Hi everyone,

This week has passed in a blur of activity; plenty of learning in class, some assessment, an excursion and even some special visitors.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters our school has to complete a Quadrennial School Review this term. Some surveys were sent home earlier this week, (along with a bit of bribery attached! 😊), so please take a few moments to share your opinions and ideas with us. It is quite exciting to think about what is working well at Booyal and what we could possibly improve or introduce in the future.

- Life Ed: everyone enjoyed visiting the Life Ed Van on Monday. The P/3s learnt about healthy eating and safety choices, whilst the Year 4-7s discovered more about the dangers of smoking. They were both very informative and interactive sessions that were of value to the children. A big “Thank You’ to Aunty Linda and Mrs Paten for volunteering to drive the students.
S.E.A.T.: Yesterday Wayne Leo (OMA), a representative from the Spinal Education Awareness Team, met with students. After a very active life, Wayne became a paraplegic as the result of a hit and run accident. His first-hand account of the way this affected his life, along with hints on how to avoid spinal injuries, were very powerful.

- **Student Free Day:** Staff will be at school taking part in professional development activities and preparing for the audits. I will also travel to Bundaberg to be part of a meeting with John-Paul Langbroek, Minister For Education.

- **School camp:** Thanks to a generous donation from the P&C and a large subsidy from the school budget, the cost of camp can be confirmed: $55. Permission forms will be sent home in Week 4.

  All students will visit Riverside Retreat, Bundaberg (2 days, 1 night) on Thursday/Friday of the second last week of term. This is an outdoors, team building and physical activity camp. The program looks fantastic!

  Congratulations to Jessica, Hannah and Erin on their latest Australian Maths Competition and University Of New South Wales maths and comprehension results. Very impressive!

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Dear Parents,

Where have the two weeks gone? There is always much happening in our classroom but I wanted to tell you of two recent ventures - Prep students are now ruling margins and trying to learn how to spell the “Days of the Week” and numbers in words (1-10). Any random quizzes at home would be much appreciated.

Homework for the Preps has been extended again for this term with the students having an English sheet instead of the written work in their book. Thanks in advance to parents/guardians for assisting Preps with some of the reading with these tasks and giving them guidance to complete their work.

A lot of Prep work is about exposure and giving things a go. Your support and encouragement will stand them in good stead for when they need to tackle tasks of a similar nature independently.

I hope to see some Booyal parents or community members at the Small Schools Sewing Bee for Seussical next Friday at Cordalba State School from 9.30am. Remember to bring along your machine, scissors and extension cord. Morning tea is provided and if you are able to stay a fair while please remember to bring along your own lunch. “Seussical” will be as good as we make it!!!! Just as it takes a whole community to educate a child, it takes a whole school community of people assisting/supporting in various ways to put on a musical.

As you are reading this newsletter, I will be on my way back from a curriculum conference that I attended Thursday and Friday at the Sunshine Coast. I had to miss karate training to attend, so I am very hopeful that I will come back with some fresh ideas /ways of thinking that I can use at both Booyal and Cordalba Schools.

Have a good weekend everyone...see you Tuesday.

Mrs Dyer

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

A big “Thank You’ to everyone who has helped us this week!
Student(s) Of The Week

😊 We are very proud of you both. 😊

Mrs Dyer's class: Danita Horner for being such a dedicated student, even when times are tough. Danita is a wonderful role model.

Mrs D.’s class: Paul Vella for always being so positive and enthusiastic in class. Paul listens carefully and continually strives for self-improvement.

Gotcha Winners

The GOTCHA box was topped up with goodies over the holidays.

Congratulations Deklyn and Mitchell

Achievement Awards

Lots more awards to proudly take home. Well done!
“What is the biggest problem you have at the moment?”

Danita: My problem at school today was that I didn’t bring by homework. I did remember some of the words but not all of them for Mrs Vaughan.

Mason: My brother breaking my things.

Brady: absent

Danica: absent

Aliyah: Grandad yells at me when I ignore him and I’m naughty.

Charlie: Paul play fighting with me all the time.

Hamish: absent

Deklyn: My sisters are my problem - they are annoying sometimes.

Cooper: absent

Leeroy: Dad keeps smoking.

Mary: Paul is my problem because he always makes every game we play a fighting game, just to challenge me. It’s because he knows that I am a very good fighter. Sometimes I really do win too! He also takes my pacers.

Clinton: Jessica and Leeroy keep breaking my toys. I also have another problem; I need someone to fix my motorbike and change the battery.

Jayden: Dad is over in Western Australia...and school is a problem too.

Doc: My sister always bugs me by knocking on my bedroom door when I am watching T.V. in my bedroom. She gets angry and jumps on my back.

Kees: My sister is VERY annoying because she messes up my room and takes stuff out when I’m away.

Jessica: Having to put up with my brothers is my problem. They always annoy me when I’m trying to have some private and quiet time. They burst into my room and play with all my stuff.

Kaylah: My biggest problem is worrying that I won’t get my morning sentence right the first time.

Erin: Nathan; he always dobs on me and annoys me by ruining my games.

Toby: Our sheep baa loudly ALL day and it’s REALLY annoying!

Abigail: My little brother is a problem - he’s sick at the moment.
Maddy: Remembering to bring my glasses to school every day is always a bit of a problem.

Mitchell: I am still waiting for a motorbike! Someone could buy me a nice one and solve my problem though. Ha ha 😊

Paul: My problem is having to do jobs all the time; there’s the dishes to do every night, the chook and all those ‘just around the house’ sort of jobs.

Nathan: That’s easy! My biggest problem is having to put up with Erin because she always messes up my room.

Hannah: Trying to keep my horse’s hair thin so that she doesn’t have a woolly coat all of the time. Also working out how to teach my dog how to roll over is a real problem.

Mrs D.: It’s the same old problem of there never seem to being enough hours in the day! 😊

**DIARY DATES**

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Wife: “There’s trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor.”
Husband: “Water in the carburettor? That’s ridiculous.”
Wife: “I tell you the car has water in the carburettor.”
Husband: “You don’t even know what a carburettor is. Where’s the car?”
Wife: “In the swimming pool.”

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All the best, Dawn 😊

**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