G’day everyone,

What a terrific way to end the term, such lovely rain! 😊 Thankfully the skies were clear for most of camp & a great time was had by all. It was certainly a camp that exercised the mind and the body; very enjoyable & worthwhile. Many thanks to P&C for providing such a generous subsidy so that the cost to parents was minimised.

This is the final Waffle for the year. A big ‘Thank You’ for all the support and encouragement you have offered to the students and staff throughout the year; it has been greatly appreciated and helped make our school so special. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that all our staff, (teaching and otherwise), have made to each child’s education and wellbeing this year, as well as Aunty Linda who has donated a day of her time a week in class. So many parents have also helped in so many other ways too. I am very fortunate to work with such talented, dedicated, caring and supportive colleagues. Thank you all! 😊
Farewell

Congratulations to Hannah and Nathan for completing their primary schooling. Last week both students participated in a transition program at Isis High which they thoroughly enjoyed. It is with pride that we congratulate both students on their wonderful achievements, (academically & otherwise), and we acknowledge the valuable contribution that they have made to Booyal Central. Both Hannah and Nathan have left a very positive legacy here and will be remembered with fondness.

We also farewell Erin and wish her lots of luck as she transfers to St Joseph’s next year. In the past the Sanburg family have been active supporters of our school, particularly through Kirsty’s involvement in P&C. On behalf of us all, “Thank You.”

Welcome

Yesterday Hayley and Jessica had their first taste of primary school by joining us for a prep induction morning. Lots of fun was had in Mrs Dyer’s room making friends, learning routines and participating in some ‘Hungry Caterpillar’ activities.
Our predicted enrolment for next year is 26. On this basis we are entitled to a full-time teacher, whose time will hopefully be covered by Mrs Dyer (4 days/week) and another teacher. A P/2 classroom will operate in the library and a 3/6 in Mrs D’s room. Staffing arrangements will be based on Day 8 numbers and will have to be confirmed by district office, however at this time everything is looking good. 😊

Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Kovacs will work across both classes. Music will continue to be on a Thursday. LOTE will be offered to students in grades 5 & 6. However there has been a change to the PE circuit. Mr Pelusi is now unable to service Booyal, our health/PE lessons will be provided by Mr Paul Green who is based at Burnett Heads State School. Mr P will be here tomorrow, (instead of Thursday), so we will thank and farewell him with a special morning tea. You are most welcome to join us at 11 a.m. Mark has been a fabulously talented and well-loved part of our teaching team who will be greatly missed; the relationship he has formed with the children is very special to see; everyone holds him in the highest regard. It is possible that, if circuits change in the future, Mark will be able to return. In the meantime, we warmly welcome Mr Green, who comes very highly recommended. Welcome aboard, Paul! 😊

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as next year’s school leaders. They will be formally inducted during the Graduation Ceremony.

School captain: Paul Vella
Sports captain: Mitchell Rush

Project Club

President: Toby Bendell
Secretary: Abigail Hanson
Treasurer: Mitchell Rush
• **Q.S.R.:** Last week I had a very positive meeting with the ‘big bosses’ (Steve Case & Leon McKay) during which we discussed our Quadrennial School Review, before Steve approved it. Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas and feedback as part of this planning process. The Q.S.R. is a very important document. Steve praised the process we used, the achievements we made and the strategies that we have decided to roll out over the next four years to ensure that Booyal remains such a nurturing and high performing school. *He had some incredible news about Booyal.....ask me!* 😊😊 We all deserve to feel very, very proud!! 😊

**DROUGHT PROJECT**

The children have worked hard making special gifts to raise the spirits of many drought-stricken graziers in Western Queensland. Special ‘Rain Dear’ plates were painted and beautifully wrapped. Just before Christmas over 40 graziers will find a surprise letter, photo and gift in their mailbox which will thank them for farming and hopefully brighten their day during these particularly tough times. I think you’ll agree that the plates look beautiful.

• **Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Kovacs have been away** for part of this week. They will both join us later in the week.

• Members of the Red Cross Disaster team visited today and presented two informative disaster preparedness sessions, as well as recorded a promotional video clip that involved many of our children for Land Rover, their sponsor. It will be exciting to see the finished product next year.

• **Mrs Turner returned for the final. RE session** of the year today. Mrs Turner has enthusiastically donated her time to teach the students religion for many years and, for that, we thank her.

• **Mr Pelusi’s PE lesson will be on Wednesday,** instead of Thursday.

• **CONCERT PERFORMANCE:** Part of this year’s concert will involve all of the students in Grades P-7 being dressed as cowboys/cowgirls. Jeans, shirt, boots, hat, gun and any other cowboy related gear will help them look the part. Whatever they have is fine – so please do not stress over costumes. The ‘Lightning Larry’ show is mostly for the students in years 2-7; P/1s are just making a cute, cameo appearance. 😊 The lower grade’s main act is the ‘Deadly Drummers.’
• **PICNIC DAY** is always a special day on our school calendar and a very special way to celebrate the end of a busy year. All parents and extended family are encouraged to come along to be part of the fun and welcome new families.

- Activities start at 8.30 a.m.
- School uniform should be worn
- Adopt-A-Cap Sharon will be here: explore the police car and participate in a bike safety session (see above)
- Old McDonald’s Farm
- Jumping Castle (thanks to P&C)
- Face Painting
- Craft and games
- Be spoilt by your child/ren at a special ‘Parent’s Pampering Parlour’
- Special morning tea and BBQ lunch provided by the P&C

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All library books are due back now. Please double check that your child’s books have been returned. Mrs Vaughan will be double checking the list when she returns tomorrow and we will advise you if there are any books that still need to be located. Thank you! 😊

P&C NEWS

**REMINDER:** Please return raffle tickets by Thursday (11th December). If needed, more books can be collected from Desrae.

Some Picnic Day forms have still not been returned. In order to cater properly we need these (or a note) sent back to school telling us how many children and adults from your family will be joining in the fun.

P&C are proving a supper at the Graduation/Awards night. Thank you to everyone who has already let us know that they are able to provide some home-bake. More contributions are most welcome. Thank you.

**AND FINALLY….. 😊**

A special booklet containing all the ‘**And Finally….**’ questions and answers from this year has been sent home with this Waffle.

Happy reading! 😊
It is a lovely keepsake.
**Diary Dates**

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I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday, enjoying special times with family and friends.

*Merry Christmas*

*Keep smiling!*

Dawn 😊

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! 😊**

PS: Some camp photos will be sent home later this week.