Hello everyone,

I hope that you have all had a good week and survived the first cold snap of the year. The mornings might be cold but the days are just lovely. It has been great to see all the children arrive with warm clothing, even if they did not have to wear it all day. Being comfortable helps a student to learn and play well.

Photos were taken this week and should be returned within a fortnight. There were plenty of angelic smiles to melt the heart so the pictures should look great.

**REMINDER:** NAPLAN testing will occur for students in grades 3, 5 & 7 next (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday).

- **Tuck-shop was enjoyed** by the children on Monday. A big ‘Thank You’ to the P&C mums for organising this treat for us all.

- **Congratulations to Mrs Dyer** who won 2nd place in her karate competition and also received the Senior Spirit Award. What a great achievement and what a HUGE perpetual trophy she can keep for the year. 😊

- There was even more excitement in class when we opened a parcel full of pen-pal letters from students at our sister school, Aldford School, in England. The wonderful letters were personally addressed to those students who wrote late last year and were bursting with interesting news and lovely photos. There were plenty of snowy scenes and gorgeous English houses. Aldford is a semi-rural town very near the Roman city of Chester where there are still many of the black and white Tudor style buildings. Even those children in Mrs D’s class who were not here last year have a letter. The originals will be kept at school for the time being but photocopies are being sent home today.
• **May is ‘National Family Reading Month.’** Every student took home a Scholastic reading competition sheet earlier in the week. They are encouraged to fill in how many minutes they read for each night and enter the contest on-line at the end of the month. This may be done at school if the form is brought in. With book prizes worth over $250, it is certainly worth doing. You've got to be in it to win it!

• Thank you to everyone who returned their *Givelda Cross Country* tuck-shop orders. Today was the deadline so I will e-mail our school order on the weekend. A permission form containing all the details will be sent home on Monday. The first race is at 9.30 am. At this stage we are hoping to transport children in parent and staff vehicles.

• It was great to hear that several parents came along to the handwriting workshop on Monday. Thanks to Mrs Dyer for organising this. We will offer other short, after-school sessions on various topics throughout the year.

• Yesterday Mr Vellacott & Mr Pelusi marked out ball-game lines in the yard which will greatly help the children in their practice. Thanks to Mrs Vaughan for training the children so well every afternoon.

‘Happy Mother’s Day’

to all our mums.

Some lovely handmade gifts and cards will be taken home this afternoon. No peeking!

• **ADVANCE NOTICE:** Early on 14\textsuperscript{th}/15\textsuperscript{th} August the grade 2 - 7 students will travel to Brisbane. On Thursday we will visit the museum, Scienceworks and (if time) the art gallery, before exploring the **Ekka** on Friday. Accommodation will be in cabins at the Colonial Village in Carseldine and dinner is tentatively booked at the Hornets Football Club in Aspely. The club offers a good quality ‘proper’ meal, rather than fast food, at a very reasonable price. Please let me know if you object to this venue. I promise we will keep the children away from the bar and the pokies! 😊 At this stage I think that the cost will be between $50 and $60, although I will confirm a definite price next week.
TABLE DISPLAY P/1 CLASSROOM: The display table for next week is "v".

- Our "u" table was challenging but we ended up with a great display. The kids are really 'switching on' to it and the letter discussion is terrific. A very clever table addition this week was from Deklyn. He bought along a photo of him and his "uncle". We used "u" to also start discussions about vowels. Hence the v for next week and also because we will look at Vietnam (CWA’s 2014 country).

- Thanks in anticipation of all P/1 students bringing along their favourite book to school.

- I am convinced that the Booyal students are my biggest karate fans. They were so generous in their congratulations of my achievements from the weekend. I was lucky to win silver in kumite and the Senior Female Spirit Award. Parents you should be very proud of their kind words to me about this.

- Sight words are starting to sizzle in our classroom, with many of the children moving along with them. Daily practice is very important to keep up momentum and increasing recollection speed.

Mrs Kovacs has asked if P/1 students can please bring in an old hat that can get wet for their science lesson on Monday.

A big "Thank You" to all of our terrific parent helpers. We really value everything you do.

Banking and Library Day is Friday

P&C NEWS

Date CLAIMER: BOOYAL’s BIGGEST PARTY!!

Saturday 1st November

Music by Slyru….Bar….Food…Booze Bus….And Much, MUCH More!!
Achievement Awards

Fabulous work Erin and Maddy
You did your Booyal Best and nothing less!

Gotcha Winners
Congratulations, Danita and Mary 😊

Students Of The Week:
We are very proud of you, Danica and Mary!
Students Of The Week:

Mrs Dyer’s Class:
Danica Scott: for her great work with sounding words out when writing sentences

Mrs D.’s Class:
Mary Vella: for demonstrating incredible maths skills. We were astounded!

AND FINALLY.....
"If you could give your mum the one thing she would like most in the world, what would it be?"

Mason: a yellow turtle because she likes turtles and yellow things

Danita: a new ironing board

Brady: absent (but I bet it would be a dinosaur! 😊)

Danica: flowers...roses...orange and blue ones because she likes those colours

Charlie: sunflowers, because they are all different colours, like yellow and black, which would make her feel good

Hamish: toasted bread

Deklyn: red roses because every mum likes roses

Cooper: reddish, pinky flowers because Mum really likes to water flowers a lot

Leeroy: an aeroplane so that she wouldn’t need to drive the car

Mary: a better life where no one had to steal or do any jobs...they would just click their fingers and things would get done! Mum is always tidying up so she’d like that.

Clinton: kisses, hugs and flowers

Doc: a love heart with chocolate because I could show her that I love her

Kees: we would always give Mum help, like loading the dishwasher and cleaning up

Jessica: I’d like to give Mum the most ‘beautifulest’ flowers that I could find on the planet because she is beautiful, just like them

Kaylah: breakfast in bed (toast) so that Mum wouldn’t have to get up and walk around
Erin: a nice cup of tea so that Mum didn’t have to walk into the kitchen and make it

Toby: it would be to get Mum’s foot out of the cast because she has to hop everywhere and her crutches always fall over

Abigail: money so that she could have a treat and go on a holiday around Australia - she’d love to do that

Maddy: help for Mum to do jobs so that she’s not so tired and can rest her leg and broken ankle more

Mitchell: a brand new horse that does anything she wants because her old horse died when it got a screw in its hoof

Paul: for Sam to talk and do stuff

Nathan: for Erin and me to stop fighting

Hannah: a really good mustering and cattle working horse and to always be with her family

Mrs D: my dad

**DIARY DATES**

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Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it’s a good thing Mum does the grocery shopping!

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

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