Hi everyone,

*Busy, busy, busy* are the words to best sum up the past week. It has been a very industrious one, both in and out of the classroom. Daily Rapid Reading started again on Tuesday, which was great to see. The children all try their very best in these individualised sessions & learn lots which helps them perform better in every other subject.

**Do these look familiar?**

These food items were found hidden between the fridge and wall. Nobody has owned up to putting them there so if they look like items you pack for your child to eat it might be timely to have a chat with them! 😊

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We would like to lay new turf in the bare patches around the front of school as soon as possible. However, before this can be done the top inch and a half or so of compacted dirt from the area needs to be removed. If you (or anyone you know) has the equipment and time to do this small job please let me know. Thank you.
Booyal’s Biggest Party: Doors open at 6 p.m. this Saturday (15th) for what is sure to be a wonderful night. Profit from this event goes towards the centenary celebrations. Thanks to the P&C for all the behind the scenes work that is making the event possible.

Centenary Performances: Students in attendance: Thank you to everyone who has returned the form letting us know whether or not your child/ren will be attending Centenary Day. Rehearsals start next week so we will allocate roles to children based on this information. If you have forgotten to return the form please contact a staff member so that we can include your child/ren in the performances. Michelle Bromwell will return to teach dances from the past 100 years.

Camp: The bus to camp leaves next Monday at 6.30 a.m. Please ensure that you are here slightly earlier so that we can have bags loaded and be ready to drive away on time. You should have received two ‘What to take’ sheets. Please let me know if you have mislaid them and I will send extras home.

School will remain open for those students not attending camp.

One of the activities listed on the camp sheet from the Currumundi organisers was fencing. A young Bunyip got quite excited about the prospect of doing this on camp. “Oh, I help Mum and Dad do lots of fencing on the weekends. I can do that!!” 😊

Life Ed - Students had the opportunity to learn some valuable healthy lifestyle lessons from Kathy and Harold in the Life Ed van this week. Ms Clair and I attended the upper grade’s session and were very impressed with the information presented and activities the students were asked to do. Many thanks to the Gin Gin Community Bank for sponsoring this event.

We are always responsible, respectful and safe.
Date Claimer: Project Club are planning a ‘Day For Daniel’ on 28th October. Students are encouraged to wear something red in exchange for a gold coin donation that will be sent to the Daniel Morecombe Foundation to raise awareness about child safety.

Cordalba ICT Trip: The Booyal Bunyips will spend Friday at Cordalba State School gaining first-hand experience in robotics and a range of other computer skills. We are sharing in a $30,000 ‘Young Entrepreneurs Of Tomorrow’ grant with Cordalba and Dallarnil State Schools. Friday will expose the Bunyips to a range of technology that will enhance their classroom learning and widen the scope of their entrepreneurial businesses. The prospect of a 3D printer at school is very exciting. A permission letter for this activity was sent home. If you have not received yours please check with your child and/or let me know.

Special Needs Teacher: We welcomed Sue Hollier to school today. Sue will be the Special Needs teacher here for the rest of the year (alternate Thursdays) and the lower grade teacher next year. Many of you will recognise Sue from Childers. I am sure that she will be a great asset to the team and thoroughly enjoy her time at Booyal.

Outback gifts: Your child may have arrived home with a handmade leather key ring, a Longreach School Of Distance Education lanyard and/or a puzzle booklet. These were souvenirs donated by people at various places we visited during the outback trip. Champs the sheep dog was also sent back as a whole school gift by a local grazier, Mrs Champion. He sits in the office and appears to be quite house-trained!

Booyal Hall Calendar: Photos were taken last Friday for the 2017 calendar. Thanks to Kay Eldridge for donating her time to this project.

Financial Audit: On 24th/25th October the financial auditor will visit school so I may be off class for some time. This is a regular bi-annual audit that occurs at all schools.

**This Term In The Upper Classroom:**

**English:** The Year 2/3 students are learning how to create an informative text from a fictional story. They are doing a great job!

The Years 4-6 are enjoying reading the classic book ‘Journey To The Centre Of The Earth’ by Jules Verne. They will then analyse the characterisation and plot development in a quest or compare the book and film and write a movie review. The older students have also been learning how to debate. The topic they are discussing is whether or not mobile phones should be allowed at high school.

**Maths:** This week the older students have been working with fractions (+, -, x and ÷), the Years 3s have been multiplying and dividing while numbers by 10s, 100s and 1,000s. Year 2s have put a lot of effort into addition with hundreds.
Science: Grade 3-4 students are learning how heat energy is produced and the behaviour of heat when it transfers from one object or area to another. The Year 5-6 group are investigating the solar system. This week they drew scaled versions of the planets and were amazed to see the relative sizes, especially compared to the sun.

Geography: This term the Years 3 - 4 are investigating how different environments support the lives of people and other living things. So far they have explored what the word ‘environment’ means, as well as looked at different sorts of maps, learnt what a continent is and where the continents are.

This Year 5 & 6 students are studying how places, people and cultures differ across the world.

The junior class loved their visit to the Life Education Van on Monday. It was a fantastic experience for everyone, especially for the preps as it was their first visit, and lots of valuable information was learnt, such as the difference between healthy food and unhealthy foods and the importance of exercise and sleep. The students wrote about what they learnt and also did a directed drawing of a giraffe, which I think have turned out brilliantly. They are really enjoying Art this term as we focus on more directed drawings. It’s so much fun that Mrs Lennox and Ms Clair give it a go too!
Booyal’s Biggest Party
This Saturday, 15th October

Thank you to everyone who is selling raffle tickets. Your help is greatly appreciated. Every ticket sold makes a difference. Please contact Nancy if you would like an extra book (or ten!). 😊

THE BIG DIG

A time capsule was buried during our 75th anniversary, 25 years ago. Did it survive? Where is it?

You are invited to join us on Sunday 16th October at 4 p.m. to see if we can find it. It will be opened on at the centenary. Please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea. BYO drinks.

Students Of The Week & Award Recipients
There was no parade this week due to the Life Ed excursion.

GOTCHA Winners
Well done to Mary & Tiah. What a lucky start to the term! 😊
AND FINALLY......

When have you felt the tiredest?

Beau: Christmas when I woke up very early
Callum: on the weekend when I was riding my bike
Tiah: last night when I couldn’t sleep
Keenan: when I woke up in the middle of the night
Lucia: when I was playing on the slide
Hayley: absent
Jessica: when I was riding my bike. I’ve got a big pink one now and it takes a lot of hard work to ride it, you know! I get very tired.
Peter-Craig: I feel tired when Mum asks me to tidy up my room.
Aliyah: when we were going to Healthy Harold
Charlie: when I went to bed at 12 o’clock because I was playing Meccano
Danica: I stayed up till 1 a.m. on 2nd January at the Hog’s Breath Café.
Hamish: when I stayed awake all night and then fell straight asleep in the morning
Taigh: absent
Mason: when we went on a nature walk in Cania Gorge
Danita: when we went rock climbing in Canada
Leeroy: when we were driving to Darwin
Cooper: on the last day of my snow trip
Deklyn: when Kaylah had to go to Longreach because I had to get up really early
Jayden: when we were coming home from the speedway in the middle of the night
Mary: on New Year’s Eve when we stayed up till 1 a.m. with my brother to watch the fireworks
Clinton: the first day when we were travelling to Darwin - I had to wake up at 3 a.m.
Kaylah: when I was reading in the middle of the night
Kees: last night when we didn’t finish burning until 10 or 11 o’clock
Doc: when we were travelling to Nanna’s in Ipswich in the work truck – I went to bed at 4 a.m.
Jessica: at my mum’s 30th birthday when I stayed up until 3 p.m.
AJ: absent
Boodz: after I finished a triathlon in Bath
Mrs D: after days of organising and running a sun up – well into the night wether trial in a shearing shed when 39 weeks pregnant - I arrived home, fell through the door and hardly took a step before falling asleep on the floor, hat, boots and all. Dog tired. 😊
Have a great week everyone,
Thank you for everything you do to help our school be the best that it can be.
Your support is always very much appreciated.

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