G’day everyone,

No doubt the children told you their exciting news about all of Booyal’s regular teachers and teacher aides being away on Wednesday and Thursday. It was funny to see their little faces as we all walked out the school gate to travel to Cordalba and join staff from several other schools. We learnt about an interesting reading program that involves students having regular quality reading time (15 minutes per day) with a staff member. The results from other schools are very impressive indeed so we are excited to investigate how the program can work at our school. We will keep you up to date as it is rolled out.

- **Small School’s Athletics’ Carnival.** What a wonderful day we had at Gin Gin! 😊 It was a real thrill to bring home the marching shield for the third year running. Congratulations to the children and many, many thanks to Mrs Vaughan for the enthusiasm, hard work and dedication she devotes to this activity.

The children also won the contest for the tidiest tent, as well as a plethora of other medals and trophies. When I receive a record of all the results from McIlwraith, including the ballgames, I will send them home. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped on the day. We had the loudest cheer squad of students, parents and staff!

Booyal students are a force to be reckoned with on many levels and, once again, proved that they tackle every challenge with 100% effort whilst showing sportsmanship beyond compare. It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying the fun too.
• Whale watching excursion: Thanks to generous subsidies from the P&C and the school the cost per student for the whale watching trip is $25. Adults can attend for $85. A permission is being sent home today.

• NAPLAN: students in Grades 3 & 5 received their NAPLAN results recently and deserve to feel very proud of their achievements. There were some very pleasing results in reading, writing, grammar & punctuation and numeracy. It is lovely to see the children’s and staff’s commitment to learning leading to such individual success stories. Go team Booyal! 😊

A Blue Light Disco will be held at the hall tomorrow evening, Saturday 15th August.

• Mr Green was accompanied by NRL coaches this week so the students enjoyed and benefitted from some very special support.

• Next Thursday afternoon students in Grades 5 and 6 will be lucky enough to participate in a science lesson that will be taught by a visiting high school teacher. This activity supports the children’s current science unit and is part of the induction program developed by Isis District State High School.

• I will be in Bundaberg next Friday attending a Principal’s Business Meeting. Thanks to Mrs Ilett for teaching the upper class that day.

• Congratulations to Danita who competed in the Maryborough Eisteddfod. She came 1st in the duets (12 and under) and 1st in the solo competition (8s and under). What a tremendous achievement for such a young lady.

• I have been informed that there is a major problem with the boys’ urinal, causing leakage through the toilet walls and a mess on the floor. Immediate action has been taken to rectify the problem but it may take a few days to sort out.

Starting next Monday (17th August) and continuing for a month the Grade 4-6 students will be wearing pedometers at school and recording their steps for the 10,000 step challenge that is being organised by the Booyal Memorial Hall Committee. We are competing against the same grades in McIlwraith State School.

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.
Dear Parents,

Homework is back to normal in Week 6.

Bubbles spent time at Aliyah’s house this week. He is starting to be well travelled.

So proud of the children and their Sports Day efforts. We have wonderful kids at Booyal.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer

We are very fortunate to have such a talented art teacher as Mrs Dyer at Booyal. The children worked hard completing some lovely pieces of work in recognition of NAIDOC 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.
Friday is banking day

Gotcha Winners, Students Of The Week & award recipients will be included in the next Waffle since Monday was Show Day and there was no parade.

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When collecting information for a recent sports day I asked each child when their birthday was, (the date and year).

One lad replied, “10th April,” and when prompted with “Which year?” he replied, looking at me as though I was a fool..... “Err...every year!” 😊 I love ’em!

Have a happy weekend,
Dawn 😊