Hello everyone,

As always, it is ‘heads down’ in both classrooms. This term is always one of the busiest and most industrious which means that, as always, it is vital that every child attends every day, (unless ill). We are already half way through the term. Absences significantly affect a child’s ability to understand and keep up with the work. It is always disheartening to watch students flounder through confusion and gaps in learning after they have been away. Even occasional days off, here and there, can have a very negative effect on learning and self-esteem. Overall, Booyal students have a very good attendance rate but there are some children whose records are becoming increasingly concerning. The bottom line is that we can only do so much; a child has to be at school in order to have a fighting chance of enjoying learning and succeeding at their education.

Mrs Vellacott: On Monday we will welcome Mrs Vellacott back. Many thanks to Miss Kate for relieving at school during Mrs Vellacott’s absence. We appreciate the flexible, enthusiastic way Miss Kate tackles every task and the wonderful rapport that she has with the students.

Principals’ Meeting: I will be in Maryborough on Tuesday and Wednesday at a Principals’ Meeting and a Small Schools’ Meeting respectively. Thanks to Mrs Ilett who will teach in the upper classroom on these days.

AVA Pets: A representative from Bundaberg Regional Council will visit school to talk to the children about responsible animal care on Thursday afternoon. Unfortunately a vet will not be attending this year.
**Dance lessons:** Excitement is mounting for Pirate Pizzazz, especially since Miss Michelle now joins us on Friday afternoons to teach some impressive dance routines. The children really impressed her with their ability to learn the dance steps so well.

**Pre-Prep Day:** Another successful Pre-Prep afternoon was held on Melbourne Cup Day. It was lovely to be joined by our special little friends again.

**Booyal’s Biggest Party:** Congratulations and many thanks go to the P&C team for organising a successful and enjoyable party last Saturday night. It was lovely to see so many families supporting the major school fundraiser, your involvement is greatly valued by P&C members and myself.

**Tree removal:** Q-Build were quick off the mark and had the storm damage removed very quickly. Two large trees were also removed.

**Kidding About For Drought:** The Booyal Bunyips’ ‘Kidding About For Drought’ DVD is almost ready for production. There are still a few loose ends to tie up and legal boxes to tick but, all being well, it will be available for sale in a few weeks, just in time for Christmas.

**School Leaders 2016:** Application packages for 2016 school leadership positions will be sent home in the next few days and are due back on Friday 20th November. Speeches and voting will take place on Monday 23rd November. Students in Years 1 – 6 are eligible to vote.

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**Enrolling Your Child at Isis High in 2016?**

- You’ll need to have an Engagement Interview.

  Meet with one of our representatives, so that we can learn more about your child’s needs.

  **For an appointment**
  - Call 41 921 222
  - Or E-Mail
  - Gary Munns on
  - gmunk1@eq.edu.au
The learners in the Junior Classroom are progressing every day. They are really trying to listen to, think about and remember the things they are learning about.

Some of the endeavours in our classroom this week both with Prep and Year 1 have included:

- ‘rating our writing’ (ask your child about it!),
- learning about contractions in spelling
- watching a ‘What makes Ten?’ YouTube clip as part of our rainbow fact learning
- spending group time with the Pre Prep students making hook hands, pirate plates, playing bingo and walking the plank,
- finishing off treasure maps and making them look old by staining them with coffee,
- completing TypeQuick work on the computer,
- getting the alphabet snappy by doing the Alphabet Rap each morning,
- being challenged by mental computations (Year 1 students are getting quick at adding things like 20+12 and 40+11 in their heads),
- developing our vocabulary (some words lately have included weevil, puny and penultimate),
- the difference between a survey, questionnaire and an audit in Geography,
- checking out rolling, sliding and bouncing for the Preps in Science,
- practising our poems, sight words, spelling and reading

..............and the list goes on.

Everyone should be very proud of the younger students and their learning. I certainly am.

Mrs Dyer

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P&C NEWS

- Thank you to those school families & members of the community who came to Booyal’s Biggest Party on Saturday night. It was another fantastic & successful fundraising night. For full details you are most welcome to attend the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 17th November.

- The P&C would like to recognise the many generous sponsors who helped make Booyal’s Biggest Party so successful through their donations to the continuous raffle, lucky door & major raffle. A special mention also goes to Trev’s Security & DeGunst Transport for covering the cost of the band. Thank you. Lastly, but just as importantly, ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped on the night with food, the front door, MCing, raffles & bar. Without your support the night could not have happened. THANK YOU!!!!!
• Is anyone looking to purchase new school shirts?? If so could you please see Desrae or Nancy, or ring/text Nancy on 0428991531 before 11th November.

• P&C Meeting 17th November 3pm ALL WELCOME

• Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

  1st Bendell family
  2nd Mel Ilett
  3rd Linda Savage

  Friday is banking day

**Gotcha Winners**

Kaylah was full of smiles after winning one of the GOTCHA prizes.

**Students Of The Week**

*Mrs Dyer's class:* Aliyah for the work she has done at home learning her poetry.

*Mrs D's class:* Jayden for showing an increased willingness to work hard in some subject areas.
Award Recipients

As always, it was wonderful to acknowledge so many successes. Well done!

AND FINALLY... ‘What would you like to do on the next school camp?’

Hayley: go to the beach
Jessica: go to Fraser Island
Peter-Craig: go to the beach
Tiah: go swimming
Charlie: go to the jungle
Danica: go to the beach
Aliyah: go to the beach
Hamish: go hunting would be really exciting
Mason: Gallipoli to see all the damage from the war
Danita: go next door to the neighbours
Leeroy: go to Aussie World
Cooper: go to a museum in Melbourne
Deklyn: go to a museum in Brisbane
Jayden: go on a fun camp where there are rides
Mary: go to the circus
Clinton: go where you can make a fire outside
Kaylah: go to a water park
Kees: absent
Doc: go to a spooky cave
Rachel: go to museums
Jessica: go ice skating
Paul: camp in a tent
Mitchell: go canoeing
Daniel: go to a museum in Hervey Bay that has farming machinery
Toby: New South Wales
Maddy: go skiing
Mrs D: go anywhere that provides challenges, fun, new experiences, good food and a frog free loo! 😊
Newsflash: Did you hear about the student who ate all our cheese and butter and drunk all the milk. How dairy!

Have a happy day!

Dawn

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

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Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

90th percentile

50th percentile

10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1997)