G'day everyone,

If practice makes perfect then our Booyal students are in for a fabulous cross country day at McIlwraith on Tuesday. Please join us and show your support.

The children have put in an impressive effort over the past few weeks, running laps around the school every day after morning tea. Their performance has improved out of sight. 😊 Time after time, we have seen their ‘Booyal Best.’ So many individuals have realised that with a little practice they can really improve. Hopefully, this is a message they will carry across into other areas of their lives.

We need to assemble at McIlwraith no later than 9.30 a.m. Chook’s bus will be available for those children who are not travelling to the cross country venue with their parents. It will depart school promptly at 8.45 a.m. and return after the event.

Tuck shop will be provided for those who have placed orders and paid. Snacks will also be available to purchase on the day.

Parents be prepared! The Bunyips may ask you to tell your joke sometime during the day.

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The solar panel says, “So what do you think about this whole renewable energy thing?”
The turbine replies, “I'm a big fan.”
Cross country information:

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PRESENTATION and lunch to follow as soon as the last race is completed.

Mrs Dyer has coordinated our school's Childers Show display this year - a mammoth effort! Thank you to her, the other staff and children who have worked so hard putting together the Booyal Banquet: a showcase of what the children do at school. Be sure to call into the pavilion and check it out! You will be impressed. 😊

Remember to look out for the iced biscuits that the children have decorated and entered into the competition. Many thanks to the Show Society for organising this wonderful community event.

Any Bunyips who are visiting the show and would like to take video clips of people telling jokes are asked to please take along their bunyip shirts.

- I will be away at a principals’ conference in Caloundra on Wednesday. Mrs Bartle will be teaching in the upper classroom.

- Premier’s Reading Challenge: All students are registered in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, an initiative to encourage reading for pleasure and improved literacy skills. The program runs from 19th May – 28th August. The table below shows how many books each student needs to read in order to receive a certificate.

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• The children in the upper class are working hard, learning how to write in paragraphs. Perhaps ask them to explain to you what makes a good paragraph.

• ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Gray for donating a couple of boxes of avocadoses and mandarins to school. The children were very appreciative and enjoyed the healthy snacks.

• Paul and Jessica performed like stars during their TV interview this week. They travelled to the ABC Bundaberg studio to record a segment for the ABC3 show 3News which was broadcast on Tuesday before taking part in a radio interview for the breakfast show. If you missed the children’s appearance I believe that it is going to be posted on the ABC3’s ‘Behind The News’ (BTN) website soon.

There will be a story about the Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs in this weekend’s Sunday Mail. The photographer visited yesterday and took a couple of snazzy photos of the group. With such a large readership, this is a wonderful way to get the Bunyip’s message out and about.

All the segments for the DVD will be completed by the end of term, before being sent off to be replicated. A launch date is planned for early-mid Term 3.

The 10,000 Step Challenge is underway, with all students wearing their pedometers every day and recording their steps. It is amazing how many strides some of those little legs end up taking!

Did you know…
- 11% of people are left handed
- an ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain
- most lipstick contains fish scales
- rabbits like liquorice

Mrs Ilett would like approximately sixteen 2 litre soft drink bottles and inner tubes from cling wrap rolls please.
The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 2nd June at 3 p.m.

It is lovely to have so many parents willing to help, in so many different ways. Your generosity is valued by us all. Thanks. 😊

Junior Jottings

Dear All,

Letters
Last week the Preps wrote a letter to the Cordalba P/1 students asking what they did at school. This week all the students in P/1 received a lovely surprise with individualised letters from them. How lucky are we? Real world writing at its best!

Display Table
‘wh’...... didn’t we have some wonderful conversations.... or is it whonderful conversations? What is whey? When do you use a whet stone? I must admit I took a double take as I saw a carrot on the 'v' side of the table... Thinking 'v' 'c' are close but not right.... little did I realise that a carrot was a vegetable. Well done to the Mandrek family.

Next week we have 'spr' for the Year 1s and 'f' for the Preps.

Teacher Learning
As you are aware I travelled to Bundaberg for some learning of my own for two days this week. My mind is filled with food for thought. As a teacher I am constantly learning and questioning my practices.

Thanks to the Grays for their donation of mandarins and avocados to the school.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer
**Gotcha Winners**

It was Paul & Danica’s lucky week. 😊

GOTCHAS are rewards for doing the right thing. The winners are selected in a raffle.

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**Achievement Awards**

Some very proud Booyalians celebrating their reading and maths progress. Keep up the fabulous work!

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**Students Of The Week**

Mrs Dyer’s class: Mason for rehearsing his ‘show and tell’ presentation about a prehistoric tooth that his dad had trawled up on his fishing boat.

Mrs D’s class: Kaylah for working hard to improve the quality of her morning sentences.

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**AND FINALLY....**

*What is the trickiest thing you are asked to do at school?*

*Hayley*: go across on the monkey bars
*Jessica*: write a ‘k’ properly in the morning
*Kevin*: paint
*Peter-Craig*: go across the flying fox with one hand
*Tiah*: make cup cakes
*Charlie*: write big words that I don’t know
*Danica*: write 100
*Aliyah*: write a ‘h’ word
*Hamish*: pull up the big sports shed door
*Mason*: run the cross country course because I always get a stitch
Danita: do lots of jobs to help Mrs Dyer
Leeroy: learn how to do tricks in soccer
Cooper: do times sums in maths
Deklyn: write sentences out
Jayden: remember to find my password for the computer
Mary: absent
Clinton: remember to get my pedometer in the morning
Kaylah: remember how to get onto things on the computer
Kees: remember where I put my pedometer
Doc: draw a picture for the cover of the joke DVD
Rachel: remember to write my number fives properly in maths
Jessica: think of an answer to this question every week!! 😊
Abigail: log onto the computer because it won’t let me in
A.J.: spell words right
Paul: absent
Mitchell: be a goalie in soccer
Daniel: win a soccer game against Mitchell
Toby: in my maths mentals I have ratio questions and they are very tricky
Maddy: find a place that I can put my pedometer onto so that it doesn’t fall off when I run around
Mrs D: juggle so many jobs at once and try to meet those horrible, (elusive!) little things called deadlines. Some wag sent a sign that sits on my desk: I love deadlines…..especially the whooshing sound they make as they go by! So true. 😊

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I have a fear of speed-bumps… but I’m slowly getting over it. 😊

Q: What do you call a line of rabbits walking backwards? Answer: A receding hairline!

Keep smiling! 😊 Dawn