Hi everyone,

It has been an extremely busy week around school, not least of all due to the number of visitors that have headed our way. For such a small school we are extremely well supported by a wide range of Education Queensland professionals who work closely with us to support each student’s individual needs. It is quite incredible really and something that we are very grateful for.

Today I will join other local principals at a meeting in Bundaberg to discuss, amongst other things, how schools can benefit from working more closely together. Thanks, once again, to Mrs Ilett for teaching the class. We are very fortunate that Mrs Ilett is so willing to fill in whenever a teacher is away. Having such an experienced teacher who is familiar with the children, the routines and the Booyal expectation means that the students’ teaching and learning opportunities are uninterrupted.

Small School’s Athletics’ Carnival. It was SO close! Dallarnil won the ball games competition with 37 points, whilst Booyal came a close second with 34 and McIlwraith scored 9 points to come third. So near, yet so far! Congratulations to Dallarnil. I reckon that next year there will be even more fire in those Booyal bellies to bring the ballgames shield back home! 😊
• **Whale watching excursion:** Permission forms were sent home on Monday and are due back no later than 11\textsuperscript{th} September.

• **German Day forms** were also sent home with Mrs Horner’s LOTE students. These are due back by 2\textsuperscript{nd} September.

• Yesterday Mrs Leisegang and Mrs Oliver, science teachers from Isis District State High School, kindly visited and taught the students in Grades 5 and 6 about the properties of light. As well as being an interesting lesson, the activity was a valuable high school transition activity.

• As usual, I will be heading to the Gympie Muster for a few days next week. Hopefully I will find some time to write a poem and have another crack at the Poets’ Brawl – lots of fun with Marco and the gang. Mrs Illet will teach the upper class on Friday and Monday.

• The problem in the boys’ toilets has still not been rectified. Workmen visited yesterday so hopefully things will be fixed soon.

Grade 4-6 students are enthusiastically participating in the 10,000 step challenge. One week is down and three more to go. Good luck everyone!

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

Friday is banking day

Gotcha Winners

Congratulations AJ and Charlie.
All that effort paid off. 😊
Well done!

Students Of The Week

Since Mrs Dyer and I were only at school for one day last week (due to the public holiday, sports day and a couple of training days) ‘Students Of The Week’ were not selected. 😊
**Award Recipients**

It is lovely to celebrate everyone's success in Maths and Reading every week.

Whilst this is not the way we teach Maths, since it would not provide students with any understanding, it is a pretty nifty party trick.

This child’s piece of writing brought a smile! Not that we believe a word, of course! 😊

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Have a happy weekend,
Dawn 😊

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