Hello everyone,

Next week will be an extra special one on the Booyal calendar; a public holiday for Show Day on Monday, the EKKA trip later in the week, a special Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day for the littlies on Thursday and ……(drum roll please)…NO HOMEWORK for the Grade 2-7s!! 😊 Prep - Grade 1 homework continues as per usual though.

- **REMINDER:** We are legally only allowed to send children home with their parents/carers. If you have arranged for a friend or someone else in the family to collect your child/ren it is important that you let us know in advance. Thank you.

- **Mrs Illet (Thursday) and Mrs Savage (Friday) will be teaching the Prep-Grade 1s when we are away on camp. Mrs Kovacs will also be working full-time on those days.**

- We enjoyed a delicious tuckshop on Monday. Many thanks to our hardworking P&C, particularly Mrs Warren and her apprentice chef, Mr Warren.

- **Mr Steve Case (Assistant Regional Director) and Mr Leon McKay (Principal Advisor) visited on Tuesday.** They were both extremely pleased with the learning that is occurring at Booyal and supportive of the initiatives we have in place.
• Jessica and Hannah enthusiastically participated in the Commonwealth Bank Mathematics Competition yesterday. There were certainly some curly questions! Good luck girls.

Jessica was thrilled to receive a distinction award in the University Of New South Wales’ ICAS science competition. This award reflects Jess’ extremely high level of performance across all science strands and means that she is in the top 11% of students across Australia who sat the test. Hannah also tried extremely hard and was awarded a participation certificate. We are very proud of both young ladies.

• Since the Year 2-7 students will be away next Thursday and Friday, it seems only fair that the Prep/1s have a bit of fun too. Thursday will be ‘Teddy Bears’ Picnic Day’, where all activities and games will have a teddy bear theme. More details will be sent home on Tuesday. Students are encouraged to bring their favourite furry friend to school to be part of the fun. Grown-ups are most welcome too! 😊

• Unfortunately, due to illness, Paul was not able to compete in the Bundaberg Athletics Carnival today.

• Anita, the speech therapist, visited on Tuesday. We are fortunate to have access to allied health professionals and specialist teachers.

• Mr Pelusi was away at an athletics carnival this week but Mrs Vaughan stepped in to save the day so nobody missed out on PE. Soccer has been the sport of choice recently. Lots of fun!

Banking and Library Day is Friday
Please check that your child has their book(s) ready to exchange on Fridays.

Thanks
Thank you to everyone who has helped with learning this week, both in and out of the classroom. I know that many parents devote a great deal of time and effort teaching and supporting their child/ren at home. The value of this work is priceless and directly benefits the children.
The P/1 students have started doing some timed mental computations. This week Prep worked on 'Count on 1' and will extend with 'Count on 2' next week. Year 1 students are working on Count on and back 1,2&3 and Doubles, 1-10.

The P/1/2 students were very lucky to have Mr Vellacott visit again for some storytelling on Monday afternoon. An ocean tale and a poem about a fencer who found himself in a fencing competition (but the wrong type of fencing) again had the children listening intently.

Drama work on a Tuesday is going along well. Across the three lessons we have done some mime, looked at using our whole body when acting and participated in individual, paired and team games. Working in this way has allowed the skills and confidences of students to grow and, in others, to shine brightly.

A big thank you to Ms Clare, Mrs Munn and Mrs Horner who continue to be helpers in our room this term. Mrs Horner tackles sight words on a Tuesday morning before school. Mrs Munn spends Tuesday middle session with us helping with Maths and Mrs Clare helps all day on a Friday with anything that is happening. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

I hope that the observations for the weather charts are going well. For Science with the Preps on Wednesday we had a discussion about clouds and this included conducting a little experiment to make rain. If only we could do it on a large scale.

Parent/teacher interviews were a great chance to have discussions about each student. I enjoyed the commitment of so many parents to the team approach (home and school) to improving learning outcomes for their children.

Have a great long weekend,

Mrs Dyer

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ERIN’s JOKE:

Q: What happens if a kangaroo jumps into your rice bubbles cereal?
A: You get snap, crackle and hop!

Animal loving Erin also wanted to share a poem that she had written in her spare time (attached). It is wonderful when students are motivated to keep writing, and enjoy writing, outside school hours. Well done, Erin.
**Student(s) Of The Week**

**Mrs Dyer’s Class:** All the Preps who went to their first athletics carnival. Everyone’s behaviour and effort was admirable. What great little athletes and fantastic little sportsmen/women we have in Booyal.

**Mrs D’s Class:** Clinton for working so hard to turn what was quite messy writing into beautifully formed letters. It is obvious that Clinton takes great pride in the presentation of his bookwork.

**Achievement Awards**

It was a pleasure to hand out so many certificates this week.

An outstanding effort everyone! 😊

**Gotcha Winners**

Good on you Cooper and Mary!
AND FINALLY.....

"What is something about adults that drives you CRAZY!!"

Danita: it’s when they brush their teeth and they put too much toothpaste on the brush - their tongue goes all blue and “stuff”

Mason: absent

Brady: when they act silly it drives me crazy because they’re wasting their time and they really don’t hear your problem - like when you hear a noise in your bedroom and you’re trying to tell them

Danica: they drive you crazy when they chase you around the paddock

Aliyah: when they don’t drive you to school when you want to come

Charlie: when they let some people play on the IPad longer than others who get to play on it “shorter”

Hamish: when I’m playing sometimes and big people don’t let me have a good go

Deklyn: it’s when you’re in a shop and they say that they’ll get you something but when you walk out and look there’s nothing in the trolley

Cooper: it’s when they jump on the tramp; I think they might put a hole in it

Leeroy: when they tell you jokes - they are all so silly and you already know the answer... to all of them!

Mary: it’s when dads keeps talking for AGES!! ...or when fathers pick you up and throw you into the pool when you haven’t even got wet yet

Clinton: when they drive all over the road, especially dirt roads. I just don’t get it!

Jayden: it’s when teachers keep saying, “Get back to work, Jayden!”

Doc: it’s when they are on Skype and you just have to sit there at the computer for 10 or 20 minutes. By the time they are finished your favourite show is over or you only get to see a few minutes of it.

Kees: when they count back from ten on one hand and when they get to the last finger they say “Six”....but they only have 5 fingers

Jessica: when their friends come over they try to keep up with how many drinks they have. Not only that, but sometimes when adults say they are going to leave in 5 minutes they don’t, so you get in the car and wait for ages....but as soon as you hop out they say “Get back in that car, we’re going now!” When grown ups say, “I’ll just be a minute,” they don’t really mean it!

(The comment above was the most commonly shared complaint from Booyal kids!) 😊
Kaylah: they always stay on the phone for too long!

Erin: When they swear.....I don’t like it! Sometimes they also share embarrassing stories about what you do...and they shouldn’t.

Toby: it's when I'm driving with Dad and he swerves all over the dirt road. Sometimes he tries hitting puddles in the rain. I feel sick.

Abigael: absent

Maddy: Even though there is always advertisements about how smoking kills and the price keeps going up, lots of adults always keep smoking.

Mitchell: it's when they talk so much that it sounds like gibberish and you don’t really know what they are on about. They keep going on and on and on and even then it still doesn’t make sense.

Paul: absent

Nathan: they always talk for a VERY, VERY long time. We once went to somewhere at midday and we didn’t leave until midnight. I was exhausted.

Hannah: when they are trying to work out how many litres is in a tank using a formula with 1 ml - it’s very confusing. It does my head in!

Mrs D: some people’s lack of positively, appreciation and enthusiasm for life!

**DIARY DATES**

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**STAFF PROFILE** - Mrs Kovacs

by Mary Vella (Yr 2)

Mrs Kovacs is such a kind lady. She works really, really hard.

I enjoy working with Mrs Kovacs. In life she never gives up. She is one of the best. Mrs Kovacs’ long blonde hair is pretty. She wears glasses when she reads.

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

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