Reminder: Aussie World permission forms and payment were due back today. The booking will be confirmed and paid early next week. Please contact me no later than Monday morning if there is an issue. Thank you.

G’day everyone,

What a week it has been, plenty of action inside and out of the classroom, with many visitors popping in to work with the children. Booyal students are very fortunate to have the chance to engage with, and learn from, a diverse range of interesting people.

I seem to have spent most of this week at meetings in Bundaberg so a big ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Ilett for teaching the upper class during my absences.

Newspaper story: I have not personally read this week’s edition of the Isis Town & Country but I believe that there is a lovely article about our Booyalian pirates dancing with Miss Michelle. How exciting!

Life Education: The Life Education excursion was very informative and enjoyable. Kathy and Harold have been teaching youngsters about the healthy lifestyle choice for over many, many years and are still brimming with enthusiasm. Life Ed trips are valuable experiences and cover part of the Australian Curriculum (Health). Many thanks to our helpful volunteer drivers. Merchandise orders will be sent to the school soon.
A Kind Gesture: The children received a lovely surprise in the mail yesterday; a very generous and kind donation from a local family (who do not have children at this school). To save potential embarrassment, I will not mention their names but I have already personally thanked them and so will the students. We also discussed ideas regarding what the money could be put towards.

It is heart-warming to think that our children and school team have such a special place in the hearts of our community. On behalf of all Booyalians I express our sincere appreciation and thanks.

Anti-Graffiti Workshop: Andrea Bax, Bundaberg Council’s Youth Development Officer, returned to present an anti-graffiti session with the Year 3 - 6 students yesterday. Andrea always delivers a very energetic, interactive and positive lesson. Whilst graffiti is not a huge issue around Booyal her messages were certainly relevant and well received by most students. Whilst the artistic talent in some graffiti art was acknowledged, the message of respect to self and property by not defacing either was stressed. Hopefully all children heeded the message.

Spinal Education Awareness Team: Mark Farrell from S.E.A.T made a welcome return today and reiterated how the children should behave in order to minimise the chance of spinal injury. Mark presents a very honest and age-appropriate account of how a serious accident years ago affected his life forever, leaving him wheelchair bound.

Summer uniforms: I was asked if girls could still wear the school uniform dresses, particularly during the hotter months. They are quite acceptable and (I am led to believe) can be purchased from Bundaberg since they are the same as another school’s uniform. Please see me for more specific details. I have a few school badges if anyone would like to sew one on the pocket.

Reminder: The Christmas Sing Along will be held at the Booyal Hall next Sunday, 6th December.

Students have been practising two songs and have been invited to sing with the Pilot Light Productions team. Whilst this is not a school activity as such, children are encouraged to attend and showcase their beautiful voices to the community.

The annual Christmas Party will be held the following weekend, on Saturday 12th December. As usual, Santa will be stopping by to say ‘Ho Ho Ho’ and distribute some gifts.
Thank you to everyone who has already returned library books. If this has slipped your mind, please send them in on Monday.

**Booklists and parent-teacher meetings:** Booklists for 2016 will be sent home next week, as well as details of parent-teacher meetings (in the next Waffle).

**School leadership:** I would like to clarify the voting procedures used when electing school leaders at this school (and at many others). As in other schools, leadership roles are positions to be aspired to and reflect school pride; every student has the opportunity to nominate for multiple positions and potentially represent their school as an ambassador during their finals year(s). Positions are for 12 months.

- Nominations for leadership positions are called for from potential Year 6 students towards the end of their preceding school year.
- All students in Year 5 are invited to apply for positions.
- If there are no, (or insufficient), Year 5 students enrolled then nominations are invited from Year 4 students.
- Students can nominate for more than one position and need to write a speech tailored for each position they are applying for.
- Applications are given to the principal (at a predetermined date) who assesses accuracy of claims and suitability of candidates.
- If deemed suitable, candidates are invited to present nomination speech(es) on Election Day
- Students in Years 1 – 6 vote. Candidates may vote for themselves.
- If only one nominee stands for a position they present their speech and are voted in uncontested.
- If two students nominate for a position and one has previously been elected to a position, the person with the already elected position is ineligible to be stand. However, if no other nominations are received for that position, the candidate may stand uncontested and hold both positions.
- After elections, if any positions remain vacant teachers, (following consultation and consensus) can offer the position to a student.

These rules have been developed with fairness in mind.

**Life Education session**
Thanks Terry! 😊 We had an extra body lining up outside the classroom on Tuesday morning: a well fed python. Whilst our friend looked quite content up on the rafter, Terry Vaughan kindly came and relocated it.

**Pirate Pizazz Update**

As I type this newsletter dance practice is underway with a very well dressed and enthusiastic crew of buccaneers. Thanks everyone for kitting your child/ren out. I realise that this is just another job on your already long ‘to-do’ list. It is very much appreciated.

**Junior Jottings**

Dear All,

**Homework**

Next week, Week 9 is our last week of Homework. All Maths booklets will need to be completed and the Year 1 students have a Revision Spelling Test on Wednesday. 30 words of the 80 words will be chosen for this.

**Workbooks and Equipment**

Progressively over the next two weeks children will start bringing home their things. Please just check their school bag each night for miscellaneous items so nothing goes 'missing'. Their leftover stationery supplies will come home in a big snap seal bag. Remember about this before purchasing the booklist items for 2016.

**Poetry Recitals**

Everyone did a fantastic job with this task. Parents you would have been proud. We are now practicing in our groups ready for concert. Collaborating with another individual/s and coordinating things is an interesting challenge!

I have made a start on my report card writing. I know you will all be thinking of me burning the midnight oil. The juggle at this time of year is huge but all part of the privilege that I have of working with your children,

Mrs Dyer
Mark Farrell returned to present spinal injury prevention lessons to the P-3 and 4-6 classes today.

Thanks to everyone in the Spinal Education Awareness Team.

Friday is banking day

**Gotcha Winners**

*Congratulations Deklyn and Charlie! 😊*

**Students Of The Week**

**Mrs Dyer's class:** All Mrs Dyer's class were nominated as 'Students Of The Week' for their hard work making wonderful pirate-themed invitations.

**Mrs D's class:** In acknowledgement of our class' flexibility and maintained focus during the end of year changes to classroom routines, all of the Year 3 - 6 students are award the honour of 'Students Of The Week.' I am very proud of you all.
Award Recipients

Well done team!

You are all great examples of Booyal’s Best!

AND FINALLY... I have run out of time this week for any ‘And Finally...’ questions but I thought it would be nice to share a Wordle that students created on Monday which will be included in this year’s graduation booklet. Wordle is a type of computer application.

Each child was asked to anonymously write down words that they feel describes our school. The more frequent the word when the list is combined the larger it becomes. Isn’t it lovely to see that the largest words relate to learning, happiness and safety?

Dan, Maddy, Mitchell, Paul & Toby will spend next Monday and Tuesday at the high school on a transition program. Go and impress everyone with your ‘Booyal Best’. We hope that you all have a fantastic time! 😊

Here’s hoping you will all have the happiest of weekends!
All the best,
Dawn

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| 9 a.m. Mondays                                                      | Parade                                                          |
| Monday 30th November/Tuesday 1st December                          | High School Transition: Year 6                                  |
| Tuesday 8th December                                               | Graduation & ‘Pirate Pizazz’ Performance                         |
| Friday 11th December                                               | End of term excursion: Aussie World 😊                         |

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