Wow – what a week!

Mother Nature certainly flexed her muscles on Wednesday night. What an experience! I know that many of you are still cleaning up and repairing the damage so I hope that you can see a light at the end of the tunnel. We escaped pretty lightly at school, other than the playground cover being removed, as well as the expected mess and tree damage.

High School Awards: I had the pleasure of attending the Isis District State High School Awards Evening on Tuesday and was delighted to see several Booyalians being recognised for their academic, cultural and social achievements. Ashley Bendell, Maddy Engel, Hannah Rush, Victor Vella and Zac (& Kelsey) Vellacott were all presented with awards. Victor has the honour being one of the 2016 school captains. Congratulations everyone!
World Teachers’ Day is celebrated today. This is a time when we take a few moments to recognise the magnificent effort and commitment of our teachers who devote themselves so wholeheartedly to the education and wellbeing of every single Booyalian.

The children took the opportunity to show their appreciation to the staff with a special morning tea, handmade biscuits and card. Thanks to Mrs Dyer, Mr Green, Mr Horner, Mrs Horner, Mrs Ilett, Mr McGregor and Mrs Savage who help make ‘Booyal Best.’ We have a remarkable group of teachers (and teacher aides) who genuinely love and care for the children and who, in their unique ways, affect a child’s life forever. What a magnificent team!

Pre-Prep Day: The next Pre-Prep afternoon is planned for this coming Tuesday, 3rd November.

Tree removal: As a result of the storm, a couple of trees near the playground have been deemed unsafe and will be removed by Q-build.

Music Count Us In: The few children who were at school yesterday participated in a national ‘Gold’ performance. They electronically ‘hooked up’ with students across Australia, seeing and hearing what others were doing, as everyone simultaneously sang the same song.

School Leaders 2016: since it looks like there will not be any Grade 6 students next year, the current Grade 4 students will be invited to nominate for the positions of School Captain and Sports Captain. More details will be released next week.

Dear All,

What a week! I am a still a bit shocked after the recent weather event and would not wish that to be repeated anytime soon. Fingers crossed!

Poetry Learning
Practice is needed every night. We only have 3 more whole weeks before we will be saying them for assessment.

Water Bottles
It is getting hotter (well, is was starting to!) so water bottles for desks are a great idea as students are starting to get thirsty in sessions.

Until next week,  Mrs Dyer
Thank you to those kind parents and community members who returned their forms offering to help at the party.

Friday is banking day

Gotcha Winners

Danita was one of the happy GOTCHA winners last week.

Students Of The Week

Mrs Dyer’s class: Danica in recognition of the extra effort she has shown with homework, the enthusiasm she demonstrates in class discussions and the kindness given to others.

Mrs D’s class: Clinton for working extremely hard to write cursively and neatly.

Award Recipients

Congratulations everyone!

You are great role models for us all! 😊
Keep doing your ‘Booyal Best.’
University Of New South Wales’
Competition

Congratulations to Clinton, Jessica, Mary and Kees (absent) who were all presented with credit awards in the recent University Of New South Wales maths competition. What a fantastic achievement!

Jessica also received a distinction award in the spelling competition where she was placed the top 4% of Year 4 competitors across Australia. Well done everyone. It was 'Booyal Best' all the way!

AND FINALLY... 'Tell me about the storm...”

Hayley: absent
Jessica: All of our power and vegetables went off. The hail bumped our roof.
Peter-Craig: The storm hit the trees.
Tiah: The trees fell down.
Charlie: It was big and scary.
Danica: It nearly knocked a tree on my brother’s caravan.
Aliyah: The power went out when we were cooking dinner.
Hamish: The storm ‘blowed over’ our tramp then it got stuck in a tree.
Mason: I think it was very scary but I slept through it all.
Danita: It felt like heavy wind.
Leeroy: It was very scary.
Cooper: The storm threw our tramp up into a tree.
Deklyn: A tree fell across the driveway but Keith moved it with a tractor.
Jayden: Our dam overflowed. I lost my boat but I found the oar.
Mary: Water started to come under our door and nearly got to the power leads.
Clinton: heaps of branches blew into our house yard and our trampoline jumped 2 fences
Kaylah: I slept through everything! A giant tree fell down though.
Kees: absent
Doc: The wind blew over a big tree, including the roots, in our neighbours. Our driveway was washed away.
Rachel: absent
Jessica: Two trees fell over our road and lots of trees fell on the fences.
Paul: I had to get up in the middle of the night to help Dad to get the pump out of the dam. The tractor got bogged.
Mitchell: When the power kept going out we realised that a power line had fallen down on the property.
Daniel: absent
Toby: We had water coming underneath our laundry door and from the top of the windows in the toy room.

Maddy: Lots of big trees fell down.

Mrs D: It’s not often you see water pouring like waterfalls through all the window frames on one side of the house.

Here’s hoping 'Booyal's Biggest Party' is a great success. Thanks P&C. 😊

See you on the dance floor!

Dawn

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