We Always Do Our 'BOOYAL BEST'

The 'WEEKLY WAFFLE'
Issue 27: 10th September 2015

2015 Priorities
Attendance, Reading & Listening Skills

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Attachments:
(1) Current Affairs Quiz

Whale Watching Excursion
Friday 18th September
Bus departs 6.30 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.
Morning tea and buffet lunch are provided
School uniform must be worn

Take (labelled with name): jacket/jumper, camera (optional, at own risk), spending money for souvenirs/snacks (optional, maximum $20, in named snap-lock bag).

All electronic devices are to be left at home.

If your child is prone to seasickness please kindly give us a 'heads-up.' 😊

Staff attending: Mrs D, Mrs Dyer, Mr Horner, Mr McGregor, Mrs Savage
I can be contacted on 04 6861 9795

CENTENARY MEETING
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 pm in Mrs D’s room.
All welcome.
G’day everyone,

The end of another term is almost upon us with the children busy completing assessment work and projects. It is wonderful to see them realise just how much they have learnt and progressed over the past ten weeks. Without exception every child has advanced in their learning, particularly those who have the drive and determination to do so. We are very proud of them all. Well done!

Great news! Daily Rapid Reading (DRR) Program

Following on from the reading training that all teaching staff recently undertook at Cordalba we will be introducing a program called ‘Daily Rapid Reading’ next term. Every child in Grades P-5 will receive 15 minutes of one-on-one reading practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday starting in Week 2.

This is an incredible opportunity for students to receive individualised support at their own level across a range of reading areas and something that we are very proud to offer. Whilst it is an expensive program to implement the research clearly shows very positive benefits for the children so we are keen to offer it to our students, in addition to the other reading support that is given to them in class and at home.

- A special set of books have been purchased for the DRR program. It would be lovey if any parents or community members would join us on the first Tuesday of Term 4 for a relaxing few hours of book covering between 9 am and 3 pm. Nibblies and lunch will be provided. Young children are welcome to come along under parental supervision. Any amount of time you could spare would be greatly appreciated. The more helpers we have the quicker the job will get done. 😊 Please let a staff member know if you are able to help. Thank you.

- German Day excursion: The Year 5 & 6 students thoroughly enjoyed learning more about German culture during the annual German Day at Childers State School. AJ’s team even won the German spelling test competition! Many thanks to Mrs Horner for organising this event and Ms Clair for accompanying the group.
• School support staff morning tea: We were delighted to have the opportunity to thank all our wonderful Booyal support staff (teacher aides, administrative officer, cleaner and groundsperson) this week. A special morning tea was held where students presented our hardworking team with special ‘You are the wind beneath our wings’ certificates which were adorned with some beautiful handmade butterflies.

• Mrs Kovacs has been absent this week. ‘Thank you’ to Kate Vaughan for returning as a relief teacher aide.

To clarify a question that I received earlier in the week, it is not mandatory that teacher aides have completed a formal teacher aide course in order to be employed at a school. Some teacher aides do complete this training and find it valuable. As you will appreciate, it is the skills and performance of the individual that is paramount, rather than just a piece of paper. Permanent and part-time positions are always advertised widely but when contracts arise a different recruitment process can be followed. All the teacher aides we have on contracts at Booyal have previously volunteered in class and had a proven ability to perform before they were hired. The children are privileged to have such a professional team supporting them.

• Thanks to Mrs Bendell, Mrs Vella and Mrs Warren for providing another delicious P&C tuckshop morning tea on Thursday. 😊

• Snakes are on the move, with a few seen around school during the week. Along with the regular fire drill and lock down, the children will participate in a snake drill next week.

The upper school students completed their 10,000 Steps Challenge today. Congratulations to them all on the independent way they recorded results and were motivated to increase their steps each day.

Unfortunately our Facebook page is still out of action. Someone from Education Queensland contacted me yesterday but they were still unsure how long we would be locked out of the page. Hopefully things will return to normal soon.
The Woolies 'Earn & Learn' program has now ended. The collection box at Woolies was almost overflowing with stickers from the community when I emptied it a bit earlier in the week. How exciting! 😊

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who donated stickers; they will allow us to purchase some very useful resources later in the year. It was particularly heartening to receive so many anonymous donations from generous people, near and far, who had heard about our school in one way or another. If you have any stickers they can still be handed in to school before the end of this term.

Arrival times: A big 'Thank you' to virtually all parents who ensure that their children consistently arrive after the official time of 8.30 a.m. I know that this is not always easy but, as you obviously appreciate, before this time staff are holding meetings and preparing for the day so are not available to supervise students. This is an issue of liability and respect and occurs at many schools. It is particularly important at small schools where staffing is an issue.

Arrival times are being closely monitored and those who regularly drop students at school early, knowing they are unsupervised will be contacted since this is a duty of care. As always, a phone call or text is all that is requested if your child/ren occasionally have to arrive early. We are very happy to help out in such situations. We appreciate your cooperation and respect.

Booyal Central does not offer a before school child-minding service; what we do is provide is a very high quality educational service which we take seriously and work extremely hard on for the benefit of every child. This is our priority. Thank you for working with us so that this can happen and your child can reach their potential.

A case of dissatisfaction has been expressed that staff who begin work at 8.30 a.m. are allowed to bring their children onto the school grounds earlier than other parents. I realise that the majority of parents understand and accept why this occurs; it is that staff can be prepared and ready to work with the children on time but, in the interest of everyone understanding the situation, I would like to confirm that the children of these staff members are under their parent’s supervision, sitting quietly working, before 8.30 a.m. This decision is supported by District Office.

Thanks to Mr (and Mrs!) Vellacott for landscaping the front of the library with pebbles. Watch out for some snazzy garden ornaments in the near future too.
Dear All,

**Bubbles**
Bubbles has been very busy over the past few weeks. He has visited Hayley, Hamish, Tiah and Jessica. Next week he is off to Danica’s house for his final visit. Bubbles is so excited to be with Danica and going Whale Watching!

**Homework**
There is no Homework for Prep students in this the last week. Year 1 Students just have their Revision Spelling Test on Wednesday so they have two nights of spelling revision.

As this is the last newsletter for the term I just wanted to say Happy Holidays. Thanks for a speedy but great term. The Junior Class Team - students, parents and schools staff are awesome! Enjoy your time out of routine. Our family is looking forward to some down days but we also get to attend a family wedding (Auntie Tamie's) and are off to the CQ Titles for karate.

Be safe all,
Mrs Dyer

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**Acrostic Poem jointly written by the Junior Class**

- Water and waves
- Have a blowhole
- Are mammals
- Look huge
- Extra Special
- Swim and splash
The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} October, 3 pm in Mrs D’s room. Everyone is very welcome to come along so that together we can support the students in any way you can.

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased raffle tickets. If you would like another book please contact a committee member. Your support is greatly appreciated, particularly since the money raised directly affects every child at our school. There are some FANTASTIC prizes to win.

May we clarify that, as with most other raffles in the community, the winner does not have to be present on the night in order to claim their prize. All absent winners will be contacted after the event.

Particular thanks to Mrs Heather McMahon who recently donated her time to sell a large number of tickets in Childers on behalf of the P&C.

\textbf{Friday is banking day}

‘Thank you’ to everyone who has helped make our school ‘tick along’ so well recently. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. It is part of what makes our little school so special.
WHAT WE'VE LEARNT:

**ENGLISH:** We learnt about:
- how to write a feature article
- how to set out a proper letter
- how to understand the inverted triangle structure of a feature article
- that is helps to break up hard words if you want to spell them properly
- how to write in paragraphs
- how to write well using ‘show, don't tell’
- how to join letters properly

**MATHS:** We learnt about:
- how to do long division
- how to do 3 digit by 3 digit multiplication
- how to turn decimals into fractions
- how to turn fractions into decimals
- how to work out that four and twenty-six tenths can be written as 6.6
- what Cartesian planes are and where the coordinates go
- how to multiply fractions
- how to divide decimals
- what different numbers mean when you put a decimal in
- I learnt how to work out how much pizza I would need to buy if 5 people ate two thirds of a pizza each
- that you divide by moving the decimal to the left and multiply by moving it to the right: Don’t Laugh and X Rau

**HISTORY:** we learnt about
- Australia used to be split into 6 colonies
- the capital cities of each Australian state
- Captain Arthur Phillip was the captain of the First Fleet
- there were 11 ships in the First Fleet
- that the huge prison ships were called hulks
- Queensland, NSW and Victoria all used to be one area
- what convicts did on the boat from England
- famous explorers
- I learnt the capital of Western Australia
- Henry Parkes is called the ‘Father Of Federation’

**SCIENCE:** we learnt
- how to reflect light around corners
- that light travels in rays and straight lines
- a rhyme to remember the planets in the solar system
- that the sun is the centre of the solar system
- we see an inverted image in our eyes but our brain tells us that it is upright
- Earth rotates whilst it is orbiting the sun
- by using mirrors you can reflect light anywhere
- I learnt a lot about shadows
OTHER:
- German dancing
- how to do the hardest German dance
- I learnt how to play newcomb
- I learnt how to use Typequick on the computer
- 3 different ways to kick a football
- how to run a business
- how to play European handball
- Mrs D likes to play on the swings!
- how to play touch
- how to make spunky socks
- how to make butterflies
- how to persuade people to buy something

Gotcha Winners

Well done to our AJ and Charlie
Last week’s GOTCHA winners!

Students Of The Week

Mrs Dyer’s class: Hamish Vellacott for listening and following the advice of an adult to successfully complete a task

Mrs D’s class: Paul Vella for showing such self determination to do well at everything he tries. Paul is always such a positive and enthusiastic member of our class

Award Recipients

Great work everyone! 😊 We are very proud of you.
AND FINALLY..... If you could ask a whale a question what would it be?

Hayley: Why do you have bumps?
Jessica: Can you breathe like us?
Peter-Craig: absent
Tiah: absent
Charlie: How old are you?
Danica: absent
Aliyah: Please don’t touch our boat!
Hamish: Why do you have half a brain sleeping and half of it not?
Mason: What do you eat?
Danita: Can you come and see us?
Leeroy: Why can’t you breathe like a person?
Cooper: When you sleep is half of your mind still awake?
Deklyn: How heavy can you grow?
Jayden: What is the strongest bone in your body?
Mary: Will you bump into our boat?
Clinton: How do you speak in whale language?
Kayla: How long can you grow?
Kees: How deep can you submerge?
Doc: Whereabouts have you swam?
Rachel: How deep can you submerge?
Jessica: Why do you use your tail to wave at people?
AJ: Do you eat every species of fish?
Paul: Could you please leave our boat alone?
Mitchell: What is your favourite song to sing?
Daniel: What is your favourite food to eat?
Toby: How many tonnes of krill do you eat?
Maddy: What is the average number of whales in a pod?
Ty: absent
Mrs D: If swimming is supposed to be good for the figure, how come whales are so fat? 😊

Here’s a nifty party trick when multiplying two digit numbers by 11 quickly.
DIARY

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Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Dawn 😊

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Join Us At the Isis District State High School Arts Gala

Coming to a Childers Cultural Centre near you, this Spring Friday 9th October, a blockbuster performance evening featuring caped crusaders, dramatic action, musical wonders and dazzling art displays. Isis District State High School invites you to Heroes Vs. Villains: Isis Arts Gala 2015.

For one thrilling night only! Bring along your sidekicks, family and friends, enjoy the supper and drinks that will be available for purchase and experience a great night out that showcases the best of the Arts at Isis High. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of the action! Buy your tickets at the Isis High Main Office located at 3 Ridgeway St, Childers 4660.