G’day everyone,

We have extra special clocks at Booyal Central - their hands seem to move super-fast! At the moment every day passes in the blink of an eye so hang on tight for the next four weeks.

Last week the students in the upper class completed some pirate writing; working hard to draft, rewrite and edit their work. Whilst this is sometimes a long process it is made worthwhile when the children beam with pride at their final piece of work.

One of the nicer things about this time of the year is that it allows us to reflect on how much each child has developed, academically and otherwise. I hope that every Booyalian realises just how much they have achieved and that this is directly linked to how focused, industrious and determined they have been every day. Wanting to do well and being prepared to consistently work hard will always lead to success, whether it be at school or elsewhere.

Pre-Prep Day: The third and final Pre Prep session will take place this Tuesday. Our little friends are settling in very well. Many thanks to Mrs Dyer for organising these sessions and to parents for spending the afternoons at school. As well as providing opportunities for familiarisation with the school layout, routines and expectations the Pre Prep sessions are designed to give us a valuable insight into each child’s abilities.
Pirate Assessment: Year 3 – 6 students will orally present their historical pirate recounts on Wednesday. The children have been practising in class and were given a copy of their work to take home for extra practise last week. This extra practise is vital in order for them to do well. Can you please check that your child has been doing their best to sound like a pirate and learn their speech. All the usual public speaking skills will be assessed.

P&C Meeting and Centenary Meeting: Both meetings will be held this Tuesday, 17th November. Please note the change of time for the centenary meeting. It will now follow the P&C meeting, (rather than being in the evening, as originally scheduled).

‘Back to Booyal’ Facebook page: A centenary Facebook page has kindly been established by Mrs Leila Muller. Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested in the centenary celebrations. It will become increasingly more informative in the lead-up to the centenary. People can register their interest in attending the day on this page which will be a big help with catering arrangements.

Remembrance Day: Last Tuesday, November 11th, the Booyal students took the time to pay their respects to the many soldiers who fought to protect our country and to pay homage to their selfless efforts. They watched a short video about the significance of Remembrance Day, sang "Lest We Forget" and observed one minute’s silence. The flag was also flown at half-mast until after the service.

AVA Pets: Allayne Mimi, Environmental Health Officer, from Bundaberg Regional Council spoke to the children about responsible pet ownership on Thursday afternoon. The students were very interested and asked some very relevant questions.

End Of Year Excursion: Aussie World permission forms have been sent home. Please let me know if yours didn’t make it to you for any reason.

High School Transition: The Year 6 students will spend Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st of December. A letter and permission form is attached.
School Leaders 2016: Application packages for 2016 school leadership positions were sent home on Friday and are due back on 20th November. Students in Year 4 are eligible to apply for positions. Speeches and voting will take place on Monday 23rd November. Students in Years 1 – 6 are eligible to vote.

Pirate Pizazz (messages thanks to Mrs Dyer 😊)

Invites
The P/1/2 students have been working on our Pirate Pizazz/Graduation invitations as part of their Special Project work on a Tuesday afternoon. Be on the lookout for these with this Friday’s newsletter, they might surprise you.

Costumes
All students will be asked to bring in their pirate costumes next Friday, November 27th. Please send them along on that Friday, in a labelled plastic bag/bag. Remember to include accessories that your child might be wearing, like bandannas, pirate hats, swords, belts, boots, earrings etc. Anything that might have the tendency to be misplaced please put in a snap seal bag for ease. The children will be performing their dance rehearsals in their costumes that day.

If you find that you are short an item for your child’s costume, please let me know this week and I will see what we can do to help find any pieces that you might need. Please note, there is no requirement to buy or hire a pirate costume. In the past I have found that costumes sourced from items at home are usually the best and this is one of the reasons we chose this theme. Pirates can be tatty and unkempt looking…. those old rags/hand me downs etc. could come in handy. Good luck getting imaginative. Parents don’t forget to start thinking about yours now as well. Dressing up is fun for all.

Dancing
Would you believe that the reporter from the Isis Town & Country is coming to photograph the students with Miss Michelle this Friday afternoon? She heard about the school engaging a visiting artist to work with the students around Dance for their end of year concert and felt it will make a great story for the paper.
Dear All,

There are four weeks of school left. Having students at school every day over the next four weeks is important as we will be completing our learning activities, doing assessment for reporting and practising in earnest for “Pirate Pizazz”. Fridays are particularly important with our dance rehearsals.

Poetry Recitals
The students will complete their assessment next Monday morning on Parade. Well done to those students who have really been putting in a big effort with their learning over the past six weeks. I will be looking for the following things in each recital: volume, pace/expression, clear speaking, gestures/facial expressions and memory of the verses. Good luck all!

Pre Prep Sessions
This Tuesday, 17 November is the last of our Pre-Prep Sessions. We are really enjoying having the Pre-Prep students around. They seem very keen about school next year and are fitting in well. We have some more “pirate experiences” lined up again for them. A big congratulations must also go to the P/1/2 students who are being lovely and welcoming role models for them. Mrs D’s class even lends a hand with this during lunch play.

Sight Words
I would like to officially declare Hamish Vellacott as a Sight Word King. At Booyal this means that you know 500 sight words. This is a huge achievement and we give Hamish much applause for his hard work and many hours of practice. Doesn’t the crown that he made for himself look regal?

We only have three more weeks left of our sight word learning. Will we have any of the Preps make their target of 100 words? Two are nearly there…..will they make it???? Hope so. It will be High Fives to students, parents and staff if they do. Remember that sight word learning is a long term, team effort. Five of our Year 1 students have already reached their target of 200 words. Well done again to those students.

Kindest regards for the downhill run,
Mrs Dyer
Two Christmas events will be held at the Booyal Memorial Hall soon.

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 12th December. As usual, Santa will be stopping by to say ‘Hello’ and distribute some gifts.

This year there is also an opportunity to join in a Christmas Sing-Along on Sunday 6th December. The children will be invited to perform a song or two with the Pilot Light singers.

**Gotcha Winners**

Leeroy & Danita had fun picking their GOTCHA prizes. 😊
Students Of The Week

Mrs Dyer’s class: Hamish for reaching the 500 sightword target. What a fantastic achievement!

Mrs D’s class: Jessica for a magnificent effort in Maths. Jess correctly completed 150 division sums 2 minutes.

Award Recipients

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

Have a great day!

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