Hello everyone,

What a change there has been in the weather! Whilst the rain is welcomed with open arms, the drop in temperature has certainly been a shock to the system. With the likelihood of this chilly weather continuing for a little while yet please ensure that your child has at least a warm jumper in their bag, even if they are not keen to wear it first thing in the day. Thank you.

Photos: The photographers expect to arrive at school between 11.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday (5th May). Big smiles, tidy hair and smart uniforms will be the order of the day! 😊

- Astronomy Night: At this stage Astronomy Night is still a goer. Obviously we are relying on the weather being fine and the sky being clear. I will be speaking to Owen, the astronomer, during the weekend and will keep you up to date with the plans.

The program is the same as originally sent home, with students having afternoon tea here straight after school, a classroom session and opportunity to look through a solar telescope, dinner, miscellaneous art/craft activities and outdoor sky watching. Parents and siblings are invited to join us at any time from 3 pm onwards, ($10/adult, $7/school aged sibling). Collection time is no later than 8 p.m.
Centenary Meeting: Thank you to those parents and community members who shared their time and ideas during Tuesday’s centenary meeting. We now have a real feel for how the day will proceed. The focus will be on celebrating the school’s history and our students’ achievements, whilst providing opportunities for past and present students and staff to mingle. What an exciting (and busy!) time our school community has to look forward to.

- Tuckshop: Thanks to P&C for co-ordinating the next tuckshop which will be served on Monday. It will be lovely to have some warm food to enjoy.

- Mr McKay visited during the week, which was great. He toured the classrooms and was very impressed by what he saw. Booyal kids really are something special!

Amongst other things, we set some targets for the term and discussed Education Queensland’s current focus on attendance.

The long and the sort of it is that students need to be at school if they are to learn; allowing a child to miss days for minor reasons means that he/she is not being given the opportunity to succeed. As teachers we have seen this at many schools, time and time again. It is heart-breaking and very frustrating watching children struggle and go backwards through no fault of their own.

Fortunately, overall, at Booyal our attendance rate is usually very good – thank you. Having said that, there are some concerns. A graph will be sent home next week showing your child’s attendance relative to other students, which may be of interest. Obviously absences due to illness and important family affairs are totally understandable.

- Good luck to Daniel as he competes in the cross country trials in Bundaberg next week.

NAPLAN testing will be held for students in Year 3 & 5 during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 4, 12th-14th May.

P&C NEWS

The next tuck shop will be on Monday 4th May (next Monday). Thank you for your support.

Friday is banking day
Hi Everyone,

I can’t believe two weeks have disappeared already and it is the start of May.

Display Table
Next week we have ‘wr’ and ‘y’. The Year 1 had some great contributions for mp. They included camp oven, dump truck, clamp and stamp. No contributions from the Preps this week.... if only my per zebra could have fitted on the table!

Special Projects
The children really seemed to enjoy our two special projects this week.... colouring our Library Bags and a learning about Phases of the Moon with Oreo biscuits.

Sightwords
We have some of our Prep students so very close to getting their Golden Word certificates. So very exciting! Keep up the great sightword work Preps!

Poppy Seeds
A big thankyou from Cordalba Student Council to those people who purchased seeds. The proceeds go to Legacy so they were thrilled with your support.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer
**Gotcha Winners**
Jessica & Hamish discovered that the GOTCHA box is bursting with exciting goodies! 😊

**Students Of The Week**

**Mrs Dyer’s class:** Peter-Craig for making much better behavioural choices.

**Mrs D’s class:** Toby and Abigael (absent) for independently taking responsibility for cleaning up the sports shed last week and setting a great example to the other students.

**Award Recipients**

Well done Clinton and Mary. We are very proud of you!

Kees was chuffed to receive a photo from his hero, Alan Jackson, as well as a newsy letter from the fan club secretary in America. The photo was signed ‘To my buddy, Kees’ and came in response to a piece of persuasive writing Kees did in class last year. We are all delighted for him. 😊
AND FINALLY.....

What is your favourite toy?

Hayley: a ball
Jessica: my Frozen doll
Kevin: my tractor
Peter-Craig: absent
Tiah: absent
Charlie: a toy gun
Danica: a unicorn
Aliyah: a horsey toy
Hamish: a dinosaur
Mason: my drone
Danita: Mum’s old doll
Leeroy: my pushbike
Cooper: a jeep
Deklyn: my remote control car
Jayden: a Star Wars R2D2
Mary: two owls called Hearty and Treaty
Clinton: Rusty, my teddy
Kaylah: my stuffed lion
Kees: absent
Doc: my Xbox 60
Rachel: absent
Jessica: my jingly teddy cow
Abigail: absent
Paul: a tractor and a dozer
Mitchell: my aircraft Lego
Daniel: my pink, fluffy teddy bear called Bob
Toby: it is still Oscar but the stuffing is all in his bottom now because I’ve cuddled him so much
Maddy: Pixel, a stuffed dog
Mrs D: Boris, a giant hairy gorilla 😊

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Hoping that you are all well and happy. Enjoy the weekend

Dawn 😊