G’day everyone,

What a lovely day it was yesterday for a swim; lots of happy faces and no complaints about being cold. The children had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Mrs Gray and Mrs Scott for coming along to help supervise and instruct. Not only do the children really benefit from the extra help but it is always lovely to have mums and dads share in the Booyal fun. During our swimming block the students are split into small groups and receive coaching from a mixture of pool instructors, Booyal staff and parents. It is a real team effort.

Just a reminder that the bus for swimming departs at 8.45 a.m. sharp, slightly earlier than the normal school starting time. In the interests of fairness and so that the children are at the pool on time for their scheduled lessons Chook will depart at 8.45 a.m. sharp next week. Please ensure that your child is at school on time and does not miss out on this great experience.
A very warm Booyal welcome to Peter-Craig and his sister, Tiah Ryan who joined Prep earlier this week. There are now four students enrolled in our Prep class. If smiles are anything to go by, it looks as though both children enjoyed their first day in the junior classroom very much.

Reminder: Parade is now held on a Monday at 2.45 p.m. Come in and join us! 😊

Mrs Dyer was at Isis High completing training yesterday and today. Thanks to Mrs Illet for relieving. This year Mrs Illet will, hopefully, be working every Thursday. She will also be around school often as one of our regular relief teachers. We are very fortunate to have such a lovely and experienced teacher join the Booyal ranks.

Mrs Vellacott will now be working 9 – 1 p.m. every Monday – Wednesday. Subject to funding, it is hoped that this arrangement will continue throughout the year.

As always, ‘Thank You’ to Aunty Linda for volunteering to work on Fridays. Today we were also delighted to welcome Miss Loretta, who is likely to also be a classroom volunteer from time to time. How lucky are we!

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PREDICTING

As part of our focus on improving reading comprehension the students have been learning the important skill of predicting, which is basically making a smart guess about what is coming up next.

To predict accurately the students need to use clues, (such as the title, illustrations, blurb, author and text type or what has already been read) to predict what is coming up in the text.

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**Nightly Reading**

I hope you enjoyed sharing the picture books this week. The children will receive readers at their own level next week. ‘Thank you’ in advance for the children returning their homework folders every day so the books can be changed.

**Display Table**

In our classroom across first term we are 'bringing back' our display table. Each week in the newsletter we will let you know what our display table is.

Next week - for Preps it is things starting with the letter 'a' and for Year 1 it is 'bl'. The students bring something along starting with their nominated letter or with their blend in it. The items are returned on a Friday. Nothing too precious and nothing too big please.

Sometimes our displays aren’t even letters/blends sometimes a topic. Last year our displays were great and the conversation resulting from them excellent. Thanks everyone in advance.

Mrs Vellacott working with Jessica and Hayley on their first Science lesson on Monday afternoon.

Friday is our banking and library day.

**P&C NEWS**

P&C meeting Tuesday, 17th February. Please help support all our children.

Uniforms are now available $25 each. If you ordered shirts last year could you please organise payment & pick-up as soon as possible.
We monitor student attendance very carefully and take absenteeism seriously. Frequent absenteeism is considered as a form of neglect. Every child deserves the right to learn so we work with parents and, if needed, relevant authorities to ensure that every child regularly attends school.

Every day really does count!

Gotcha Winners
Congratulations, Leeroy & Clinton 😊

Students Of The Week:
We are very proud of you all!

Mrs Dyer’s Class: Hayley and Jessica for settling into Prep so well and showing such a wonderful approach to learning and playing.

Mrs D.’s Class: Daniel for doing his ‘Booyal Best’ in every lesson, even when the going got tough.

Our laugh for the week came when a younger student was asked to spell ‘across.’ He wrote ‘X’ on his spelling test sheet! 😊
AND FINALLY.....

Tell me something you have learnt /enjoyed since starting school this year.”

Hayley: I liked learning my numbers.
Jessica: I liked riding on the bus.
Peter-Craig: I made a new friend.
Tiah: I like the tomatoes growing at school.
Charlie: I liked swimming on my back.
Danica: I learnt not to panic when I’m in the water.
Aliyah: I liked going swimming.
Hamish: I liked swimming on my back.
Mason: I liked playing ‘Sharks & Islands.’
Danita: I learnt never to give up when I’m in the water.
Leeroy: I liked swimming and going under water.
Cooper: I learnt that you need to have an adult with you when you go swimming.
Deklyn: I learnt how to write some letters.
Jayden: I liked Mrs Vaughan and Mason’s mum teaching me swimming.
Mary: I liked all the tests.
Clinton: I really enjoyed swimming at the Childers’ Pool.
Kaylah: I have enjoyed Maths.
Kees: I enjoyed doing History with Mrs D.
Doc: I’ve learnt how to do the ‘V’ lines to make adding up in my head easier in Maths
Rachel: I did lots of tests at the start of term.
Leelyn: absent
Jessica: The tests at the start of term were really fun. I liked them.
Abigail: I liked learning to speak German and finding out more about that country.
Paul: I really enjoyed learning to speak German.
Mitchell: I learnt how to talk German.
Daniel: I learnt new games, made new friends and I now know more about the Soundwaves books.
Toby: I liked learning about how to do different things in Art.
Maddy: I enjoyed seeing friends again.

DIARY DATES

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Have a lovely weekend, Dawn 😊

If you, or any of your friends or relations, would enjoy receiving The Waffle via e-mail each week please send me their details so that they can be added to the mailing list. My e-mail address is ddoli4@eq.edu.au

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