Hello everyone,

We are so lucky to have such happy and industrious students at Booyal Central. As I look out of the office right now I can see all ages playing together beautifully and already this lunchtime I have spotted several heart-warming examples of the older students nurturing the younger ones. Being a Booyalian is truly something to be proud of!

**School Vice-Captain:** Ordinarily the position of School Captain goes to a Year 6 student. However, AJ was not with us when voting occurred late last year. In acknowledgement of his Year 6 senior position AJ was presented with a Vice-Captain badge on parade this week. AJ was delighted to be appointed to this role and has promised to work as a team with the School Captain to represent his school, assist where needed and role model exemplary behaviour by always doing his ‘Booyal Best’. Congratulations AJ, I am sure that you will do us and your family proud.

**Cleaning position vacant:** Due to Mrs Warren’s resignation, a relief teacher will be appointed at school next week until a permanent replacement is found. The position of cleaner will be advertised in the local newspaper next week.

**Homework.** Congratulations to Mrs D’s class on their excellent nightly reading recently. It is wonderful to see how dedicated everyone is and how determined they are to do well. Some Year 2 students were particularly keen and inadvertently completed a term’s worth of Maths homework in a week. A mammoth effort! As a treat, they will not be expected to do any more Maths homework for the rest of term. One little boy responded with, “Whoa!! Just wait until Mum hears this - she won’t believe her ears! It will make her day.” 😊
**Project Club:** I am very impressed with the energy and dedication of the 2016 Project Club committee. They held their first meeting this week which as well planned and well executed. There seem to be lots of events pencilled on their calendar already, including a free dress day next week, (flyer attached).

**Thank you:** Thank you to Mrs Vellacott for donating time in the classroom throughout the past few weeks. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Kidding About For Drought DVD:** Fingers crossed that the Booyal Bunyips’ drought fundraiser DVD will be available for sale this Thursday. Details will be sent home tomorrow. The 55 minute joke DVD will cost $17 if purchased face to face and $20 if posted anywhere in Australia. It will be available for sale via the Bunyip’s website: [www.booyalbunyips.com](http://www.booyalbunyips.com), at the school and via market stalls etc. The website just needs a minor ‘tweak’ before it is operational. I have no doubt that you will be very proud of your Bunyip’s hard work and the product that they have produced. It is fantastic!

**Reminder: After School Pick-Ups.** Please note, at the end of the day staff are only legally allowed to release children into their parent’s care unless we have been advised otherwise by phone or note. Thank you to those parents who ensure that this occurs and understand the reasons why.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Many years ago, in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled ‘Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden’...and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
Reminder: Library day for Mrs D’s class is now Thursday. Monday is library day for the P/1s.

In the lead up the Booyal Centenary on Saturday 19th November we are seeking any items of school memorabilia that would be suitable for display.

If you have any items that might be of interest please contact Robyn Vella (41 260 193) or a staff member at school. Photos can be e-mailed, put onto a USB stick or dropped at the school. Any pictures left at the school will be copied and returned to you quickly for safe keeping. Any other items of interest such as old books, pieces of work, newspaper clippings, uniforms, awards, medals etc. would also be gratefully received. Please spread the word to any past students and/or their families. Thank you.

IMPORTANT
Are your contact details up to date? Please let us know immediately if changes in parental or emergency contact details need to be made. Thank you.

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

The Junior Class is buzzing along.

Homework for this week still continues to be our joint reading of picture books. Please remember it is all about the conversations.... you are 'growing a reader' and it takes time and effort. I love it when the students have a smile on their face when they recognise a book that they have seen previously. It means they are building relationships with texts and recalling.

Lots has been happening in our classroom including
• the older girls moving onto List 2 in Reading Links
• the Preps all passing their rhyme screener yesterday.
• lots of fine motor activities including using water brushes, squishing paper, chalk and whiteboard practice, peg pinching etc.
• oral language galore (Mrs Finn, our Speech Language Pathologist, sat in on our morning oral language session last week and loved what we were doing. She supports the emphasis we are placing on it)
• cooking
• using ‘Wordfoto’ on the iPad
• the Preps have checked out all the numbers to 10
• the Year 1s are going great guns with hours and half hours in time
• checking out colour theory in Art
• and more!!!!!!

A huge thankyou must go to the teacher-aides Mrs Kovacs, Mrs Vaughan and Ms Clair who work with the Junior Class at various times across the week. The children are lucky to have their enthusiasm, support and experience.

Until next time,

Mrs Dyer

PS: An update on my karate journey. Three years in the making but I finally graded to black belt. I am not a 'weapon' like some but it isn't about comparison. I didn't give up, basic skills have been acquired and my journey is continuing. On the outside, I have a quiet sense of accomplishment but on the inside I am bursting with pride and so very, very excited!!!! Thanks to everyone from our school community who have followed and supported my journey so far....more to come... stay tuned.

**GOTCHA Winners**

Well done AJ and Jessica.
The GOTCHA box is bursting with goodies!
**Students Of The Week**

**Mrs Dyer’s class:** Lucia for generosity of spirit and the willingness to share. Lucia has a wonderful attitude and is a great Prep.

**Mrs D’s class:** Mason for using some incredibly imaginative descriptions during English lessons and always remembering to wear his glasses.

**Achievement Awards**

Super work Kaylah and Doc. You are great mathematicians!

Enjoy the rest of the week

Dawn 😊

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