Hello everyone,

A very warm welcome back to what is an unusually cool start to Term 3. I would not have been surprised if a snowman and couple of penguins came to enrol this week. 😊

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating two weeks away from the usual school routine and are ready to tackle everything that Term 3 brings our way. It is going to be great!

As always, we hooked into work from Day 1. Using their incredible writing skills, the students from Grades 3 – 6 were able to describe the cold weather beautifully.

I particularly liked these examples:

- Icicles will be hanging like chandeliers from your nose. (Toby)
- Winter has felt like living in a freezer (Abigael)
- When you wake up you probably saw frost everywhere that was left by Jack Frost when he visited during the night. (Maddy)
- Entering the icy blast you would be expecting a snowman or penguin to jump out. (Paul)
- Morning arrived, poking my nose out from beneath layers of covers it was like it had automatically been painted bright red. (Jessica)
Everyone had goose bumps as big as mountains and we wished we could jump straight into a fire because it was that cold. (Mitchell)

Suddenly your body shuts down; your blood goes rock solid in your heart. (AJ)

Jack Frost pushes the cold wind under your wooden door and your eyes turn to ice. (Doc)

I always prepare for the cold so I wear heatproof pants, pants under my heatproof pants, a long sleeved shirt and helmet. (Jayden)

In the morning everyone will be slurping nice warm Milo or hot chocolate. (Kaylah)

Imagine pouring water everywhere and being able to go ice-skating or see polar bears. (Clinton)

If I move out of bed it feels like I’m walking on Antarctic ice. (Kees)

As cold as Antarctica, Queensland has been covered in snow. We’ve loved slurping our hot Milo every morning. (Rachel)

It was so cold that last night it felt as though Jack Frost had flown through the window; the floor was frozen solid. (Daniel)

- School parades continue to be at 9 a.m. Monday. Everyone is welcome to join us.

  We continued the tradition of measuring the height of every student at the start of semester and marking it off on a wooden board. The good news is that nobody shrank! The next time you are around school feel free to visit the classroom and see how much your child has grown; there were some amazing growth spurts.

- After a very short enrolment at Booyal, it appears that Jamaica and Hennessey are no longer attending this school. Best of luck to the family in their new location.

  Reports can be collected from the office on Monday morning or will be sent home with students that afternoon. Parent teacher meetings will be held in Week 3 so we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time.

- Next Friday some students from Years 3 – 6 will compete in the Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival. This is not the Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival. Best of luck to all the competitors. Our relief PE teacher trailed students yesterday and it was on this basis that nominations were made. If your child has been invited to participate a permission form will be sent home on Monday,

  The Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival will be held in Week 5; Tuesday 11th August. Mrs Vaughan has already started matching practice (Thank you, Mrs Vaughan!) and is extremely impressed. What a great start! Watch out world, the Booyal marching champs are back!

- Mrs Bendell has been employed to work Monday – Wednesday mornings with Ty.
• **Mr Green** (PE) is away following minor surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. All being well, he will return in Week 3.

![Woolies 'Earn & Learn' logo](image)

The Woolies 'Earn & Learn' program has started again. A box will be placed in the Childers' store this weekend. Please save your stamps and encourage others to do the same. This is a wonderful program that enables schools, such as ours, to get a terrific range of resources for free.

• Parents/carers of students in Mrs D's Grade 3 - 6 class will see a sample of their child's comprehension work attached to this newsletter. We will continue to work hard to develop comprehension skills this semester, concentrating on a range of different question types and strategies to answer them. Most students did extremely well this week.

During the term I will make a habit of sending home a range of work samples so that you can see some of the activities your child is doing. I hope that you find this worthwhile.

• During the holidays builders replaced the cement under the office building and erected a new flagpole. This was on their ongoing maintenance program for schools, not from a specific request from us. The flagpole looks very flash. Who would think that you would need an engineering degree to operate it though! We will modify it slightly to make the daily flag raising and lowering much quicker and easier.

![Flagpole](image)

The major excursion for this term will be whale watching at Hervey Bay. This is likely to be on the last day of term. What an incredible treat to look forward to. 😊

• Homework resumes next week.

**REMINDER:** the arrival time for students is strictly between 8.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.; no earlier, unless by special arrangement. This allows staff to prepare for the day, have meetings etc. No supervision is provided for children prior to 8.30 a.m. Please respect this request.

As always, it is expected that parents are outside school at 3 p.m. for the release of students. If you are occasionally running later than 10 minutes please have the courtesy to phone the school's landline and advise a staff member or leave a message on the answering machine. Thank you for your continued consideration and co-operation.

**INTERESTING FACT:** Did you know that when the letters of the word 'listen' are rearranged they spell 'silent,' which seems quite appropriate.
Dear Parents,

Semester 2..... here we go!

**Classroom Change**
If you have come into the Junior Room since the break you might have noticed a few changes to our layout. The kids have adapted easily to these. Our world is constantly changing so why not our classroom!

**Show and Tell**
Preps will continue to have Show and Tell this term. Please find attached a sheet with the topics for this term.

**Bubbles**
The students might have mentioned Bubbles the Monkey to you. He is our class mascot and across the term will visit with each student at their home for a couple of nights. He will come home in his own special bag with instructions and a digital camera. Can’t wait to see Bubbles' adventures.

**Reminder**
As you know from notes earlier in the week:
1. Library this term is on a Thursday.
2. Homework will be back to full steam next week. Preps will even start receiving a Maths sheet per week to complete.

**Targets**
By the end of the Year we would like to see Preps having 100 sightwords and Year 1 students having 200 sightwords.

For sound reading skills Preps will need to grow to Level 6-8 and Year 1s between Level 16-18.

**Quiet Critters**
Thank you to Danica Scott and her mum, Wendy, for making our class some ‘quiet critters’. They are happy to sit on a student’s desk while they are working quietly but not when they are being talkative or rowdy.

**Thank You**
To the mystery person who left a bag full of magazines for the Junior Class. Much appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer
Friday is banking day

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 21st July, (next Tuesday). We would love to see you there.

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CENTENARY MEETING

Tuesday 28th July (tentative date)
7pm
Mrs D's room

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Gotcha Winners

GOTCH winners will be announced in the next Waffle.
😊 The box has been topped up with new prizes. 😊

Students Of The Week

Since it is the first week of term there were no ‘Students Of The Week’ announced on parade.

Award Recipients

Our first happy award winners for Semester 2. Congratulations 😊
AND FINALLY....

What is something good about this unusually cold weather?

Hayley: I like the cold. I like cold-hot-cold-hot.
Jessica: some trees start to grow
Peter-Craig: the wind blows
Tiah: I like the wind.
Charlie: we get to eat inside the classroom sometimes
Danica: we get to play in the wind and maybe get blown into the sky. How much fun would that be!
Aliyah: trees keep on moving
Hamish: you can sometimes play inside
Mason: we get to stay inside to eat

Danita: because some cold places get snow. You could skate or sledge them.
Leeroy: I get to stay inside and make chocolate slice
Cooper: everything will blast into ice
Deklyn: you can put the heater on full blast and have a heap of blankets to keep warm
Jayden: you can sit back with a warm cup of tea in front of the fire
Mary: absent
Clinton: you can play the Play Station and WII because you are not allowed outside
Kaylah: you could stay at home in bed under all the blankets and keep warm
Kees: it might snow
Doc: absent
Rachel: it is so cold it might snow and the kids could build snowmen
Jessica: you can heaps of blankets on your bed to keep warm
Abigail: nothing except being inside next to a hot fire with a hot cup of chocolate under a blanket
Paul: it could snow. At Stanthorpe, where Mr Pelusi’s mum lives, it snowed for the first time in a decade.
Mitchell: you get to play sports and warm up
Daniel: you can see your breath
Toby: you can drink warm hot chocolate
Maddy: if you have a fireplace you can light it up
Mrs D: Coffee smells better, pumpkin soup tastes nicer and those extra 5 minutes in bed in the morning seem even more enjoyable in the cold weather. 😊

It was so cold . . .
Grandpa’s teeth were chattering - in the glass!
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Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Dawn 😊

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