Hello everyone,

Excitement is building for the P&C's biggest fundraiser of the year, 'Booyal's Biggest Party.' It's going to be the best yet! The Dirty Creek Boys are supplying the music (and they're terrific!), as well there will be a delicious BBQ, raffles, bar and, of course, the best company you could wish for. A great deal of behind-the-scenes work was already been done to ensure that the night will be a great success. Thanks P&C. 😊

It was so lovely to see so many people at this week's P&C meeting willing to support the committee and share ideas. Of course the party planning was discussed but also several other important school matters that affect everyone were raised.

Attending meetings provides the opportunity to question, express your ideas and understand why certain decisions are made. Thanks again to you all.
Pre-Prep Day: Three Pre-Preps enjoyed their first official session at school last Tuesday. Beau, Callum & Keenan joined everyone for lunch followed by an action-packed afternoon with Mrs Dyer. Two more sessions are planned this term.

Daily Rapid Reading has started off with a bang! Weeks 1 & 2 have been very successful with the students working well in their 15 minutes of one-on-one reading instruction. The teacher-aides have also taken on this program with zest.

Excursion/Camp Rules

In order to ensure that are camps and excursions are safe and enjoyable events the following rule has been made. This was endorsed at the last P&C meeting and will be included in all future enrolment information.

“The P&C endorses the decision that staff can determine to exclude a student from excursions and camps should the child’s behaviour during the term be deemed so unruly or unsafe (to themselves and/or others) that supervision and management at external events is impractical and detrimental to the good order of the event and the well-being of others. Any decision will be based on guidelines in the Responsible Behaviour Management Plan and will be co-signed by two staff following careful observations and discussions. Parents of such children will be informed of the chance of this occurring via timely discussion(s) throughout the term and in writing. Behaviour due to a verified disability may be viewed and managed differently, dependent on support and resources available, as well as parental involvement.”
**Student Free Day**

All staff attended 'Essential Skills' training at Cordalba State School on Monday. It was a timely refresher of strategies that we can all use to ensure that students have the best opportunities possible to learn.

**Pirate Pizazz**

You might have noticed in the date claimer that our end of year concert is called 'Pirate Pizazz'. This is because it will be everything piratey! Arrrrghhh!!! you say.

We are asking everyone (including the audience) to come along dressed as a pirate this year so get your thinking caps on and be on the lookout for items that you can put together to form your new look! We liked the idea of this 'dress up' as really nothing needs to be purchased, if you don’t wish. We are flagging it now, so there’s plenty of time to get organised. Hopefully no one will have to ‘walk the plank!’ ;)

Graduates and families of graduates will wear their school uniform for the formalities then get changed, just so they aren’t too 'piratey' for their formal graduation.

**Report cards**

During the P&C meeting we had a discussion about report cards and it was agreed that we would change the format somewhat so that the report you receive is more succinct, easier to understand and gives a clear indication of a child's general strengths and weaknesses. Further information will be available at parent teacher interviews and, as always, you will be kept informed if there are major concerns throughout the term.

You may not realise that Mrs Dyer and I do not merely cut and paste comments from other sources or use comment banks, (which would be a quicker way of writing reports), instead we carefully analyse and question every child's performance and tailor comments to be as personalised as possible. Mrs Dyer and I spend between 2 and a half - three hours preparing each report. Based on last semester’s enrolment of 32 children that is over 90 hours of out-of-school time. Perhaps you saw the light on at school several times in the early hours of the morning. Clearly, this is unsustainable given that we also have to plan daily lessons, (in my case) administer a school and, of course, have our own families to care for. This situation is even more concerning if we return to a one teacher school next year. From a workplace health, safety and well-being perspective the current approach cannot continue either.

At the moment our idea is that reports will be 6 - 7 sentences long; a couple explaining what the children have been doing in class, two about their strengths, two more outlining areas of weakness and an extra one if needed. We feel confident that this will give you a very useful and meaningful understanding of your child's progress. We welcome any comments and feedback.
Mona Lisa Art Lesson

There was an extra buzz of excitement in the classroom last Friday when Mrs Dyer and the children learnt about the Mona Lisa and created some terrific art works.

P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the last P&C. It was great to see so many interested parents and community members there.
The party is next Saturday night and, as always, may hands make light work. If you have not already returned the sheet indicating how you might be able to assist, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.
Dear Everyone,
Week 3 has been a great week in the Junior Class.

**Spelling**
The Year 1 students are excited about using the iPads to do their before school spelling routine. They are using 'Scriblify' for writing out their words and 'notes' for their sentences.

**All Things Piratey**
A huge thanks to the Gray family for some 'treasure' they have lent the school also known as props for our Pirate theme. The children are right into the theme. We are drawing some really cool treasure maps presently. We are also lucky to have had Mrs Horner source two boxes from Childers Stare School from a previous musical. Arrrgggghhh great items in these as well!

**Pre-Preps**
It was great to have Callum, Keenan and Beau at school on Tuesday. Their mums were great supports also. Fun was had by everyone, with lunch eating, playing on the fort and in the sandpit, singing a pirate song, making pirate hats, using playdough to make pirate treasure and building with the blocks. Can’t wait to see them again soon!

Kind Regards, Fiona

**Friday is banking day**

**Gotcha Winners**

Winners of last week’s GOTCHA draw were Charlie and Clinton.
Good on you!
There was no parade this week since Monday was a Student Free Day. Award recipients and ‘Students Of The Week’ will be announced in next week’s ‘Waffle.’

AND FINALLY... 'What is your favourite bird?'

Hayley: absent
Jessica: a parrot because it squawks
Peter-Craig: absent
Tiah: absent
Charlie: a Rainbow Lorikeet – it has nice colours
Danica: a kookaburra because I like its whistle
Aliyah: a pretty Rainbow Lorikeet
Hamish: a Bald Eagle because they are awesome
Mason: a cockatoo because they are rainbow coloured
Danita: a parrot because they have beautiful colours
Leero: a Rainbow Lorikeet - they are all nice different colours
Cooper: a Rainbow Lorikeet - they are as pretty as a rainbow
Deklyn: a kookaburra because they're cute
Jayden: a Rainbow Lorikeet because it looks like a rainbow
Mary: a Rainbow Lorikeet because their feathers are the colours of the rainbow
Clinton: a Rainbow Lorikeet because we’ve got a pet one
Kaylah: a kookaburra because they laugh a lot and make me feel happy
Kees: a budgie because they have lots of different colours
Doc: a black cockatoo – they look cool
Rachel: a budgie - they have nice colours and make cool noises
Jessica: a Rainbow Lorikeet because I have a pet one called Bluey - he bites me though!
Paul: a budgie because Tessie had one when she was younger
Mitchell: a Pale Headed Rosella because it is pretty
Daniel: absent
Toby: a Zebra Finch - they are very small and very cute too
Maddy: a Rainbow Lorikeet because it reminds me of when I spent time with Nanna in Brisbane and there were lorikeets every morning
Mrs D: a macaw, not only for its beautiful colours and cheeky personality but because it reminds me of a pet shop that had a resident macaw back in England that used to call into on weekends

Have a happy weekend and keep smiling,
Dawn

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