Hi Everyone,

With all this unusual autumn heat I reckon that even the children would agree that their air-conditioned classroom has been the best place to be during the middle of the day. 😊 Mind you, the way that some of them race around the soccer field having fun at lunchtimes often makes you wonder! Booyal kids are certainly a wonderfully healthy, outdoor bunch. Their soccer skills are particularly impressive; Socceroos in the making! 😊

- **A warm welcome back to Mrs Dyer** following her karate experience down south and a very big ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Ilett for so capably taking the reins in the junior classroom. The children benefit greatly from having a stable teaching team so we always try to secure the same relief teachers who are highly skilled and familiar with the Booyal students and routines. It makes all the difference.

  Cartoon Dave is returning on the last Wednesday of term. The children always love his cartooning lessons! Everyone will have a session with Dave, with The Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs focusing on designing their joke DVD cover.

  Sent home last Friday was an invitation to be involved in the children's drought fundraising DVD. Please get into the spirit of things and agree to help out; it will be painless (honest!!). Already we have some celebrities send through video clips and a radio station want to interview us - and that’s before the word has really got out. This will be a wonderfully worthwhile experience for the children, in so many ways.
As part of our alternative camp activities this year, all students are invited to spend Wednesday evening in the last week of term at school with an astronomer. Telescopes will be provided, along with dinner. School will cover the cost for all students. Parents and siblings are also welcome; $10 adult and $7 child for the astronomy session. A dinner price will be advised. Please keep an eye out for a flyer next week.

- Mr Horner will be away next Thursday and Mrs Horner absent on Friday.
- Mrs Kovacs expresses her thanks to everyone who donated shoe boxes.

Swimming was a great success this term. We were exceptionally lucky that the warm weather lasted so long. Many thanks to all the staff, parents and pool staff who coached the children, as well as Chook for being such a cheery and helpful bus driver. A great time was had by all.

- Many thanks to everyone who collected NewsMail tokens for us. Several community members also cut out the tokens and dropped them off at school. What wonderful support. 😊 Results of the competition will be announced on Tuesday. Here’s hoping!

- Bill and Bob continue to thrive. We will give them a bit of a kick along with fertilizer early next week. Apparently worm poo solution does the trick!

- Nightly reading results have certainly picked up in Mrs D’s room. Well done.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious tuckshop morning-tea on Tuesday, complete with ice-cold milk shakes. Many thanks to Mrs Paten & Mrs Vella for co-ordinating this, along with the support from other helpers.

A productive Centenary Meeting was held on Tuesday night where brainstorming about that we could realistically do for the centenary, given limited help, took place. Staff, parents and community members shared many exciting ideas.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th April. Please join us; the more the merrier, with the guarantee that meetings adhere to a strict time limit and no one will be burdened with onerous responsibilities. (Trust me!! 😊 )
Head lice: There have been a couple of instances of head lice in the junior classroom lately. Thank you for promptly checking and, if necessary, treating your child/ren. This certainly is the key to minimising the spread.

Over recent years we have been very fortunate to have been pretty much 'nit-free.' Whilst regulations now prevent us from insisting that a child be taken home from school as soon as head lice are detected, we will always phone you and would appreciate it if you still could collect your child immediately so that the chance of spreading is minimised. Everyone benefits from this approach. Thank you.

**REMINDER:** Library borrowing is on Fridays for students in Prep- Year 2 and Thursdays for the 3-6 s. 😊

It looks like Mr Vellacott has found himself an apprentice!

Thank you for the new hat rack, it is a beauty. 😊

**Display Table**

Many thanks for some great contributions to the 'br' table this week. They included a brass cobra, bracelet, brumby and bread to name a few. There was a single contribution to the Prep’s side for 'r' - a red crayon. Next week it is 'pr' for the Year 1s and 'p' for the Preps.

**Week 9**

Next week it is Week 9 of term. Where has the term flown? It will be the last week of homework. Year 1s will still see to their Spelling List in Wk 10 however but will just a have couple of days for learning.
Thank You
A big thank you to Mrs Ilett for her great teaching during my leave. Mrs Ilett spent a lot of her own time seeing to things. Such an asset to the Booyal team! I am humbled by the support the school community has given me for my karate pursuits. I am getting better, little by little. My performance in competition was my best yet but not quite there for a medal. Maybe next time! Loved the multicultural aspect to the Australasian Competition. We witnessed the 'Haka' before one of the team events and the Japanese team were just so disciplined and inspiring.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer

Reminder: Friday is our banking day.

P&C NEWS

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

- **Easter hamper**: donations to the Easter hampers would be greatly appreciated. Please leave any items in the school office. Thank you.

- **Easter raffle tickets** are due back to the office no later than Tuesday 31st March. If you require any more please see Tanya or Desrae.

**DID YOU KNOW**: that these are all Australian inventions? What an ingenious nation! ☺

- Disposable latex gloves 1960s
- Disposable syringe 1949
- Microsurgery 1970
- Electronic pacemaker 1926
- Xerox photocopier 1907
- Baby safety capsule 1984
- Air cargo scanner 2006
- Humidicrib 1930a
- Spray on skin 1999
- IVF embryo freezing 1983
- Ultrasound 1961
- Aspro 1917

A little boy wanted a glass of water at eleven o'clock at night. His dad said, “That’s your eighth glass of water this hour. You can’t be *that* thirsty.” The child replied, “I’m not…..my bedroom’s on fire!”
**Gotcha Winners**

Jessica and Mary were the lucky winners last week! 😊

**Students Of The Week**

*Mrs Dyer’s Class:* Danica for approaching her learning in such a positive and enthusiastic manner. Dancia is such a pleasant and cheery member of our school.

*Mrs D’s Class:* Toby for showing everyone the benefit of not rushing through work. Toby generally takes a careful, steady approach to Maths and so avoids careless errors.

**Award Recipients**

Well done team! You did your ‘Booyal Best’ and nothing less. 😊
AND FINALLY.....

What are your favourite (non-computer!) games to play?

Hayley: ‘Hide and Seek’ & Bull Rush
Jessica: puzzles and playing pretend shops
Peter-Craig: zombie games & robot games
Tiah: sheep games and shooting games
Charlie: Bull Rush & ‘Stuck in the Mud’
Danica: soccer & ‘Bull Rush’
Aliyah: ‘Hide and Seek’ & soccer
Hamish: ‘Hide and Seek’ & ‘Murder In The Dark’
Mason: BMX & ‘Stuck in the Mud’
Danita: ‘Hide and Seek’ & Snap
Leeroy: soccer & catching grasshoppers 😊
Cooper: soccer & ‘Murder In The Dark’
Deklyn: Capture The Jewels & soccer
Jayden: soccer & tennis
Mary: the trampoline & the swing
Clinton: soccer & dodge ball.
Kaylah: soccer & ‘Snakes and Ladders’
Kees: soccer & Scrabble
Doc: soccer & T-ball
Rachel: soccer & James Bond
Leelyn: absent
Jessica: Spotlight & ‘Hide and Seek’
Abigael: soccer & swimming games
Paul: chess & Monopoly
Mitchell: football and soccer
Daniel: Monopoly & chess
Toby: Monopoly & ‘Snakes and Ladders’
Maddy: chess & tennis
Mrs D: Pictionary & Trivial Pursuit 😊

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Hope you're having a happy day,
Dawn 😊

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