Hello everyone,

Thanks to Mrs Ilett for holding the fort whilst I recently joined over 1,400 Queensland principals at our biennial conference in Brisbane. It was a very valuable and exciting experience, full of relevant information that we can directly apply at school. I was particularly excited to hear about the greater freedom principals are being given so that we can teach students in a way that works best for our local communities. This is a great thing for Booyal. 😊

I was particularly chuffed to hear an educational expert from America, Dr Yong Zhao, describe how supporting students to become entrepreneurs and global citizen is the way to go. There is plenty of evidence to prove that children become more creative, passionate, confident, caring and better able to interact with the world. We can already see how our entrepreneurial focus has enthused the students and been a way that Maths and English concepts can be linked to motivational, real life tasks, enabling concepts to be understood more easily. More than anything else I have done in my teaching career, I believe that this is the way to go and am so excited to be supporting the students in this way. Our first venture is to create a side-splitting DVD of jokes in aid of drought relief. More details will be sent home during the week. It’s going to be a little ripper! 😊
It was lovely to see Mrs Vaughan return to school after her recent mishap. She is definitely one mighty woman! 😊 Thanks to Mrs Vellacott and Mrs Bendell for working extra hours in the classroom during Mrs Vaughan's absence.

Prior to heading off to the Australasian Karate Titles, Mrs Dyer organised a particularly energetic and creative art lesson. The children enjoyed every minute of it; learning some interesting karate facts, practising several moves and sketching Bernard from different angles. We hope that Mrs Dyer and her family have a wonderful week of karate and are proud of their performances in the competition. Go the Dyers!!

Shoe boxes for History. Mrs Kovacs needs about 8 shoe boxes for the children to make into time capsules. Any that you send in would be greatly appreciated.

Weather permitting, there are two more swimming lessons left. If it is too cold next week we will save the extra lesson until Term 4 when a dip will be a great way to escape the heat.

Mr John Sherrington, son of Douglas John Sherrington (the first student registered at Booyal Central) has published a book of his father's life story as a tribute to his dad who died in 1999. John has kindly offered to donate a copy of this book to the school library. It is a very interesting read!

Apparently Douglas' lasting memory of his school days in Booyal was a stopover landing by Burt Hinkler in Newbauer's paddock opposite the Booyal School, where all the school children marched off to greet him.

John will visit school and address the students at 2 pm this Thursday 12th March. Parents and community members are most welcome to join us.

- Our giant pumpkin plants are progressing well. We are currently researching hints to help give these vegies an extra boost. Any suggestions from local gardening gurus will be gratefully received.

REMINDER: Library borrowing is on Fridays for students in Prep-Year 2 and Thursdays for the 3-6 s. 😊
Display Table
‘nd’ items this week included band aid, head band, candle and more. For ‘n’ we had nail scissors and a horse that went ‘neigh’!
Next week it is ‘oi’ for Year 1 and ‘i’ for Preps.

Tips for Parents
Attached to the newsletter is some tips for Home Reading.

Leave
Mrs Ilett will be teaching for me whilst I am on absent from school. I don’t think I could leave the Junior Class in better hands. Thanks in advance. I will return to school on Tuesday, March 17. Please cross your fingers for me. Surviving 6 training sessions and competition at the Karate Australasians at the Gold Coast will be interesting. I just keep thinking, ‘Do your Booyal Best’. They say we are going to have 500 people on the training floor. If this heat continues......that is a lot of sweat!

Kind Regards, Fiona

ARTY FACTS
Last week, the students hand coloured their own poppies. A huge ‘Thank You’ to Cheryl Bemrose from Cordalba who sewed all the poppies for the students. Twenty five poppies were sent off to the ‘5000 Poppies’ project. It is wonderful to be part of this amazing project where people from all around the country and overseas have crocheted, knitted or made fabric/felt poppies to be displayed in Federation Square on ANZAC Day to mark 100 years. The idea was to have 5000 poppies, although I think totals are now up to 150 000 poppies. If anyone is interested, there is a website for this project which shows photos, gives information and patterns.

We would love for the children to learn how to knit or crochet a poppy that could be displayed at local ANZAC services. A call out through the Gallery to the 2014 ‘yarn bombers' put us in touch with one volunteer. I am not sure how but the story was picked up by the ‘Childers Chitchat’ and three more volunteers have offered to help. Are there any people in our school community that could assist? If you can, please contact the school and we will try to work out a plan. Time is against us now but ‘where there is a will there is a way.’
Did you ever read Jules Verne's exciting novel ‘20,000 Leagues Under The Sea’ when you were at school? Perhaps you saw the movie? The Grades 3-7s are thoroughly enjoying the excitement of this classic novel….definitely an oldie but a goodie!

Centenary planning meeting: Tuesday 18th March. 7 pm in Mrs D’s room. Come and be part of the fun - the more the merrier! 😊 Centenary celebrations will be held on Saturday 19th November 2016. Please let Robyn or Dawn know if you have any suggestions for this special occasion.

Friday is our banking day.
Library borrowing days: P-2: Fridays 3-7s: Thursdays

🌞 Reading Eggs password is attached 😊

P&C NEWS

A.G.M. Tuesday 31st March (last week of term)

Gotcha Winner

It was Charlie’s lucky week! 😊

Students Of The Week:

Mrs Dyer’s Class: Leeroy for trying so hard with his speech.
Mrs D.’s Class: Mitchell for always applying himself so enthusiastically to any task.
A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has helped around school recently. Our students really benefit from the help you give.

AND FINALLY.....

If you could have any animal as a pet what would it be and why?

Hayley: a fish. I had one but mine died. It was a red one.
Jessica: a cat because we only have one and it’s nice. I play with it. It has cat toys and toy 'mouses' and something with a bell inside.
Peter-Craig: a monkey that I could dance with and take in the pool
Tiah: a cow - I could get milk from it
Charlie: a guinea pig because they’re playful
Danica: a dog because they can wake us up when they bark
Aliyah: a cat because it is hairy and fluffy. I have fluffy things in my bedroom.
Hamish: a cow so we would get a calf to feed then we could send them off and eat them for dinner
Mason: absent
Danita: a giraffe because it could eat the trees
Leeroy: a big dinosaur with spikes on its back that I could ride
Deklyn: a cat because dogs jump up on you
Jayden: a snake because it could be like a guard dog and protect me against predators, like buffalo
Mary: a pony so that I could ride on it and go places further than our dam. I could see all the places around Booyal then
Clinton: a dog because if you had lots of cattle or sheep to muster they could help you
Kaylah: a koala because they are soft and cuddly. I have not really held one before and they are my favourite animal.
Kees: a ferret because I reckon that they are really fun because they hide all the time and it is really hard to find them
Doc: a cheetah because it would be cute and cuddly and then my sister and I could play with it.
Rachel: a Jack Russell because I could run around with it all the time. They are great hunting dogs that like catching rabbits and they bark a lot too. I read a book about them once.
Leelyn: a panther because they are sleek and can run really fast
Jessica: a unicorn because then its horn would be magical so I could turn my brothers into frogs or something like that!
Abigail: a horse. I love horses. When you watch them gallop around it's like you're in a fantasy
Paul: an Easter Bunny so I could eat all the chocolates and go for a ride
Mitchell: a tiger because they are cute and would protect me
Daniel: a horse. I love horses because you can ride them and do lots of things like barrel racing and flag racing.
Toby: a carpet snake because when they feel threatened by something they climb up on its neck and strangle it. A snake like this could protect me and would be cute and soft too
Maddy: a little puppy because I could play with it all day and cuddle it at night. It would be lots of fun.
Mrs D: I'd love a chimpanzee to monkey around with. 😊

DIARY DATES

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Something to make you smile!
I met the bloke who invented crosswords today.
I can’t remember his name, it's P something T something R.

I was reading this great book today, The History Of Glue… just couldn’t put it down!

I phoned the local ramblers club today and this bloke just went on and on and….

All the best, Dawn 😊

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