Hello everyone,

A very warm welcome back to Term 4, which is notoriously the busiest one of them all. The next ten weeks will be especially significant for Dan, Maddy, Mitchell, Paul & Toby as they approach the end of their primary education. I hope this time is very special for them and, like all our students, they work hard to reach their potential.

This term is jam-packed with activities and visitors to school so please regularly check the date claimer section of each newsletter to keep up to informed of upcoming events.

Our current enrolment is 26 students, following the departure of Ty and AJ. We wish them well at their new schools.

- You are encouraged to contact staff at any time during the term with any questions, concerns or ideas. Although formal parent/teacher meetings are scheduled twice a year we are always available to discuss your child's progress at any time so please take the opportunity to check-in regularly.
We are excited to announce that the Daily Rapid Reading initiative starts on Monday. Children will receive 15 minutes of one-on-one, individualised reading tuition, Monday - Wednesday. A big ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Dyer, our wonderful teacher aides and Kerry Mandrek for preparing the resources and setting up the learning area. The children are very fortunate to have such a valuable opportunity. Stay tuned to hear how everyone progresses.

**INVITATION: Prep Induction:** An invitation is extended to students who will be enrolling in Prep in 2016 to participate in our Pre-Prep induction program. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to familiarise themselves with the school, its routines and expectations so that they can have the most successful start possible in the new year.

The first session is next Tuesday, 20th October from 1 pm - 3 pm. Please bring lunch, a water bottle and hat, as well as wear closed in shoes. Due to insurance implications parents must also be in attendance. Please see Mrs Dyer if you have a child attending or have any queries.

- **Mrs Vellacott** is currently on leave for a few weeks and is being replaced by **Miss Kate** (Vaughan). **Mrs Ilett continues** to work on Thursdays, as well as at other occasions.

Steve Case, our assistant regional director, visited on Tuesday. Following our discussion he stopped by the classroom, observing the children and checking the quality of their work. As he left Steve commented that what he had seen was “quite inspirational” and highly praised what was happening at Booyal, including the quality of the children’s work and behaviour. It is lovely to receive such feedback and a reflection of the effort that both students and staff relentlessly show every day. As always, we have an open door policy at school and encourage parents to call in at any time to see the class in operation. We feel confident that you will be impressed and gain a valuable insight into care, support and quality teaching each child consistently receives.

- The whale watching excursion was an interesting and (for most) an enjoyable way to end last term. Whilst a few children were the worse for wear with seasickness, the majority enjoyed exploring the ship and keeping an eye out for whales. Mr McGregor will share some photos in the next newsletter. Many thanks to our generous P&C and MP Stephen Bennett who financially supported this trip.

...however, the reality is that homework resumes in Week 2! Hang in there!
The Booyal Bunyips’ ‘Kidding About For Drought’ fundraising DVD is a step closer to completion. The DVD cover has been completed and we are at the exciting stage of compiling the clips and finalising the website. There is already a lot of media attention. All being well, it should be ready to sell around the end of Week 5. The children deserve to feel very proud of their efforts with this project.

It looks as though our new Facebook page will be up and running in the next few days. Unfortunately, the original page (and those of many other schools) was removed by Facebook due to a technicality in the way it was originally established by the Department. Despite the best efforts of staff in the cyber section of Education Queensland to merge the two pages the list of followers no longer exists, nor do any of the previous posts.

Whilst that is disappointing, we now look forward to re-establishing links with everyone and keeping you all up to date with the exciting happenings around our little school.

Congratulations to Danita who participated in a three day instrumental music workshop during Week 1. Danita played for over four hours a day, enjoying the opportunity to play with an orchestra for the first time. The children learnt and performed four new pieces. Danita was the youngest participant to perform.

A sincere ‘Thank You’ you to everyone who collected Woolies ‘Earn & Learn’ stickers on our behalf. The final tally was 8,280 which will be converted to points that we can redeem for useful school supplies. What a wonderful result! 😊
Rosey, Troubles (the twin) and Frank, Bubbles' family, have all come to the Junior Class.

Students know that they are doing their 'Booyal Best...and nothing less' if they are behaving:
• Responsibly
• Respectfully
• Safely

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} October.
Please come along.

Friday is banking day

We have had some wonderful help from some very kind volunteers this week. A big 'Thank You' to you all. We are very lucky!
Parade was not held in Week 1 so ‘Gotcha’ winners, ‘Students Of The Week’ & award recipients will be included in the next newsletter.

AND FINALLY... ‘What is something that you are looking forward to?’

Hayley: the pirate concert
Jessica: singing in the pirate concert
Peter-Craig: absent
Tiah: absent
Charlie: Special Project Time
Danica: Pupil Free Day
Aliyah: Art
Hamish: finishing off more extension words
Mason: the holidays
Danita: Geography
Leeroy: the weekend
Cooper: absent
Deklyn: going on all the rides at Aussie World
Jayden: going to the speedway
Mary: going to Aussie World at the end of the year – I drove past once and saw all the rides
Clinton: getting a new motorbike – mine’s wrecked
Kaylah: going to Aussie World - I’ve heard that there are lots of fun rides
Kees: going back out to play again (after being on crutches)
Doc: hopping in a prime mover and going up north with Dad
Rachel: riding my sister’s new horse called Spinner
Jessica: going to Aussie World at the end of the year - it sounds like fun!
Paul: going to a boys’ camp in NSW - I’ve never been over the border
Mitchell: playing rugby league next year
Daniel: going to high school to meet new friends
Toby: going to high school to learn lots of hard sums then coming back to teach everyone
Maddy: going to high school and doing all the different subjects
Mrs D: an upcoming (rare) family weekend away. Noosa: Eumundi Market, boating/fishing, abseiling, wakeboarding and an Adam Harvey concert.

* You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television
* The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley’s gum.
* Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
* Marilyn Monroe had six toes.
* Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
* Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
* The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen’s ‘Born in the USA’

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Keep smiling,
Dawn 😊

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

Only 3 weeks until Booyal's Biggest Party!