G’day everyone,

Things are a bit chaotic here this morning with two staff away, so it will be a bare-bones newsletter this week.

Camp and the Teddy Bears’ Picnic were both wonderful experiences for our students. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with the children, especially since their behaviour was second to none. It is lovely to have fun activities but know that they are valuable learning experiences too.

A big “Thank You” to parents for ensuring that their child/ren had all the necessary items packed, as well as for some delicious home-bake. There were some left-over cakes etc. that everyone enjoyed throughout this week. The grade 2–7 students are writing about their camp experiences so a booklet will be sent home next week. A collection of camp and teddy bears’ picnic photos will also be sent home on Monday.

- **Warning**: apparently school camps can be dangerous for your health! Mrs Vaughan has been away crook since we returned. On Thursday Mr Pelusi had to stay home and Mrs Kovacs was absent due to illness today. Thanks to Mrs Bendell for teacher-aiding this week and Mrs Daysh and Mrs Turner for being replacement teachers.

- **I will be away at the Muster next Thursday, Friday and Monday** – looking forward to having a crack at the Poets’ Brawl again. Janis Ilett will be the replacement teacher. Please contact Janis or another staff member if there is an issue.
• Several students are not completing their nightly reading homework and several more are not getting their reading logs signed. We will be carefully checking each log every morning and asking those children who do not have them signed to read during some of their playtime. I am sure that they would be rather running around with their friends.

It is interesting that the children who do not read each night are often the ones who perform lower on their reading tests. Practice is the key. Reading is the most vital of skills since it enables students to perform better in all the other subjects.

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

Many thanks to everyone who has helped around school recently.

**NEWS FROM P/1**

• The students in P/1/2 are each a character from the 'Three Little Pigs'. It would be great if they could bring along a shirt to wear as part of their costume next Tuesday.

On Tuesday we will be making some extras to go with their costumes, like pig and wolf ears, curlers for the mothers and bow ties for the narrators. A brown or dark shirt for the wolves, pink or cream or even brown for the pigs, a white shirt for the narrator and a shirt and skirt for the mothers. Doesn’t need to be flash just something from the cupboard at home.....essentially we are not fussy. We are beginning actors and some costuming will make us feel like true actors!

On Wednesday we will be performing for the older students.

• A huge congratulations to Danita Horner who has now completed her first 200 sight words. This a wonderful achievement for a Prep student. Thumbs up!

• Cooper and Danita are now working on their Extension Sightwords. Good luck to both of them.
At Parent/Teacher interviews I mentioned to some parents about their child having a tardy pencil grip. I have been in touch with an Occupational Therapist in Bundaberg to source some pencil grips. She has told me that pencil grips will help but the underlying cause is hand strength and dexterity. She said it also has to do with core strength as well. On a Friday, Mrs D has been doing some Finger Gym activities with the students but I wanted to flag to parents about this because there are opportunities at home that will come up to assist your child also. Get them opening tins with a tin opener, using keys in padlocks, kneading dough for pizza bases, helping peg clothes on the line etc.

It is that time of year where parents need to be very diligent with the completion of sightwords and reading. We essentially only have 14 weeks of school left. The end of the year will be here before we can blink. Please help us by really putting in an effort with these tasks at home on a nightly basis. Life is busy but making time for this is really important. The time out now will reap rewards later on. What was the quote on the school sign this week - 'Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.'

Our school reading groups are coming along well. Ask your child what 'whisper reading' is. They might demonstrate it to you. We use this strategy as part of our Guided Reading group - every child reading aloud but individually.

Thanks to Brady and his family for bringing in oranges to share with the P/1 students this week.

Well done to the 1/2 students for their creation of thank you certificates for our 'Monday Arvo Drive' - history excursion. I dropped Mr Wendt’s up to him and he was most impressed that the kids had typed it up etc.

Are all our Dads peanut allergy free? If we have anyone with an allergy please let me know. It is that time of year where we will start working on a special surprise for someone important.

Mrs Kovacs has been working with the Year 1/2 students in Science. On Wednesday, Mrs Kovacs brought in a bag of goodies from home and then collected items from all around the school. The students were working on challenges exploring different materials. In one of them they chose one material and could not use sticky tape, glue or scissors and had to use the material and make something to hold water. Thanks Mrs Kovacs for your extra efforts, it was wonderful hands-on learning made so much better by your efforts to source everything so the students had choices. Piles in the P/1 classroom often look like junk but in fact are teaching resources.

Kind regards
Mrs Dyer
The Grade 1-2 students have been learning to use scientific language to describe materials and observable properties.

They are learning to describe the actions they use when making physical changes to a material to make an object for a specific purpose.

Students are learning to recognise that the properties of a material affect the physical changes that can be made and the purpose for using a particular material in their everyday lives.

Michelle Kovacs
Teacher-Aide

Student(s) Of The Week

Due to last week being a very short week, no ‘Students Of The Week’ were announced.

Achievement Awards

What a lovely sight...so many award recipients.

😊 We are very proud of you all! 😊

Gotcha Winners

Good on you Brady and Kaylah
I hope you enjoyed your prizes!
Ms Day, the school's office lady, is a very efficient woman. Her help is appreciated and the school runs well because of her. She comes into the classroom once in a while to get things or to photocopy.

She has brown hair that is always tied up in a bun.

AND FINALLY.....

"Tell me something special about camp or the teddy bears' picnic."

Danita: We had jelly cups and we cut out little teddies; the teachers hid them and we had to look for them.

Mason: We had to go on a bear hunt and had a yummy picnic.

Brady: My teddy's name was Bear Love.

Danica: The teddy bears' picnic was fun. I had yummy food like honey sandwiches and cup-cakes.

Aliyah: We had jelly and we played with our teddy bears,

Charlie: absent

Hamish: We had a picnic and we played games, like a bear hunt.

Deklyn: I played on the scooter boards.

Cooper: In the morning when Mrs Kovacs did the roll she asked if we were there and also asked if our teddy bear was there. Mine said, "Woof, woof," because it was a dog called Freckles.

Leeroy: We had soft drink and played soccer.

Mary: absent

Clinton: For dinner on camp I had a beef burger and it was delicious.
Jayden: Mr Pelusi grabbed a set of red undies on camp and I thought they were mine but then Toby read them and found out that they were actually his.

Doc: I didn't go on camp. I stayed home and watched movies on Thursday and Friday and played with the dogs instead.

Kees: When I woke up in the cabin, Paul and Toby were laughing on the lounge and I heard Mr Pelusi singing in the shower.

Jessica: We went to the show bag pavilion at the EKKA. I got a show bag that had lots of lollies that were sour and sweet.

Kaylah: We heard Mrs Vaughan snoring! It was very funny.

Erin: When we got into the cabins Kaylah tried to squeeze into the bottom bunk and she bumped her head.

Toby: Paul and I sat on the couch listening to Mr Pelusi singing in the shower. We were laughing our heads off.

Abigael: The strawberry sundaes were delicious; they had strawberries all the way through.

Maddy: My favourite part of camp was holding a baby lamb on my lap in the animal nursery.

Mitchell: When Jess and I were on the dodgems I kept dodging cars but Jess told me to try to bump into them.

Paul: absent

Nathan: I played a game with Clinton called memory - he won by the way, but he had one minute's head-start.

Hannah: Maddy and I scared Mrs D a thousand and one times by jumping out of bushes and scaring her when she came out of the shower!

Mrs D: We were incredibly proud of all the children - they were an absolute delight to take away. Well done, everyone! 😊

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I hope that the rain is raising tank and dam levels, as well as everyone’s spirit!

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