Hello everyone,

*Are all library books returned? Have swimming fees been paid?*

*If not, please attend to these matters no later than this Thursday.*

Term 4 has passed in a blur of hecticness, with the holidays now well within sight. On behalf of myself and all Booyal staff a sincere “Thank you” for everything you have done in school and behind the scenes to support our students’ educational journey. Overwhelmingly, Booyal families provide support, help and encouragement to the students and staff that is second to none. We hope that you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday. May the new year be filled with happiness, personal satisfaction and all the good things in life.

- Reports will be posted out early next week.

- If you would like to meet with Mrs Lennox or myself before the end of the year please let us know and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for a chat.

**Daily Rapid Reading works!**

The investment in the Daily Rapid Reading program continues to pay off. There have been some extremely satisfying improvements this semester. Credit needs to be given to the students for applying themselves so well every day and to Mrs Bendell, Ms Clair and Mrs Kovacs for being so dedicated and professional in their support roles. We really are making a difference to children’s lives and futures.
There is an overwhelming sense of privilege amongst students, staff and parents to be part of a school community with such a rich history and an exciting future. The centenary celebration was an incredible opportunity to join with past students and staff to reminisce and celebrate so much that is good about our school.

‘Mates & Memories’ turned out to be a very apt slogan for the day. It was wonderful to hear so many stories about old school days and get a deeper appreciation for the love and affection that past Booyalians have this little school.

The centenary planning committee, particularly David, Heather, Nancy & Robyn deserve special recognition and thanks for the tremendous amount of time and effort they devoted to organising the day. Unless you have been involved in a similar event it almost impossible to imagine the pressure and work load involved in making such a day a reality. Appreciation is also extended to so many other school families, staff, community members and businesses who helped in the lead up, during and after the event. Thanks to you all for a job well done.
On Centenary Day the school grounds and buildings looked absolutely wonderful. They were a credit to Mr Kreis and Mrs Pape who worked tirelessly in the lead up in order to have everything spruced up. We are very fortunate to have such willing and dedicated staff.

School Leadership Elections:

Voting was held this morning for the 2017 leadership positions. Congratulations to the following students who will be formally inducted into their positions during tomorrow's award ceremony.

School Captain: Jessica Warren
Sports Captain: Kaylah Loveday
Project Club President: Doc MacLaren McGregor
Project Club Secretary: Jessica Warren
Project Club Treasurer: Kaylah Loveday

Leadership positions are taken very seriously at Booyal Central. The roles are carried out by students who show a genuine pride in their school, have a track record of acting as role models for others and demonstrate a desire to contribute positively during their final year at Booyal. It is exciting to see the potential of our leaders for next year. I have no doubt that they will be excellent representatives of Booyal Central and inspire their fellow students to show the same characteristics.

Acknowledgement and thanks is given to the outgoing 2016 leaders. Thank you to them for their positive contributions to our school throughout the past year.

Graduation/Awards Ceremony: Please refer to the attached note regarding the awards/graduation ceremony. Due to the time commitments associated with the centenary this term, there will be not be an end of year concert as such but the students will perform some of the songs they rehearsed for the 100th celebrations.

The graduating students for 2016 are Boodz and AJ, both are young men who have contributed positively to our school in their unique ways and left a lasting legacy on which we can build.
**Swimming:** The last swimming lessons for the term will be this Thursday. All payments are due by then so that Ms Day can finalise the accounts. Thank you.

The weather has been perfect for swimming lately. We are fortunate to be able to employ two pool instructors, as well as Mrs Vaughan, Mr Green and Mrs Hollier who teach the children. The small numbers in each group mean that the children have an excellent opportunity to improve their skills in a safe manner.

**Pre Prep:** The first Pre-Prep afternoon was held recently. Four Preps are currently enrolled for next year. We were excited to welcome three of the youngsters who enjoyed meeting everyone and learning more about what school is really like.

**Movie Night:** The Project Club committee is organising a movie night for Thursday. Funds raised will be donated to the P&C to help pay for the jumping castle that so many students enjoyed during Centenary Day. Lasagne is being purchased on Tuesday afternoon. Only enough will be available for those who have orders returned by then. Thank you for your assistance.

**Picnic Day:** Please see the attached note regarding Picnic Day. All families and family members are invited to come and be a part of the celebrations during our traditional end of year fun day.

**Booklists:** Booklists for next year will be sent home this week. Copies will also be placed on school website. Please access them from there if lose this copy over the holidays.

**2017:** I can now confirm that Mrs Sue Hollier will be the fulltime second teacher here next year. At this stage we will have 30 students enrolled. The same class breakup of P/1 and 2-6 will occur however there will be a slight change to how they are staffed. Mrs Vaughan and I will spend some time in the lower grade room most days, allowing Mrs Hollier and Mrs Kovacs an opportunity to work with the older students. For most of the day though, Mrs Hollier and Mrs Kovacs will be with the junior students.

Most other staffing will remain the same, except for PE, because Mr Pelusi will return. It is very likely that PE will not be on a Thursday anymore, due to Mr P’s commitments at other schools.

We expect to be in a financial position to maintain the Daily Rapid Reading program (in some form) since it has been of great benefit to every child. Confirmation will be available in the new year.
Farewell: At this time of year we often say ‘Goodbye’ to staff who have spent time at Booyal working with dedication and professionalism. Mrs Lennox and Mr Green are two such teachers.

The Prep/1s have been fortunate to have Mrs Lennox as their teacher, guiding and supporting them in such a focused, positive and calm manner. I have learnt a lot from Mrs Lennox – she’s one super organised lady!

Mr Green has been a well loved and respected PE teacher here for the past couple of years. The children thoroughly enjoy his visits, the interesting lessons he plans and the various sports coaches he brings out to visit. We wish Mr Green every happiness and success in his new school circuit next year.

Australian Maths Competition: Congratulations to Jessica on achieving a distinction in this challenging, nationwide competition, as well as to Kaylah, Mary and Clinton who each received an impressive credit ranking.

It has been an action packed Term 4:

Here are just some of the goings on around school over the past few weeks (in no particular order), along with some photos to enjoy.

- Camp to the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre. Thank you to the P&C for their generous subsidy.
- Visits by S.E.A.T. (Spinal Injuries Educational Awareness Team)
- P&C’s ‘Booyal’s Biggest Party’
- Day For Daniel (a Project Club fundraising event)
- Remembrance Day ceremony
- Excursion to Cordalba State School to learn how to use a 3D printer and robotics. We now have a printer and a robotic, Edison, which we look forward to using next year.
- Visit from Ms Watson, from the University Of Central Queensland who talked about individuality, personal development and goal setting.
- A visit to the Life Ed van in Wallaville
- Visits by a NRL and cricket coach
- Mr Case, (big boss) visited
- The financial auditor spent 2 days here. We passed with flying colours. A big pat on the back to Ms Day - she’s a marvel in the office.
- 3 days of Principals’ Business Meetings
- Jodie Dixon from the Isis Town & Country worked with the children to write an article and select centenary photos for the newspaper
- Year 6 boys attended
- The AVA Pet people will visit on the last day of term, bringing an animal or two.
We always do our ‘Booyal Best’ and nothing less!
DVD News:

What an amazing achievement for such a little school! So far the Booyal Bunyips have donated $9,000 to drought relief, on top of the $3,000 they raised to cover their costs. The latest cheques were $2,000 to Blackall QCWA and $1,000 to Morella QCWA. There is still more money in bank and so with Christmas approaching and people looking for gifts we fully expect to reach our $10,000 target perfectly.

The next stall will be at the Woodgate Beach Hotel this Sunday during a country music afternoon and other markets are planned in the lead up to Christmas. If your child would like to be kept informed about these activities over the holidays and is perhaps interested in coming along to any please let me know before school finishes.

A big ‘Thank You’ to Aunty Linda. Mrs Bendell’s nephew, David and Mr D for creating the giant Bunyip board. It is a work of art! Taking it to markets and events is sure to attract customers to our stand,

Doc, Jayden and Mary did a wonderful job speaking in front of an audience of hundreds at the QCWA’s State Conference in Gladstone some weeks ago. They received a standing ovation and sold over $1,000 worth of DVDs.

A special thanks to Doc who volunteered to give up some of his Saturday morning a few weeks ago to help at the Apple Tree Creek markets. What a champ! Also to his mum for driving him there. I think most mums would qualify as taxi drivers given the number of kilometres they clock up driving their children to different events. Thank you.

Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs: It was a delight to see some Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs ready to launch their businesses on Centenary Day and to see the Bunyip Spider boys selling lots of their cool drinks. It took each of them a lot of time (often their own time), heart and soul too bring their businesses to fruition but it was satisfying to watch their progress and hear them each saying how much they were enjoying the work. The process has been a huge learning curve, skill wise and in a personal development sense too. Congratulations to them all on a job well done and on their continually improving promotions and customer relations skills. Some very healthy profits were made too!

We are always responsible, respectful and safe.
It is hard to believe that it is the end of the year. It has been a productive and enjoyable time. It has been a pleasure to see the children grow and develop during my time here. I wish them well in the future. Hope to see you again sometime next year.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Mrs Lennox

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the centenary & BBQ at Bunnings. Your help was very much appreciated & these events would not be possible without your support.

On Friday, the last day of school, the P&C will host their usual BBQ lunch. Please see attached information.

The P & C committee would like to thank everyone for their support & assistance throughout the year, we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas, a safe & happy holiday & look forward to seeing you all at the Awards Night Tuesday night, please bring a plate to share for supper.

Kind regards,
David, Desrae, Heather, Nancy & Robyn (P&C Committee)

Teacher: Why are you standing in the corner?
Jimmy: I'm trying to warm up. Mr Smith said that corners were normally 90 degrees.

Hospital Visitor: Excuse me, what ward is Mr Smith in?
Nurse: That poor man who was run over by a steam roller?
He's in wards 5, 6 and 7!

Question: If you go into the toilet American and come out of the toilet Australian, what are you while you're in there?

Answer: European :)
Students Of The Week & Award Recipients
For a variety of reasons, including absences and visitors, parades have been a bit hit and miss this term. Here is a selection of students of the week, award recipients and GOTCHA winners.

Overheard in Boylan’s this weekend.

Assistant: Can I help you?
Man: Yes. I’d like a mouse trap ..and please hurry, I want to catch that bus (pointing down the road).
Quick thinking assistant: I don’t think we’ve got one that big, sir! 😊
AND FINALLY......

What are your best memories from 2016?

Beau: seeing Mrs D dressed up as a clown
Callum: absent
Tiah: absent
Keenan: absent
Lucia: winning the GOTCHA box
Hayley: Mrs D holding a frog and being scared
Jessica: absent
Peter-Craig: absent
Aliyah: absent
Charlie: when we went to the Childers’ pool
Danica: canoeing on camp, Sunrise and when I drank one of the boys’ Booyal Bunyip spider drinks
Hamish: absent
Mason: the 100 year centenary and Mrs D holding a frog
Danita: when we went to see Healthy Harold
Leeroy: the centenary, going yabbie pumping and Sunrise
Cooper: absent
Deklyn: robotics day the centenary and camp
Jayden: absent
Mary: going to Gladstone to meet the QCWA, Sunrise and my stall at the centenary
Clinton: Sunrise, the centenary & Mrs D holding a frog
Kaylah: going to Longreach, the camp, Sunrise and the centenary
Kees: seeing Mrs D hold a frog
Doc: Sunrise, going to Gladstone to speak at the QCWA conference and the centenary
Jessica: the Longreach trip, the centenary and seeing Mrs D’s desk clean (once!)
AJ: donating money to the QCWA to help the farmers, the centenary and going in a canoe for the first time
Boodz: going in a canoe on camp
Mrs D: the 'Sunrise' visit, Centenary Day and all the Booyal Bunyips' activities will be memories forever. However, the most special one was created last week when talking with a child about how much they had improved and asking them why. Their response was 'Because you said that I could do it. You believed I could and made me. In all my other schools they just said I wasn't able to and didn't expect me to.” Moments like that are what make this job so worthwhile.

We are all extremely fortunate that every staff member here, without exception, believes in every child; challenging and support them in all areas, every day. It is hard to put into words the pride and gratitude felt for each one of them. Nothing goes under the radar. It is then up to that individual child to do the hard yards and reach success. You can take a horse to water but you can’t make it drink! All credit to that young man. I hope that he believes in himself as much as we do and continues to work hard to reach his potential. He deserves every success.

Have a great week everyone and a lovely holiday.

Merry Christmas!

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School resumes Monday 23rd January.

Staff will be in attendance from Thursday 19th January.

😊 Enjoy the holidays! 😊
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"That's all Folks!"

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