Hello everyone,

We have come to the end of another lovely, industrious and happy week at school. Another term is flying by! It is a credit to the children that they are so eager to learn every day and keen to take on new challenges. It is hard to beat a Booyalian!

- Mrs Dyer and I appreciated the opportunity to speak with so many parents and guardians during the past week. It is a valuable experience to be able to share details of each child’s progress and develop a mutual understanding of their strengths and weaknesses. We cannot underestimate the importance of help from home and thank you for your continued support.

- Gin Gin District Sports Carnival was held last Friday with most students from Grades 3 - 6 participating. As always, the wonderful ‘Booyal Best’ spirit was alive and well. Particular congratulations to Mitchell who came 2nd in the 200m race and was equal third 11 year old Age Champion. Mitchell has been nominated to compete in the Zone competition in Bundaberg next week so we wish him well.

- The School Opinion Survey closes today. Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback regarding our school, your responses are taken seriously as we continually strive to be the best school possible.
Queensland Police Legacy have provided copies of their Child Safety Handbook, (an awareness guide for children), to each Grade 6 child. I have included it in an envelope because you may like to check out the content to ensure that it is appropriate for your family before giving it to your child.

A whale watching excursion has been booked for the last day of term; a ¾ day cruise on the Spirit Of Hervey Bay, which includes morning tea and a buffet lunch. We will be transported by Bradley’s Bus Company, leaving early (probably about 6.30 a.m.) and returning at roughly the usual home time.

The price per child will be decided at next week’s P&C meeting. Family members are welcome to join us for the day at a reduced ticket rate. This discount is from the tour operators and not subsidised by school. A permission form with full details will be sent home next week.

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.

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 marching. Thank you for your continued consideration and co-operation.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 4th August
We would love to see you there.

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CENTENARY MEETING
Tuesday 4th August, following the P&C meeting.

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Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher Interviews
As you read this newsletter I will be having my last two interviews. A big thanks generally to all parents for our chats about your children. I am so heartened as a teacher about your interest, input and support. The team approach is wonderful. A shout out to Mrs Kovacs and Ms Clair this week for their extra help. Time out before and after school cuts into preparation time and both ladies were a big help!

Bubbles
Bubbles has visited Danita’s house early in the week and Mason’s for the last two nights. Bubbles looks all 'loved' from the experience.

Thankyou
The Horner Family have donated some lovely crayon covered jars and precut art paper to our classroom. Many thanks!

Great Saying
In our classroom we have started saying 'We just don’t want to know it, we want to nail it!' This phrase comes from Mrs Toni Case and is all about being 'snappy' and 'instant' with our recall. Parents you might like to use this one at home as well.

Bring on Week 4,
Mrs Dyer

Friday is banking day

Gotcha Winners
Last week’s lucky GOTCHA winners were Leeroy & Rachel
Well done! 😊
Students Of The Week
Congratulations to our recent Students Of The Week

Jessica: for great beginning writing
Jayden: for showing such a big improvement in his willingness to learn

Leeroy: for sticking at a particular task during the week
Rachel: for producing her best piece of written work since arriving at Booyal

Award Recipients

There were lots of smiles from the past two week’s award winners!

AND FINALLY.....
What is your favourite insect and why?

Hayley: spiders because I like big ones
Jessica: lady beetles because they are black and red
Peter-Craig: lady beetles because they fly
Tiah: flies because they come on my nose and I ‘shoo’ them
Charlie: rhino beetles because they are strong
Danica: grasshoppers because they stick on your finger when you want them to
Aliyah: grasshoppers because they hop
Hamish: grasshoppers because sometimes they jump high
Mason: grasshoppers because they jump very high and have springy legs
Danita: butterflies because they can be different colours. I like the spotty black ones.
Leero: spiders because they are scary
Cooper: fireflies because they light up the dark and you can see where you are going
Deklyn: flies because they scare Kaylah away
Jayden: stink bugs because they stink a lot
Mary: ladybugs because they don’t disturb me; all of the other bugs annoy me and chase me around
Clinton: flies because I can zap them with my fly zapper
Kaylah: butterflies because they are really pretty
Kees: praying mantis because they can grow really big
Doc: spiders because you can pick them up and scare your sister
Rachel: stick insects because they tickle you and they are so skinny
Jessica: butterflies – I’ve got a teddy one that I love so much
Abigail: absent
A.J: ants because they make tracks that they follow
Paul: a rhino beetle because they have lots of energy and you can race them
Mitchell: spiders because I like watching my dad scream! 😊
Daniel: spiders because they scare people
Toby: stick insects because they can camouflage
Maddy: bees because they make honey
Mrs D: ladybirds because they remind me of when England had a plague of them in 1976; all the pavements, building etc. were covered in them, as were people’s backs and bags as they walked along. That year was considered one of the hottest summers in Europe in recent memory, (some places in England reached 32 degrees!). 😊

DIARY DATES

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Have a lovely weekend

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