THE 2014

‘AND FINALLY…………’

QUESTIONS

Sometimes cute, often funny
but always honest! 😊
• **AND FINALLY….. "What is the most disgusting thing that you have ever eaten?"**

Mason: rotten grapes: they taste like rotten cheese
Danita: ants: they taste really hot. I once had some and had to drink lots and lots of water all night. I didn’t stop until morning. I’m glad I didn’t swallow them all because then I would be an ant murderer!
Brady: rubbish…it’s very yucky…the bad guys make me eat it!
Danica: worms and a horrible lolly that tasted like a candy cane.
Charlie: pumpkin: I really don’t like it…ever.
Hamish: bananas: they taste yucky
Taleah: I don’t like sandwiches unless they are squashed
Deklyn: black liquorice
Cooper: peaches: the inside part is too orange
Leeroy: tomato: they taste like cabbage and I hate cabbage.
Mary: pumpkin and potato mashed together. I hate it!!
Clinton: the skin between the egg and the shell, it tastes yucky!
Doc: flies: they are gross and hairy. I ate one once and it felt weird going down.
Kees: cow meat: it is too chewy
Jessica: tomatoes - because of the seeds, their taste, their skin and the juice...horrible!
Kaylah: rissoles: because they are gross and have onions in. I don’t really like onions.
Erin: an old egg. I didn’t like the yolk or the white bit around the outside...they were HORRIBLE!! Yuck! It felt yucky because it was actually from an old hen and should have been from a chick.
Khye: mashed pumpkin: it tastes lumpy and weird
Toby: mushrooms - they are so smelly and I always spit them out.
Abigael: fish: I like the battered and bread-crumbed fish but not the other slimy type, like sardines. I once drank rotten milk though and that was even worse!
Maddy: mushrooms: they have no taste but when you chew them they are all slimy and yucky.
Mitchell: medicine: the stuff you take when you’re sick. Even though it is supposed to taste like chocolate, but a bit stronger, it’s gross.
Paul: pumpkin: it’s yucky and makes your throat feel disgusting.
Nathan: dirt: that’s because it is dry and really dusty. It also has a few rocks in it most of the time that you can choke on...at least I did when I ate dirt.
Hannah: cow liver: it is disgusting and once made me almost vomit!
Mrs D: hot dogs!! 😊

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**AND FINALLY.....** "What is your favourite T.V. show?"

**Mason:** Max Steel  
**Danita:** soccer  
**Brady:** swimming  
**Danica:** Peppa Pig  
**Charlie:** Baba & The Adventures Of Baboo  
**Hamish:** Peppa Pig  
**Taleah:** Peppa Pig  
**Deklyn:** Deadly 60  
**Cooper:** Transformers  
**Leeroy:** My Kitchen Rules  
**Mary:** Arthur  
**Clinton:** Scooby Doo  
**Doc:** Dennis & Gnasher  
**Kees:** Deadly 60  
**Jessica:** Scooby Doo  
**Kaylah:** Scooby Doo  
**Erin:** Life With Boys  
**Khye:** The Grudge Band  
**Toby:** Scooby Doo  
**Abigail:** My Kitchen Rules  
**Maddy:** the tennis  
**Mitchell:** Deadly 60  
**Paul:** Transformers  
**Nathan:** Camp Lake Bottom  
**Hannah:** Victorious  
**Mrs D:** The Bill 😊

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• AND FINALLY....."Where is your favourite place to go and why?"

**Mason**: absent

**Danica**: Bundaberg because I can see Grandma

**Brady**: Booyal because I get to see Mum & Dad. I like to play with the dogs.

**Danita**: the animal park at Apple Tree Creek because there are so many animals that can do tricks

**Charlie**: to school because it’s so much fun and I get to learn

**Hamish**: I like going to Grandma’s and playing with my cousins

**Taleah**: Childers to do shopping

**Deklyn**: the beach at Bargara because it’s so big and has so many rocks

**Cooper**: the circus because the clowns were riding on their bikes.

**Leeroy**: McDonalds because I like chips and nuggets

**Mary**: Brisbane because Danny (brother) lives there & I get to see him

**Clinton**: the beach because of the sand and you can make sandcastles

**Doc**: Woodgate Beach because you can make sandcastles & splash around

**Kees**: Tasmania because there are Tasmanian Devils & I like to see them

**Jessica**: Sizzlers because there’s lots of food that I like there

**Kaylah**: Brisbane because my nanna lives there. She has lots of books that I like. There are some about nature.

**Erin**: Outback Spectacular because I like horses

**Khye**: Wet & Wild because there’s a heap of rides to go on

**Toby**: N.S.W. because I like going to the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour

**Abigail**: Bucca Retreat because I like the waterslide and the other activities

**Maddy**: I like to go to Bundaberg because I get to see my mum.

**Mitchell**: Toowoomba because I get to see my grandma

**Paul**: Brisbane because it is where my favourite brother, Danny, lives

**Nathan**: The beach at Kinkuna because you can go fishing and it is really peaceful

**Hannah**: To my neighbour’s, (the Walkers, Warrens and Bendells), because the children are fun to play with.

**Mrs D**: Muttaburra - special friends and a wonderfully unique way of life 😊

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• AND FINALLY....."What has made you laugh the most?"

Mason: seeing my little brother going face-first, hitting his head on the concrete all the time - it’s really funny!
Danica: when Dad tickles me
Brady: when a clown is being silly
Danita: when Grandad tickles me
Charlie: someone sitting a pumpkin on their head
Hamish: Zac wrestling with me. We sometimes stare at each other for a long, long time and that’s really funny.
Taleah: when Khye makes funny noises
Deklyn: when the girls go “AGHH!!” when they see a grasshopper in the car!
Cooper: Dad telling me jokes
Leeroy: a chook sitting on Clinton’s shoulder
Mary: Dad cracking an egg on Paul’s head, (he only does that when Mum’s away in Brisbane though!)
Clinton: when Leeroy kept face-planting on the oval every time we did sport last year. He kept tripping over his own feet!
Doc: Funniest Home Videos
Kees: Mitchell trying to ride my bike ... he ALWAYS falls off it!
Jessica: when Dad’s talking on the phone and being silly. He sometimes rings up the hardware shop and asks for a kilo of steak or pretends to be someone else.
Kaylah: in history Mrs Vaughan accidently said ‘Come-bummy’ instead of Kombumerri.
Erin: my horse playing silly when Mum came in to feed him. He always ran around stupid-like. He also stole Nathan’s football and chewed it – that was really funny as well.
Khye: Paul’s jokes, like this one: Why did the ghost go to the party alone? Because he had no body to go with. 😊
Toby: when Jazz (the dog) pretended to be dead
Abigael: on a DVD when a girl put her friend’s head in mashed potato and everyone started to laugh
Maddy: when my brother jumps in the pool and does funny actions
Mitchell: in Ice Age 2 when the possums sit in a tree and have a secret that they reveal to the warthog: “We are very, VERY stupid!!”
Paul: when Kees does the backstroke. When he pushes off the wall he always does a back flip - it’s very funny!
Nathan: when I play video games on the WII and little Barbie dolls come to life. They look like puppets without strings that skip but don’t do much really.
Hannah: when we go mustering and Dad hits a spider’s web he starts screaming and slapping the horse. He says that spiders always have ‘guns blazing’ at him!
Mrs D: A Poets’ Breakfast at the Gympie Muster 😊
• **AND FINALLY….."What is your favourite movie and why?"**

  **Mason:** 'Scooby Doo & The Loch Ness Monster' because it's so scary and I watch the scary stuff like vampires and that because I'm tough.

  **Danica:** “Masta-gasta” (Madagascar) because it has my favourite animal in it and that’s a lion called Alex. He flipped a lot.

  **Brady:** 'Dinosaur Train’ because it has got Buddy, Tiny, Shiny and Don. It also has dinosaur fossils and even dinosaur footprints. I REALLY like dinosaurs.

  **Danita:** 'Mary Poppins' because they have horses and that makes me happy because they all have different coloured faces.

  **Charlie:** 'Star Wars' because it has got good people and the good people always win. The bad guys always lose.

  **Hamish:** 'Tarzan’ because it has tigers and Tarzan swings in the trees.

  **Taleah:** ‘Peppa Pig’ because she goes on the swings

  **Deklyn:** ‘Rango’ because he does weird stuff. He lied and shot a snake.

  **Cooper:** 'Buzz Light Year’ because Buzz is a space ranger and he can fly and saves people. I'd like to be like him.

  **Leeroy:** 'Scooby Doo 2’ because it’s funny when the animals are chasing them

  **Mary:** 'Strawberry Shortcake’ because I learn new things like not to go out by yourself camping in the dark. Always take an older person because they know more than littlies.

  **Clinton:** 'Cars’ because I like the Professor car. It is a car that can turn into a boat and shoot things out of its wheels. It's pretty cool!

  **Doc:** 'Wild Hogs' because Dugles is a snake and when he gets into the swimming spot it’s very funny

  **Kees:** 'Ice Age 4.’ I like the two creatures because they are so dumb.

  **Jessica:** 'Jurassic Park 1 & 2' because there are lots of dinosaurs on there like T-Rexes, Velocoraptors, Triceratops and one I can’t say very well 😊

  **Kaylah:** 'St. Trinians' because the kids have to follow the rules.

  **Erin:** 'Return Of The Wolf’ because it’s interesting and all about wolves. It is a documentary.

  **Khye:** 'The Amazing Spiderman’ because Spiderman fights a giant lizard and it’s really exciting.

  **Toby:** 'Jurassic Park 3’ because in one part a person trips over a log and falls face first into the mud.

  **Abigael:** * absent *

  **Maddy:** 'A Series Of Unfortunate Events' because the main character, the man, thinks of a character and all this character does is sit in a chair and say weird things at different times.

  **Mitchell:** 'Dodgeball’ because if they don’t listen or if they sleep during the lesson they have wrenches thrown at their heads
Paul: ‘Back To The Future’ because it takes you to different places. One man is very tough and picks on a person who takes him to different places.

Nathan: ‘Garfield 1’ because Garfield and Odie throw pillows over each other and dance.

Hannah: ‘Flicka 1, 2 & 3’ because these movies are about horses and full of adventure. They are also about friendship, trust and family.

Mrs D: ‘Lonesome Dove’……that Gus McCrae is a lovable rouge with a great sense of humour, a wonderful outlook on life and a very kind heart 😊

...AND FINALLY…..“What are some things you dream of doing during your lifetime?”

Mason: My dream is to stay in bed all my life and never have to do anything. I would also like to learn how to cook my own toast.

Danica: I hope to be a horse rider and go in races because the horses run really fast. When I am twenty-teen I want to learn to drive a car so that I can go to Grandma’s in Bundy and my aunty’s because she has my nephew there. I am an aunty, you know!

Brady: My dream is to learn lots of magic tricks. I’d make good guys disappear on the stage. I want to fix things like Dad does. I’d fix dinosaurs.

Danita: to be able to eat 5 ice blocks at the same time because then I would get cold, like a snowman. I also really want to have a new baby because then I could give her so much milk!

Charlie: I want to be able to climb some really big trees, right up to the top so that I can see far away. I also really want to turn old so that I can sleep a lot and stay in bed more.

Hamish: I want to learn how to bounce on the trampoline, especially how to do a backflip and a front flip. I am also going to make sure I get a tablet to play games on one day.

Taleah: I’m going to ride a green cow to Grandma Jenny’s. It would make me feel really happy.

Deklyn: I’d drive myself to Queensland in a blue GT car and one day I’ll go to Brisbane because I haven’t been there in a really long time.

Cooper: I want to be able to do a backflip on the trampoline. I also want to make enough money to buy a red Ferrari and learn to drive a car so that when I grow up I can take my kids out and buy them a tablet.
Leeroy: I want to watch loads of TV and play on my tablet. I want to learn how to ride the two-wheeler too.

Mary: I really want to learn how to sew in case I run out of money and I can make nice dresses. I also really want to go to Brisbane because my brother lives there and he’s married now, you know.

Clinton: It would be really cool to see a person skydive...but not me doing it! I also want to ride a motorbike – I’ve never ridden one before.

Doc: One day I want to go skydiving with my mates and celebrate special days with them. I’d also want to form a club (like a tennis club) because I’ve never formed a club before. It would be a really cool thing to do!

Kees: absent

Jessica: Bungee jumping would be good. I’ve heard it’s really fun and you get tied around your ankles.

Kaylah: I want to go to all the different worlds like Dream World, Sea World, Underwater World and Disneyland - I’ve heard people say that it’s really cool at those places. I also want to scuba dive and look at all the beautiful animals in the sea.

Erin: I’ll go to a country that has tigers in it because I want to see tigers in real life. I also want to start my own animal park called ‘Wild, Wild World’ where I’ll have lots of different and unusual animals.

Khye: I’ll go bungee jumping one day because you go really high up in the air and do tricks and back-flips. I also want to go to Movie World because it has a HUGE rollercoaster and loads of show bags.

Toby: I’m going to climb to the top of a mountain and camp for 2 days because I like adventure. I would also like to buy a big, fibreglass dinosaur like the one in Childers and put it in my backyard.

Abigael: One day I’ll go to Tasmania. I also want to invent things that no one else has ever thought of….like a two wheeled car.

Maddy: One day I want to be a dermatologist because I know a lot about the skin. I’ll also enjoy having the whole family together for Christmas dinner.

Mitchell: I want to learn how to be an electrician because Dad is a butcher so when his cold-rooms break down I could fix them and he wouldn’t have to pay any money. They do break down a lot sometimes!

Paul: I’ll climb Mount Everest because I’ll be able to get up really high and see a long way. I’ll also learn how to grow barley because you can make round bales and sell them for, like, $70 a bale.

Nathan: I’d love to go skydiving because I could face my fear. When I’m up high I feel like I want to spew. “Get me down!!”

Hannah: I want to live on a farm and breed horses and working dogs (like kelpies and collies). I also want to be a contract musterer.

Mrs D: to have a dance with Richard Branson and see the bright lights of Las Vegas 😊
Mason: I like playtime and playing with Charlie. I like getting to learn. I learn by myself...I don’t need teachers.
Danica: because there are lots of kids and we can play ‘Stuck In The Mud’ together. I like coming here because it’s the best school...I really know it is!
Brady: because the school’s beautiful and the students and teachers all eat properly
Danita: it’s like a big family when everyone plays together. I love doing painting and craft too.
Charlie: because the kids are good and happy. The slide is really good.
Hamish: because it’s awesome and you get to play. Nobody shoves or slaps or things like that - there are no nasty people.
Taleah: I like it because I play tiggy with the kids and I get ‘taught’ to learn.
Deklyn: because everyone tells the truth. Everyone plays nice and everyone plays cool...always!
Cooper: everyone likes you in this school and they are really friendly and keep you safe. All the kids play with you so you’re not lonely.
Leeroy: because there’s lots of playtime. The kids at Booyal are cool!
Mary: because everyone’s kind here and there’s always lots of new things to do
Clinton: if somebody sees a snake the teachers will stay there. The teachers look after you and tell you how to do stuff.
Doc: the people are nice to play with and we play games like bull rush
Kees: everyone’s friendly - you don’t get lost because everyone helps you
Jessica: we have kind people and we help others out. We do lots of fun things and I enjoy it lots and I think, actually I know, other people do too.
Kaylah: because people are never mean - people only ever get hurt by accident - because there’s only a ‘little amount’ of kids
Erin: there are lots of fun subjects and you get to meet new people
Khye: everyone’s kind and we’re all friends
Toby: there’s nice kids and teachers who help when anything’s wrong. Maths is really fun because we get to do some hard sums that we’ve never done before.
Abigail: there are no bullies and we get to do more fun things (like PE and music) that I didn’t do on home-schooling
Maddy: everyone knows each other and no one does mean things to anyone else.
Mitchell: everyone’s kind, playful and they always help me out if I need it. People are good natured and the fort’s always good to play on.
Paul: it’s small and has really kind people in it and you don’t get bullied
Nathan: because I learn something new every day and everyone’s friendly
Hannah: everyone shows kindness and always wants to help. The school’s also got a lot of room to play sporty games on.
Mrs D: because of our wonderful Booyal children, staff and parents who do and say everything possible to support and nurture every child, every day, as they learn, develop and find their place in the world. We are very lucky indeed. 😊

AND FINALLY….."What two things would you like to see disappear from the world and why?"

Mason: I’d make all the leaves disappear because they’re not very fun and don’t do anything really. Then I would make all the snails disappear because they are so slow and eat people’s lettuces.
Danica: That’s easy! I’d make calves disappear because they moo a lot and really loudly. Then I’d make unicorns disappear …but I’ve never really seen one so maybe they’ve disappeared already?
Brady: I would make a magic box disappear then I’d make the whole world disappear but let the dinosaurs stay. Then I’d protect you (Mrs D) because dinosaurs can be really nasty.
Danita: absent
Charlie: bats because they suck your blood and lions because they will try and eat you
Hamish: absent
Deklyn: trees because those horrible palm trees drop their leaves all the time and leaves because then no one would have to rake them up
Cooper: Zac because he annoys me when I’m reading to Mum. He waves his hand in my face and goes, “Waahhhhh.”
Leeroy: Jessica and Clinton so that they can’t annoy me. They play with my toys and Clinton lost one of the bullets from my Nerf gun.
Mary: I would make people who do bad things disappear and I’d make “wrongness” disappear too so that no one ever got anything wrong, ever!
Clinton: I would make my brother and sister disappear because they always come into my room and mess it up, steal my stuff or break things. I’d get snakes to disappear as well because they can kill people. Oh…and teachers too! Ha ha. 😊
Doc: I’d make the school disappear so that I could relax at home. I wouldn’t have to do any work and could play video games all day. I would also get rid of the police so that everyone could have guns.

Kees: If homework disappeared we could play more when we got home. I would also make my sister disappear because she messes up my room!

Jessica: I’d make long school days disappear because then we’d get to play more. If school uniforms disappeared we wouldn’t feel so itchy.

Kaylah: Me!!... because then I could scare people and play tricks on everyone. It would be good if bulls could disappear too because they chase you if you wear light colours.

Erin: there should be no maths in the world because it’s really hard and I’m not very good at fractions. Nathan (my brother) and mosquitoes could disappear too! Nathan sometimes really annoys me by charging into my room and mosquitoes suck your blood. Mrs Vaughan hates them...mosquitoes, that is!

Toby: robberies because some people get hurt and killed. The news on TV could also disappear because it’s really boring.

Abigail: homework because sometimes it’s a little tricky and you don’t get as much time to do what you’d like to do after school. I’d also like work to disappear, like doing the dishes and cleaning.

Maddy: mushrooms because they taste yucky. I used to get pasta with mushrooms in and have to eat it all in 30 minutes, otherwise I’d have to go to bed. Phew...I only ever just made it! There is also someone from my old school who used to be mean to me and my friend who I would like to disappear.

Mitchell: school because then kids would have more time with their mums and dads. Snakes should disappear too because they can kill people.

Paul: people being mean. It would also be good if rules would disappear so that we could play freely and always do what we wanted.

Nathan: cars because they pollute the ocean and Erin because she sometimes annoys me a lot and taps me in the car.

Hannah: snakes because Mum is scared of them and so that they won’t scare Mitchell when he’s on the toilet. Spiders so that Dad won’t get spooked so much!

Mrs D: apathy and negativity.
• AND FINALLY.....“Tell me about a time when you were really scared.”

**Mason**: it was when my brother got a plastic shovel and pretended to hit me.

**Danita**: I was scared when I was in my room one night and heard someone going “Whooo, whooo.” I thought it was a ghost but it was only a cow mooing outside.

**Brady**: absent

**Danica**: I was really scared at home when Sophie the horse bucked me off. It hurt and I had a mark on my back somewhere but it has gone now. It really was stinging though.

**Charlie**: I was scared when there was a brown snake inside the house. Dad got rid of it though.

**Hamish**: When I was at home chasing the pigs around I was scared. I thought they might come over and I might trip up.

**Deklyn**: absent

**Cooper**: When Kelsey and Zac made me jump off the diving board I was really scared. I went in, came out and face-planted in the water.

**Leeroy**: absent

**Mary**: I nearly drowned. Everyone went inside but I wanted to go swimming even though I didn’t know how to and didn’t have a life-jacket. Victor dived in and saved me. He also saved me when I’d fallen my bike on the road and a car nearly drove over me.

**Clinton**: absent

**Doc**: I was really scared when I watched the movie ‘Cabin In The Woods.’ There were zombies and other really weird people and lots of blood. I covered my face under the couch cover but Mum and Dad weren’t frightened.

**Kees**: it was when a snake actually flung up and nearly got me on the leg when I was riding my motorbike.

**Jessica**: absent

**Kaylah**: I was scared when Mum was playing with me one night and a black thing crawled up my leg. I think it must have been a spider because it felt really hairy.

**Erin**: When the first storm came after we moved into our new house – it echoed through the whole building. I couldn’t fit under the bed so I hid under the blanket.

**Toby**: We were down at the Burnett River with the Rushes and Walkers. They had their tube and I got stuck underneath it when it accidentally flipped. I drank lots of river water then!

**Abigael**: When my grandad was driving back to Bundaberg from Monto we were all sleeping in the car then Grandad fell asleep too. The car went off the road and into a fence. Now that WAS really scary!
Maddy: Grandad has a tinny and we went camping. He said that I could have a ride but I don’t like boats. I thought that I might tip out or that we could hit some rocks.

Mitchell: When it was dark and we were coming back from doing the dogs Dad was hiding behind the four wheeler. He jumped out and really scared us. He went “RRRRRRRR,” and I screamed. Hannah did too.

Paul: I was riding my pushbike and saw a live brown snake in the middle of the road. I went past it and then had to go back. The lady from up the road, came with me and (accidentally) drove over it.

Nathan: It was a few days ago when there was a snake in the shed when Mum was reading her Kindle. It was behind the cupboard and the dogs kept sniffing there. I was playing with my WII until I heard a slithering sound. I looked around really carefully then saw the snake..... it was right next to my chair! I sprinted right outside to the mower.

Hannah: When we were in the Burnett River I felt something brush past my legs. I wasn’t sure what it was!

Mrs D: everyone knows that it’s when those horrible, slimy, little creatures are around! 😊

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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 'beautiful' 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

AND FINALLY....."Would you like to get married when you get older?"

Mason: No Mrs D.....no way! I don't want to lose my ring like my dad did. It 'flinged' off his finger and fell into the water. A diver tried to find it but couldn't.
Danita: no because I want to stay a child and always be able to play on the playground.
Brady: absent
Danica: yes because I already have a boyfriend and I love him. His name is Jackson and he lives in Roma.
Charlie: no because I would be very shy and not like all those people looking at me
Hamish: absent
Deklyn: absent
Cooper: no because then the kids would always disturb me by talking all the time and I would HATE that!
Leeroy: no because it's yucky. You'd have to kiss a girl.
Mary: no because I don't want my tummy 'broke open' but yes so that I could have someone to play with
Clinton: no because the kids would yell and it would get very annoying
Doc: yes because I could go to work with my children and show them what I did
Kees: no because then I would have to wear a tight ring. My dad can’t even get it off now, even when he tries!
Jessica: yes because I want something to do, like buy all the kids stuff at Christmas and make their beds and everything
Kaylah: yes because I want to have children so that I can play with them and have fun with them. The kids wouldn’t have to sit in their room, all alone, then.
Erin: NO! I’d rather live with a cat than a boy!! I don’t fancy boys. Also no because if I was married I’d have to have a lot of needles and I hate them.
Toby: no because I don’t want to have children running around the house, falling over and me having to take them to hospital
Maddy: no because I don’t want to have kids and stay awake all night when they cry
Mitchell: yes because I could take them around doing stuff. The first place I’d take them would be to a motorbike track.
Paul: I don’t know because there’s a job (priest) that you can’t get if you’re married
Nathan: no because if I had kids they might smash something, like a really expensive vase, and then I’d have to ground them
Hannah: yes so that I can have a family and spend time with someone. I’d have kids because I like children and I would teach them in the same way that I was brought up
Mrs D: it’s too late for me to answer this one! 😊

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• AND FINALLY.....“If your pet could talk, what would it say?”

Mason: The chooks would say, “Feed me chicken please.”
Danita: Vladimir the goat would say, “Can I please have tomato and cucumber?”
Brady: Cracker’s a black and white dog. He would say, “Come and catch the ball with me.”
Danica: Bear the dog would say, “Please may I have a drink of milk?”
Charlie: Sheriff (dog) would say, “I really like you a lot because you look after me well.”
Hamish: Rocket, (dog), might say, “I don’t like eating grass...please feed me bones!”
Deklyn: Buster (dog) would say, “Come and play with me!”
Cooper: Jo Jo the cat would say, "Please go and get me my favourite cat biscuit."
Leeroy: "What's your name?"
Mary: "I love you, Mum, because you do the best things and never hurt me."
Clinton: If Bob the dog had a bad dream he would come to the door and say, "Let me in...I'm scared!!"
Doc: John the cat would say, "Can you pat me please?"
Kees: Snappy the cat would say, "How did I end up like this?"
Jessica: If it's storming, Patch (dog) would say, "Let me inside. I HATE the sound of thunder!"
Kaylah: "Feed me, feed me, feed me!!"
Erin: Penny (dog) would say, "Come on babe, please play with me!"
Toby: Jazz (dog) would say, "Leave me alone...I want to sleep!"
Abigael: Mum calls our cat her baby so it would say, "Hello Mumma."
Maddy: Buster (dog) would say, "I want to play now!"
Mitchell: Roy, our pet dog, would say, "PLEASE give me a bath because I'm covered in fleas!!"
Paul: Gus the dog would say, "Don't touch the stick!!" because when he was younger a child picked up a stick and hit him.
Nathan: In the morning Dave (dog) would say, "Pass me a dog biscuit and coffee please."
Hannah: Marty, Mum’s puppy, would roll over and say. "Come on!!... scratch my belly."
Mrs D: There aren't any pets at our house, just 2 legged creatures...(mostly house-trained!) 😊

AND FINALLY...."I am going to be away for a couple of weeks. What do you reckon about that?"

Mason: Cool....we won’t have to answer questions like this every week! 😊
Danita: I'm sad because I always like it when you are here because you say safety things like, “Walk down those steps safely, Danita, or you might fall onto the concrete.”
Brady: If you're not here the school will close and the kids will get kicked out and have to live in tents all day long. They might even forget where they live.
Danica: absent
Charlie: When you're not here we will get to do whatever we want. We will get to party all the time, eat lollies, blow up balloons and even pop them!
Hamish: I will miss you because I really like you. You are funny and make me laugh.
Deklyn: Oh, the kids might be naughty next week if you’re not here. I don’t want that. Can you stay?
Cooper: It will be funny if there’s no principal – really different. It will feel crazy and weird. Mrs D won’t be telling me to tuck my shirt in!
Leeroy: absent
Mary: It might be fun because we can party. I could make cake and scrambled eggs and bring them in to share with everyone.
Clinton: Yay…we won’t need to do our homework!!
Doc: We could have a party and I won’t get into trouble so much. We won’t have to do any work and we might be able to go home early without any homework.
Kees: We might get to play for longer and be able to eat our healthy food last.
Jessica: It will be quiet because Mrs D is always talking about lots of work and how to do it.
Kaylah: We will get to do whatever we want and party all day.
Erin: Gosh…I won’t have to listen to her weird English voice saying words like 'bucket' and 'purple' in a funny way.
Toby: We will be able to party, not do homework and not get in trouble.
Abigael: absent
Maddy: Oh no, assemblies will take longer because Mrs Dyer sometimes has to read the sheet to remember what has to happen.
Mitchell: We’ll get to party! We will eat all the cake and tease Mrs D about it when she gets back.
Paul: No more Richard Branson…yay!! Hehehe 😊
Nathan: Whoa!! We can party and not have to do any work.
Hannah: I’ll miss Mrs D’s accent – I like it.
Mrs D: There is no harm in dreaming kids BUT, as the Terminator says, “I’ll be back!” Until then, have fun. 😊

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• AND FINALLY…..“Tell me something you learnt this week.”

Danita: how to colour-in neatly….or else you have to do it all over again!
Aliyah: the pink sight-words
Mason: how to read a book so that I can learn about stuff
Brady: absent
Danica: absent
Charlie: how to count to 100 in 1s
Hamish: my sight-words
Deklyn: how to care about things
Cooper: how to be friendly to everyone
Leeroy: absent
Mary: how to do really hard sums in an easier way
Clinton: that drawing a picture can help you work a sum out
Jayden: I learnt how to use TypeQuick on the computer
Doc: who the first people in Australia were
Kees: how to type faster
Jessica: what sources are and how they can help you find out information about things in the past. In Science I learnt what words like sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous mean and how to say them.
Kaylah: In Science I learnt that there are different types of rocks.
Erin: In History I learnt about the Aboriginal culture and in Science I learnt about 3 different types of rocks.
Toby: how a light bulb works
Abigael: In Science I learnt how to draw a circuit.
Maddy: how to hold a shot-put
Mitchell: how to throw a shot-put properly
Paul: absent
Nathan: new German words
Hannah: all about profit and loss
Mrs D: That Murphy's Law is alive and kicking! 😊

AND FINALLY.....“What is something you've done that your mum or dad didn't find out about”

Danita: I rode my bike when my mum was getting changed and Dad was having a shower. It didn't have any little training wheels and I fell off so I didn't tell them.
Mason: I did a wheelie on my push-bike. I'm not allowed to.
Brady: I put lots of toys under my bed and it was VERY sneaky because mum was cleaning them up.
Danica: absent
Aliyah: I climbed the trees.
Charlie: I went into Mum and Dad's room and patted the kittens without asking.
Hamish: I eat ice-cream and Mum and Dad don't know.
Deklyn: I sneaked a biscuit out of the pantry. Maddy was distracting Grandad so that I could do it.
Cooper: When Hamish had his DS out I sneaked in and played the Duo game. No one ever found out because they were all outside playing on the trampoline.
Leeroy: I sometimes sing in the toilet and once danced around the house with undies on my head.
Mary: I always do as I'm told because otherwise......!!
Clinton: Mum and Dad find out EVERYTHING. You can't do anything and get away with it. They just read your mind or lips or something!
Jayden: I smashed Mum's favourite glass bottle - it had Bundy Rum on the front and it was empty. It was a collector's one, I think.
Doc: When I was 3 or 4 my nanna was looking after me and I drew on the wall. No one ever found out who did it.
Kees: When I was only five I got a black texta and drew my family on the dog. Mum came in and asked who did it but I just ran to my room.
Jessica: Sometimes I eat ice-cream when no one is looking. Mum and Dad don't know that though.
Kaylah: I kept sneaking lollies out of a cup and ate them in the lounge room. We aren't ever allowed to do that!
Erin: Every time I go to bed I always feel thirsty so I used to sneak out and get a drink. Mum was clever though and could hear the pump going so I got caught....but I've thought of a better way now. I just sneak into the freezer and get some ice instead so she never knows!
Toby: I once sneaked out of the house and went to eat some mulberries.
Abigael: I had an extra lolly once when I wasn't supposed to but, other than that, I've never done anything sneaky.
Maddy: When Aunty Linda was outside I spilt water on the carpet. I never told her I did it because we are not supposed to ever spill anything, especially on the carpet.
Mitchell: I snuck biscuits out of the jar when Mum and Dad said I wasn't to eat anything before dinner.
Paul: I once drove the four wheeler up to the dam and went fishing.
Nathan: Gee, that's a tough one. I've never really done anything wrong because Mum finds out EVERYTHING...even about the wall! Erin usually tells her! 😊
Hannah: Mum wanted me to get my hair cut but I wanted to save her money so I cut my own fringe underneath the top bit. She ended up cancelling the appointment and so never found out.
Mrs D: I pinched Mum's autograph book out of the radiogram when I was 9, sent it to a nightclub in Manchester hoping to get the rock 'n' roll band, Showaddywaddy, to sign it but it was never returned.

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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.
Abigail: 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!

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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AND FINALLY.....“What are your favourite songs?”

Danita: ‘Frozen’ (a Disney song)

Mason: ‘They’ve Got The Moves Like Jagger’ (Taylor Swift)

Brady: the song on the KFC advert

Danica: ‘Fruit Salad’ (The Wiggles)

Aliyah: ‘The Teddy Bears’ Picnic’

Charlie: absent

Hamish: ‘Big Rock Candy Mountain’

Deklyn: ‘It’s Raining Men’

Cooper: ‘Rat-Ta-Ta’ (a song about a motorbike)

Leeroy: ‘Work Hard, Play Hard’

Mary: absent

Clinton: ‘Radioactive’ (Imagine Dragons) & ‘Work Hard, Play Hard’

Jayden: ‘Missing Slim’ (Lee Kernaghan) & ‘My Heaven On Earth’ (Slim Dusty)

Doc: ‘Good Time’ (Alan Jackson) & ‘Juke Box Junkie’ (Ken Mellons)

Kees: ‘Pop A Top’ (Alan Jackson) & ‘The Budgie Song’ (John Williamson)

Jessica: ‘Dark Horse’ & ‘California Gurl’ (Katy Perry)

Kaylah: ‘Roar’ (Katy Perry) & ‘Little Willie Won’t Go Home’ (Sweet)

Erin: ‘Burn’ (Ellie Goulding) & ‘Roar’ (Katy Perry)

Toby: ‘Que Sera Sera’ (Justice Crew) & ‘Brave’ (Sara Bareilles).

Abigael: I don’t have any
Maddy: ‘Blockbuster’ (Sweet) & ‘Let’s Hear It For The Boy’ (The Divas)
Mitchell: ‘Rock Star’ & ‘Shout It Out’ (Reece Mastin)
Paul: absent
Nathan: ‘Radio Active’ (Imagine Dragons) & ‘Hunter’ (30 Seconds To Mars)
Hannah: ‘Brave’ (Sara Bareilles) & ‘Somebody To You’ (The Vamps)
Mrs D: ‘Hair Of The Dog’ (Adam Harvey) & ‘You’ll Never Walk Alone’ sung by Liverpool supporters at a footy match.

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- **AND FINALLY.....“Why do mums think that dads are great and why do dads think that mums are great?”**

Danita: absent
Mason: Mums like dads because they work for them. Dads like mums because mums do all the kitchen stuff...and dads do all the real work.
Brady: absent
Danica: Mums like dads because they can fix things. Dads like mums because mums cook them bacon and eggs.
Aliyah: absent
Charlie: absent
Hamish: Dads like mums because they said they’d marry them. Mums like dads because they look after the kids sometimes.
Deklyn: absent
Cooper: Mums like dads because mums make the dads go outside into the saddlery and fix their saddles. Dads like mums because mums buy the most fruit.
Leeroy: Mums like dads because dads do all the work. Dads like mums because mums clean up inside.
Mary: absent
Clinton: Mums like dads because dads sometimes cook breakfasts. Dads like mums because they make them excited and sometimes make them cups of tea and coffee as well 😊
Jayden: absent
Doc: Mums like dads because they can protect them. Dads like mums because they can cook and feed the animals for them when they are away at work.
Kees: Dads like mums because mums do all the work. Mums like dads because dads do MOST of the outside jobs.
Jessica: Dads like mums because they sometimes model nice dresses. Mums like dads because they sometimes cook them nice dinners, like prawns and chippies.
Kaylah: Mums like dads because they are strong and dads like mums because they wear pretty stuff.
Erin: absent
Toby: Dads like mums because they always give them lunch... and that's the truth! All dads EVER think about is food! ☺ Mums like dads because they fix cars.
Abigail: Dads like mums because they buy nice clothes and look pretty but mums like dads because they are helpful and can work inside AND outside. My dad can cook and fix the car too!
Maddy: Dads like mums because they usually cook dinner and mums like dads because they usually go out and work.
Mitchell: Mums like dads because they are really hard workers. Dads like mums because they are always cleaning up inside, folding the clothes and doing the dishes.
Paul: absent
Nathan: absent
Hannah: Mums like dads because they are strong and always working hard. Dads like mums because they do housework, help them outside and buy them really good, nice presents.
Mrs D: Dad’s take frogs out of the loo and I guess you’ll have to ask Francis about the wife bit! ☺

And Finally: “What is the strangest thing your Nanna or Grandad does?”

Danita: Grandpa plays 'nicks' with me and it tickles. When I go to see them they dress up like clowns.
Mason: they have water fights...at least Pop does and he normally wins too!
Brady: they put chickens on their heads
Danica: It's weird because they always go to bed so early. It's like they've had a big day or something. They must need more sleep because they're old...VERY old!
Aliyah: they do things that they aren't supposed to do and get hurt. They climb trees.
Charlie: sometimes they speak a bit strangely and you can't really understand them
Hamish: sometimes Grandad bosses Grandma around
Deklyn: they speak weirdly
Cooper: It's weird when they try to fix saddles. They don't normally do it. They are not as good as Dad because they don't put enough fluff inside.
Leeroy: Pop tickles me and calls me a meerkat.
Mary: Nanna talks funny – she has a bit of a deep voice for a little lady.
Clinton: I've seen them taking their teeth out at night. I reckon it's creepy!
Jayden: Old people don’t normally kiss, at least you usually don't see them doing it but I guess they must do somewhere.
Doc: One of my Nannas has false teeth and when she puts them in her mouth slobber comes out!
Kees: I don’t see my Nanna or Grandad much so I don’t really know but most old people speak very slowly.
Jessica: Once when I was having a sleep-over at Pop's I said that people only have two sets of teeth. Pop said, “No, you have three...your little set teeth, your adult teeth and your false teeth!”
Kaylah: When some old people go to the toilet they forget to close the door.
Erin: Grandad always steals our toys and hides them under his shirt.
Toby: My poppy has false teeth. He used to take them out when he was having lunch and it scared Ashleigh.
Abigael: Old people talk funny and so it's hard to understand what they are saying. They speak so quietly.
Maddy: My great grandma has false teeth on the top and bottom. It’s just weird when she brushes her gums, her fake teeth and her real teeth and then puts the fake ones back in.
Mitchell: Grandad pulls out his false teeth and puts them in salty water...it’s gross!
Paul: Old people keep changing their minds all the time.
Nathan: absent
Hannah: When Grandad asks us how many pieces of toast we want and we say, “Two,” he puts 2 fingers up his nose. I don’t know why he does that but he has always done it. It’s weird!

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- And Finally: “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 dobbs on me and annoys me by ruining my games.
Toby: Our sheep baa loudly ALL day and it’s REALLY annoying!
Abigael: 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 seeming to be enough hours in the day! 😊
And Finally….“What have you learnt recently?”

Danita: how to hold scissors properly
Mason: about the environment and that it is important to look after the world
Brady: animals have 2 legs, 4 legs, 6 legs and 8 legs
Danica: absent
Aliyah: singing and dancing
Charlie: to sound out words better and learn how to read
Hamish: absent
Deklyn: if you fold a piece of paper into a boat and put crayon all over it then put it in the water it won’t sink
Cooper: absent
Leeroy: how to write and how to do my rainbow facts.
Mary: absent
Clinton: we are learning about earth and growing a plant in different soils
Jayden: I’ve learnt how to sing the Seussical songs
Doc: taking away four digit numbers and remembering to always start in the ones column
Kees: I’ve learnt to do my times tables faster
Jessica: another word for your bottom is your posterior or your derriere!
Kaylah: how to write clear sentences and that I have to listen more carefully
Erin: I’ve learnt that there are different types of thermometers.
Toby: about the International Date Line
Abigael: absent
Maddy: about lines of longitude and latitude
Mitchell: there is an International Date Line
Paul: I am enjoying learning about Asia; the countries and the capital cities
Nathan: that I need to double check my work more
Hannah: a Seussical dance from the dance teacher who visited
And Finally......“What can you teach me?
How would you finish this sentence: “Mrs D, do you know.......”

Danita: Well...I thought that teachers were supposed to know EVERYTHING....so I can’t teach you anything, can I Mrs D? That’s a silly question to ask me! 😊
Mason: that kangaroos can bounce further than a rabbit; they can jump over a bus and 14 cars
Brady: that hippos can’t go fast because they might hurt their big, giant teeth
Danica: that if there’s no rain the trees can’t grow and that we went to see Slim Dusty the other ‘little time ago’
Aliyah: that horses have foals
Charlie: that sugar is bad for you
Hamish: that I can do a flip on the trampoline
Deklyn: that golf clubs have numbers on them; if they have lower numbers you can hit the ball far and low but if they have higher numbers you can hit high and really fast
Cooper: that our dogs ran off down the paddock last night and we had to go and find them
Leeroy: that if you’re going to brand cattle you put a tag in their ear
Mary: that in some different countries people open their presents earlier than Christmas Day so that they can go to mass on Christmas morning
Clinton: that if there’s a tap leaking you need to investigate to see where it is leaking then you cut the leak out and put in some new poly pipe
Jayden: that I have a skateboard and know how to ride it. You should learn too, Mrs D. Don’t worry, I’ll teach you!
Doc: that I ‘banged’ my tooth on the wall when I was young and I was really scared that it would never ever grow back
Kees: that if you put an egg into a cup of vinegar it turns rubbery
Jessica: that I can cook Anzac biscuits by myself and that we had 7 puppies so we gave one to Nanna
Kaylah: that if you ride your scooter and make funny noises the dog will chase after you and bite your leg
Erin: that white tigers only live in India
Toby: that if you put steak out, pour Coke over it and leave it overnight the steak dissolves
Abigail: that it takes 8 – 9 months for a lady who’s had a baby to get rid of the baby fat
Maddy: that if you mix baking sugar and vinegar together it turns into a frothy, bubbly liquid and that in doubles handball it goes ’ace’, ’king’, ’queen’ and ’dunce’
Mitchell: that in Europe there were 19 million people and a third died from the Bubonic Plague
Paul: that Gus hops in the tractor with Dad
Nathan: that the first astronaut (to land on the moon) in space was Neil Armstrong
Hannah: that one way to get a horse to trust you is to sit in a paddock and let it walk up to you and that if you lived on Jupiter you would be less than a year old!
Mrs D: that it is only 35 more sleeps until the school holidays! 😊

AND FINALLY..... "What do teachers do when they are not teaching?"

Danita: They might forget that they need to go to school and they might stay out at Goodwood for a hundred years. They could even have a party with elephants on their heads!
Mason: They have really great weekends and go to really big teachers' parties..
Brady: They crack eggs on chickens' heads so the chickens go, “AGHH!!” and race around like crazy. It's VERY funny!
Danica: They go to bed and sleep.
Aliyah: They ride horses and eat really big brekkies.
Charlie: They all eat lots of ice-cream and chocolate.
Hamish: They get dressed and go to bed.
Deklyn: They relax by sitting down and watching T.V.
Cooper: Teachers watch T.V. and phone up their friends for a chat.
Leeroy: They have big sleeps.....and snore a lot!
Mary: They mark homework, watch T.V. and listen to music all day long,
Clinton: I think that Mrs D's got a picture of Richard Branson and she kisses it all the time.
Jayden: They feed their faces on ice-cream.
Doc: They go to principals' meetings and spend time talking to their families.
Kees: They have parties and lots of fun.
Jessica: I think that Mrs D goes home and listens to loud country music. I've seen all her CDs - she's got LOTS!
Kaylah: They have holidays at the beach, swim and play in the sand. I suppose they mark a bit of work sometimes too.
Erin: They go on holiday and try to get fit by running around the cross country course.
Toby: Mrs D sings and dances to Slim Dusty.
Abigail: They go out to parties and dance a lot. They also relax and sit in spas.
Maddy: Teachers would spend their time cleaning their houses and shopping.
Mitchell: Mrs D probably spends all her time looking for her glasses...(which are usually still on the top of her head!) 😊
Paul: Either it’s a tiny bit of marking or they are out doing something with their children or going on a holiday. I see Mrs D’s ute going up and down the road nearly every day. She’s always on the go.
Nathan: Mrs D probably studies the answers to everything because she’s got a really bad memory...then, I reckon.....hmmm...she goes out and parties with Richard Branson....(or dreams that she does!).
Hannah: They celebrate because they are student free. I think they plan all the lessons, watch T.V. and each chocolate and ice-cream.
Mrs D: ...probably a bit of most of the above! 😊

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AND FINALLY.....

“What are you looking forward to doing most in the holidays?”

Danita: Staying at Woodgate for 11 days over Christmas. I am looking forward to my cousin's birthday and learning to skate on my new skateboard.
Mason: Spending Christmas day at home. I am looking forward to fixing machinery with my dad. Making sandcastles at the beach at Hervey Bay.
Brady: Having Christmas at home. I am looking forward to opening my presents.
Danica: Staying in our caravan for 12 days over Christmas at Woodgate. I am looking forward to making a sandcastle and going to my big sister's place at Dalby.
Aliyah: Going horse riding at Turkey Beach. I am looking forward to going swimming and playing at Turkey Beach.
Charlie: I am looking forward to going swimming in our pool at home and eating ice-blocks! Having Christmas at home.
Hamish: Playing on the trampoline and playing hide and seek. I am looking forward to hunting for a lizard to look at.
Deklyn: Having Christmas at home with family. I'm looking forward to seeing my dad.
Cooper: absent
Leeroy: Going fishing at Woodgate Beach when we stay there for 2 weeks. I am looking forward to going crabbing and getting a robot teddy for Christmas.
Mary: Going kayaking on our dam. Having Christmas at home. I am looking forward to camping at our dam and people coming over for Christmas.
Clinton: Riding my motorbike. Going fishing and camping. I'm looking forward to catching fish and having a big birthday cake.

Jayden: Going to the Childers' Pool. Swimming in the dam near our house. I am looking forward to playing with my remote control truck, if I get batteries for it.

Doc: Riding my motorbike and doing backflips-going over jumps with my dad. Going to my nanna's. I am looking forward to being at Nanna's by myself because I don't get to see her very often.

Kees: Going to Brisbane. Picking up my sister from 'schoolies.' Staying in Brisbane for a couple of nights. Going home and riding my motorbike.

Jessica: Going fishing and camping with friends and family, maybe at Sandy Creek. Looking forward to getting our pool finished. Seeing my friends.

Kaylah: Having family come to our place for Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing my dad, also a friend will be visiting our place.

Erin: Going to see our cousins in Brisbane. I am looking forward to having a sleep-over at Kaylah's place and buying each other Christmas presents.

Toby: Going to N.S.W. to visit family for Christmas & taking 16 hours to look out of the window! I am looking forward to playing games in the car.

Abigail: Going to see my cousin, Skye, in Monto. I am looking forward to Christmas and going swimming in the pool at Monto.

Maddy: Family coming to our place for Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing my dad and opening Christmas presents.

Mitchell: Spending time with my cousins and friends. Hoping I get a motorbike for Christmas. I am looking forward to coming to school in Year 6!

Paul: Helping Dad on the farm. Camping at the dam on our farm. I am looking forward to Christmas and not going to school, just having time on the farm.

Nathan: Going to Brisbane to celebrate Christmas in Dreamworld. Going camping. I am looking forward to going to the movies and sharing dinner with Nanna & Poppy.

Hannah: Going to Tin Can Bay with friends and family for Christmas. I am looking forward to swimming and riding my horse.

Mrs D: Looking forward to enjoying some quality family-time, catching up with reading/writing projects and hitting the road for a little while with the music turned up high!

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