G’day Everyone,

We are definitely on the home straight now….only three more weeks until the end of term. I know that the children are already really looking forward to the break.

We often talk about the acronym T.E.A.M. standing for ‘together everyone achieves more.’ It was wonderful to see so many parents come together for the P&C’s AGM and general meeting on Wednesday, all keen to work alongside the staff and students. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated parents who are willing to do ‘whatever it takes’ to help our children. Thank you all!

Congratulations to the re-elected committee:

President: Tanya Vellacott
Vice president: Jamie Rush
Secretary: Nancy Warren
Treasurer: Desrae Bendell

- Keep an eye out in the Isis Town & Country in the near future, there may be a story about Booyal Central’s involvement with the musical ‘Seussical.’

- I will be at a meeting in Bundy next Tuesday. We welcome Pam Turner back as the replacement teacher.

- Mrs Elaine Turner will return for RE lessons next week and on alternate Thursday afternoons. Students in grades 1 – 7 participate in these lessons.

- Mr Pelusi will be away at a first aid course next Thursday. I know the children will be disappointed but I promise they will still be able to enjoy some sport. 😊

- An excursion permission letter will be sent home next week. We will visit Childers and tour some historical locations on the last day of term. It will be a lovely way to start the holidays.
Swimming lessons have finished for this year, much to the children’s disappointment. As you can see in the photos, Clinton and Leeroy were extremely proud of their new goggles! 😊 A presentation was made to Jocelyn to thank her for being such a caring and enthusiastic instructor.

Everyone was so well behaved during the lessons each week that I have promised we will have a trip to the Anzac Pool in Bundaberg towards the end of last term. Apparently the pool has some incredibly fun-looking, large inflatable attractions (that the teachers will really enjoy playing on!).

The weekly news quiz (and answers) is attached for your interest and enjoyment.

We planted pumpkin seedlings which are capable of producing pumpkins weighing more than 340 kg. It will be interesting to see how our plants go and how much pumpkin soup we can enjoy over winter!

Mrs Warren attended first aid training yesterday.

In recognition of World Maths Day, which was on Wednesday, Hannah has a problem for you:

What is 42% of 7,564 x 37? (answer is on last page)

We held a ‘lock down’ practice on Monday. This is a safety procedure, a bit like a fire drill, which teaches the students how to behave if there is a threat, (such as a dangerous animal or aggressive individual), on the school grounds. All our students reacted calmly in record-fast time. Well done!

The children in Mrs Dyer’s class made some beautifully colourful cushion covers. Thank you to our parent helpers during this activity, we really appreciated the extra pairs of hands.

TABLE DISPLAY P/1 CLASSROOM: Wow… the rainbow table looked fabulous this week. What a wonderful collection of colourful items!
Towards end of term we will start talking to the children about our involvement in the Young Entrepreneurs Program (YEP).

We were very fortunate to receive a grant of $2,500 from St George Bank which will allow us to receive training to create a micro business. Any profits will be donated to Eve Branson's charity that provides educational opportunities for young girls in Marrakech, a very poor town in Morocco.

Along with being an enjoyable way to teach strategic thinking skills, this project will be an opportunity for the children to develop their self-confidence and team working ability. More details of our micro-business will follow. It’s going to be a beauty!

- Many thanks to Kim Ward, a local lady, for dropping off an interesting book she came across whilst helping a friend clean up.

'The Master of Ballantrae' by Robert Louis Stevenson looks very well worn and includes two signatures by John Gordon, one with 'Booyal State School, June 1927' written beneath and the other mentioning Jundah State School. It was initially thought that John had been a principal at both schools but our official records do not indicate this. I wonder who he was? No doubt we will unearth many more historical tit-bits in the lead up to the centenary in 2016.

- **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.

- 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.

- We had many parent helpers this week doing a range of weird and wonderful jobs. It is lovely to have you around the school and your assistance is very much appreciated. Thank you all.
Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on Wednesday.

The next tuck shop will be on Monday 31st March. Forms will be sent home soon.

We will be forming a centenary sub-committee at the next P&C meeting, (Tuesday 29th April). Please spread the word to anyone you think may be interested or let a committee member know.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned forms indicating that they are happy to sell raffle tickets. If you have not yet done so, please return this form on Monday. Books of Easter raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

As in previous years, we would be grateful if each family is able to donate an item or two to include in the Easter basket prize. Please leave any items in the office.

Achievement Awards

What a happy bunch they look! 😊

Danita, Jessica, Kayla, Cooper, Maddy.
Mitchell, Toby & Kees

Gotcha Winners

It was wonderful to see the Gotcha box overflowing last week.

Congratulations, Mitchell & Cooper
Student(s) Of The Week:
Mrs Dyer’s Class:
Hamish Vellacott: for writing his name extremely neatly

Mrs D.’s Class:
Mary Vella: for always working extremely hard and approaching every task in such a happy and positive manner.

WHAT WE’VE LEARNT:

ENGLISH: We learnt about:
- the meaning of knoll, inconspicuous and placid
- what an antechinus is (a small mouse-like rodent with hedgehog type bristles)
- how to make words that end in ‘o’ become plurals
- how to write a really good short paragraph properly
- all the rules for singular and plurals
- how to write short stories properly
- how to do neat writing
- alliterations

MATHS: We learnt about:
- how to understand information off graphs
- how to make a very neat graph
- different sorts of graphs like pie graphs, line graphs and column graphs
- how to convert decimals, fractions and percentages
- we did loads of real life word problems
- how to use the jump strategy and the split strategy to add numbers
- 10,000 square metres equals one hectare
- how to add and subtract fractions
- more about decimals
- how to work out patterns better
- how to work out 10%, 25%, 75% and other more tricky percentages
- how to work out the biggest fraction in a group
- how to do short division
- that we must read questions carefully
- 1cm = 10 mm

OTHER:
- how to do freestyle in the pool
- how to do a safety dive
- that to swim faster you have to go slow but make bigger and stronger movements
HISTORY: we learnt about
  - Governor LaTrobe’s actions and about different points of view
  - that Burleigh Heads is now a tourist attraction
  - dingoes and dolphins help Aboriginals to hunt
  - more about the Gold Rush and we started our assessment
  - what a stockade is, what ‘rebellion’ means and that troopers were policemen
  - about the past and present. We learnt about what old people used to do.
  - what ochre us and how to test it
  - we learnt about sound

SCIENCE: we learnt that
  - next week we will be inoculating agar plates it find out which location has the most bacteria.
  - we started our assessment which will involve designing an investigation to see the conditions that mould needs to grow on bread
  - about mould and yeast: the types and the conditions they need to grow
  - some mould and fungi do good things
  - about biodegradable things
  - experiments are fun!
  - lead can be poisonous
  - how to make a pipe blower

AND FINALLY....."What is your favourite movie and why?"

Mason: ‘Scooby Doo & The Loch Ness Monster’ because it’s so scary and I watch the scary stuff like vampires and that because I’m tough.
Danica: “Masta-gasta” (Madagascar) because it has my favourite animal in it and that’s a lion called Alex. He flipped a lot.
Brady: ‘Dinosaur Train’ because it has got Buddy, Tiny, Shiny and Don. It also has dinosaur fossils and even dinosaur footprints. I REALLY like dinosaurs.
Danita: ‘Mary Poppins’ because they have horses and that makes me happy because they all have different coloured faces.
Charlie: ‘Star Wars’ because it has got good people and the good people always win. The bad guys always lose.
Hamish: ‘Tarzan’ because it has tigers and Tarzan swings in the trees.
Taleah: ‘Peppa Pig’ because she goes on the swings
Deklyn: ‘Rango’ because he does weird stuff. He lied and shot a snake.
Cooper: ‘Buzz Light Year’ because Buzz is a space ranger and he can fly and saves people. I’d like to be like him.
Leeroy: ‘Scooby Doo 2’ because it’s funny when the animals are chasing them
Mary: ‘Strawberry Shortcake’ because I learn new things like not to go out by yourself camping in the dark. Always take an older person because they know more than littlies.

Clinton: ‘Cars’ because I like the Professor car. It is a car that can turn into a boat and shoot things out of its wheels. It’s pretty cool!

Doc: ‘Wild Hogs’ because Dugles is a snake and when he gets into the swimming spot it’s very funny

Kees: ‘Ice Age 4’ I like the two creatures because they are so dumb.

Jessica: ‘Jurassic Park 1 & 2’ because there are lots of dinosaurs on there like T-Rexes, Velocoraptors, Triceratops and one I can’t say very well 😊

Kaylah: ‘St. Trinians’ because the kids have to follow the rules.

Erin: ‘Return Of The Wolf’ because it’s interesting and all about wolves. It is a documentary.

Khye: ‘The Amazing Spiderman’ because Spiderman fights a giant lizard and it’s really exciting.

Toby: ‘Jurassic Park 3’ because in one part a person trips over a log and falls face first into the mud.

Abigail: * absent *

Maddy: ‘A Series Of Unfortunate Events’ because the main character, the man, thinks of a character and all this character does is sit in a chair and say weird things at different times.

Mitchell: ‘Dodgeball’ because if they don’t listen or if they sleep during the lesson they have wrenches thrown at their heads.

Paul: ‘Back To The Future’ because it takes you to different places. One man is very tough and picks on a person who takes him to different places.

Nathan: ‘Garfield 1’ because Garfield and Odie throw pillows over each other and dance.

Hannah: ‘Flicka 1, 2 & 3’ because these movies are about horses and full of adventure. They are also about friendship, trust and family.

Mrs D: ‘Lonesome Dove’.....that Gus McCrae is a lovable rogue with a great sense of humour, a wonderful outlook on life and a very kind heart 😊

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Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?
They're always a little too short.

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Why don't you iron four leaf clovers?
Because you don't want to press your luck.

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How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
He's Dublin over with laughter.

All the best 😊
Dawn

Answer to maths problem: 117,544.56

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.

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