal to the warthog. The secret is that, "We are very, VERY stupid!"
Paul: when Kees does the backstroke. When he pushes off the wall he always does a back flip - it's very funny!
Nathan: when I play video games on the WII and little Barbie dolls come to life. They look like puppets without strings that skip but don't do much really.
Hannah: when we go mustering and Dad hits a spider's web he starts screaming and slapping the horse. He says that spiders always have 'guns blazing' at him!
Mrs D: A Poet's' Breakfast at the Gympie Muster
**DIARY DATES**

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Pat and Mick drive into the scrapyard with a wagon full of cabbages. The man on the gate said, “What are you playing at lads? They’re cabbages!” Pat replied, “Well, my mam always said cabbages are full of iron.”

A man was driving down Railway Road in Booyal, when he spotted Mr Warren standing in the middle of the paddock. He pulled the car over to the side of the road and noticed that Pete was just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing.

The man got out of the car, walked all the way out to Mr Warren and asked him, "Ah excuse me mister, but what are you doing? Peter replied, “I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize.” “How?” asks the man, puzzled. “Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize . . . to people who are out standing in their field.” 😊

Wishing you all the best!
Dawn

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GIN GIN ATHLETICS SIGN ON
SUPA IGA at 8.30- 12.00
29th March. 1st week start 26th April. Tiny Tots- Under 17. We also offer senior athletics 18+
Tiny Tots must be 4. Tiny Tots $25. u6-u17 $75 Feel free to have 2 weeks trial at $3 a day.
For more information contact: Jackie Walker: 0429381936

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