Hello everyone,

I hope that everyone is feeling well and that it has not been too hard getting back into the school routine again after the holidays. The classrooms are ticking along nicely, even though it always takes a couple of weeks to get timetables sorted out properly.

**Based on Day 8 figures, Mrs Dyer will return to working Monday - Wednesday.** We have 23 students enrolled, following the departure of Tiah and Peter-Craig. Whilst Mrs Dyer will predominately be teaching the Prep/1 class, she will also instruct all grades in Art. We are very fortunate to have a teacher so passionate and skilled in visual art.

**Most other teachers and teacher aides remain the same as last year**, although roles and hours may change slightly. Unfortunately, Mrs Ilett will not teach on a Thursday but she is one of our regular TRS staff so the children will no doubt enjoy catching up with her throughout the year. My admin day is no longer on a Thursday, but broken into various segments throughout the week.

**Thank you all for kitting out the children so well.** Everyone returned to school looking spick and span in their school uniforms and were fully equipped with all the supplies needed to learn. I appreciate that a lot of behind the scenes time and effort goes into making sure that this happens. Good on you. 😊

**Daily Rapid Reading:** After much tweaking of timetables and budgets we are delighted to be able to continue the Daily Rapid Reading program, which offers students 15 minutes of personalised reading instruction from Monday - Wednesday. Last year results proved that the children received tremendous benefit from this support. Whilst many schools can only provide this opportunity to the lower grade children we have tightened our belt budget-wise to ensure that all children have the chance to participate and prosper.
Timetable News

Library day for the P/1s is Monday and for the remainder of the school is Wednesday. All students are required to take a book or two home and return them the next week. Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to expose children to the joy of reading, it also teaches them a sense of responsibility through caring for the books and returning them on time.

Change this Thursday: This Thursday (only) there will be a change to the timetable. Morning tea will be from 10.30 - 11.00 a.m., lunch from 12.15 - 1.00 p.m. and PE/music rotations will be in the afternoon.

Homework resumes in full this week. For Mrs D's class this involves completing one page of Maths, a column of spelling words and nightly reading. Please contact me if there are any issues. Homework is never meant to be a battle, although I realise it is not always a task that children enjoy doing.

If you do not want your child to struggle in class it is essential that you check that they are reading every night. We can certainly identify those children who do not do this by their performance and results in class. No parent would like to think of their child/ren struggling, I am sure. The real benefit to your child is when you listen to them read for 10 - 15 minutes a night because when they read to themselves they often skim over the tricky words or do not understand the meaning of some of the words. Reading is far more than being able to pronounce the sounds on the piece of paper - it is about being able to make sense of what has been written. When children understand the information reading is a joy, otherwise it is just a chore and somewhat a waste of time.

Kidding About For Drought: Our DVD is now in Sydney being produced. It is expected to be ready for sale between 18th - 25th February. The children have lots of media interviews already lined up.

2016 Camp: Dates have already been secured; Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th September. We will spend three days participating in an adventure camp at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre. The activities and facilities look fantastic. This will be a whole school camp. As always, Prep parents are required to attend with their son/daughter. Details of cost will be provided following the next P&C meeting.

Centenary: This is going to be a whopper of a year for our school community. The centenary will be celebrated on Saturday 19th November. We will really have to crank things up organisationally with the next planning meeting being held on 23rd February. We would love to see you there. This year we will not have an end of year concert, the children will perform some acts at the centenary instead. The end of year Graduation & Awards Ceremony will be modified and held at school in the new sports complex. More details will follow later in the year.
Sports Shed: Work should begin on the sports shed in approximately 7 weeks and last for about a fortnight. What a wonderful addition to our school this structure will be. Very exciting!

Arrival and collection times: Just a reminder that students are not to arrive at school before 8.30 a.m. since prior to this time staff are preparing for the day or at meetings so there is no supervision available for children. As always, if there is occasionally a special need to do an early drop off please contact a staff member beforehand and we will happily assist. Students are released from class at 3 p.m.

If you want your child to succeed they need to come to school every day.

Booyal students generally have a very good attendance rate but some students do have room for improvement. Obviously illness and other unavoidable events sometimes prevent children being in class: that is understandable and it is wise that children stay home to recover. Please always let us know if your child is going to be away so that we do not have to register the absence as ‘unauthorised’ on your child’s records; the answering machine is always on. Holidays, long weekends, fishing trips etc. are deemed unacceptable reasons for absences by the Education Queensland and are recorded as such. Even missing a day means that your child misses important information which usually make things difficult for them when they return; it disadvantages both them and their peers.

Junior Jottings

Dear All,

I cannot believe that we have been at school eight days and am very proud of our little group in the Junior Class. They are doing very well for the start of the year. Junior Class veterans, Jessica, Hayley and Aliyah are on fire! The Preps are growing in their school knowledge daily and are becoming great listeners as well as understanding the Booyal Way. Very impressive.

I haven’t managed to call all the families in the Junior Class yet (storms haven’t helped) but I will get there. Our ‘Booyal Basics’ Program is going to be beaut!

Lots of photos this week. Hope you like them.

Mrs. Dyer
P&C AGM and general meeting (followed by a Centenary Meeting)
Tuesday 23rd February. All welcome.

If you ordered uniforms, they are ready to be collected. Please see Nancy.
**GOTCHA Winners**

Congratulations Deklyn & Lucia. We hope you enjoyed your prizes. 😊

**Students Of The Week**

*Mrs Dyer’s class:* Aliyah for being so helpful and positive

*Mrs D’s class:* Jayden for returning to school ready and raring to work in such an industrious manner. Jayden is always extremely helpful and has tried his ‘Booyal Best’ since returning from the holidays.

**AND FINALLY…….**

What do you think all teachers should know?

**Beau:** that little kids like getting stickers  
**Callum:** what to teach other people  
**Keenan:** all that stuff about teaching us kids  
**Lucia:** how to kick a ball around the playground  
**Hayley:** how to teach kids  
**Jessica:** how to keep kids safe  
**Charlie:** that you’re my second favourite teacher. Mrs Dyer is probably my favourite because last year we got to iron clothes  
**Danica:** how to help people at school if there is an accident. If there is an accident and someone is hurt they should sit down with them for a bit.  
**Aliyah:** how to breed horses
Hamish: Teachers should know all about the gods.
Mason: all about History, like the Ancient Worlds and Egypt...mummies and that sort of stuff
Danita: that Mrs D is my favourite teacher....(but that’s a secret!)
Leeroy: how to play Stuck In The Mud
Cooper: how to call children by their right names (Oops, sorry Cooper! 😊)
Deklyn: how kids react when people say things
Jayden: how to drive a car properly then they will never lose their licence
Mary: what people want to be when they grow up then teachers can teach them useful stuff
Clinton: how to ride motorbikes to school because their cars take up too much room
Kaylah: what animals kids are afraid of, just in case they see one
Kees: how to not be afraid of frogs
Doc: how to conquer their fear of frogs!
Jessica: that kids like lots of holidays...and they also like Maths!
AJ: what to teach students
Mrs D: that there are never, ever enough hours in the day and that teaching at Booyal has to be one of the best jobs on the planet! 😊

Have a great week everyone, Dawn

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