Hello everyone,

Did you notice how extra spick and span the school looks recently?

Once again we participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day initiative by collecting rubbish around the school and car park. It is always amazing to see what is around.

Many thanks to our enthusiastic Booyalians, young and old, who demonstrated great pride and teamwork.

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• **Homework:** I am sure that you will enjoy hearing that this is the last week of homework. *Phew.....where did that term disappear to? 😊*

• **Maths Is Fun Excursion:** Last Friday’s trip to Wallaville State School was enjoyed by everyone. As well as having the opportunity to solve some challenging Maths puzzles, the children thoroughly enjoyed mixing with our friends from Wallaville and the other small schools. Tuck-shop was a real hit as well; we were very spoilt. ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Inskip and her crew at ‘the other great school up the road!’ 😊

• **Finally,** all of our official documents for the start of the year have been submitted. Perhaps you heard Ms Day and myself doing our happy dance at lunchtime today. 😊

Since we have ensured that Daily Rapid Reading continues and that Mrs Dyer comes for an extra day on Wednesdays the budget is somewhat tighter than usual but the benefits for the students will be extremely worthwhile.
• **Farewell For Mrs Warren:** Next Thursday lunchtime you are invited to join us at 1 pm when we will farewell Mrs Warren and thank her for all the work she has done around school during her time as cleaner.

Nancy’s farewell will coincide with a special lunch for the children that has been sponsored by Jane, a very kind-hearted lady from NSW. Jane purchased the ‘Kidding About For Drought’ DVD and wanted to thank and congratulate the Bunyips on their work so contacted me with this very generous offer. What a lovely treat!

• **Stephen Bennett, MP,** will also visit school next Thursday afternoon to meet with the Bunyips and learn more about their entrepreneurial business. I’m sure that he will not be allowed to leave without buying a copy or two! We have some very eager salespeople.

DVD sales are going extremely well and all the feedback has been incredibly positive. More requests for media interviews continue to roll in. Congratulations to all those students who have spoken so well on radio and television recently. **Many thanks to Mary, Doc, Deklyn, Kaylah and Aunty Linda (& Maddy!)** for helping with the market stalls at Apple Tree Creek and Shalom on the weekend. Mary rolled out of bed particularly early! What a trooper. ☺️
• Thank you to everyone who has returned their contact forms so that we can keep your details up-to-date.

• **Wanted by Mrs Dyer:** Ice cream bucket lids and milk bottle lids (washed) please.

• **Daily Rapid Reading:** Mrs Toni Case visited last week and delighted us by donating a large amount of resources that can be used in the DRR sessions.

Yesterday we also welcomed staff from Bullyard State School who came to see how we run the DRR program and teach the children. The spirit of sharing is alive and well between all the local small schools. Thanks to Mrs Dyer for hosting the ladies.

• **Thanks to Mr Vella** for starting some landscaping work at school. You will see a few trees removed. Next week a crew will visit to lop the trees along the carpark side of the tennis court in readiness for work on the sports shed.

• **Congratulations to the Project Club** committee on running a successful Free Dress Day. $45 was raised to support the Moon Bear rehabilitation program in Asia.

Every lesson, of every day, of every week ... **COUNTS!!**

**WANTED**

School memorabilia for the centenary displays. If you have (or know of anyone who has) any information or artefacts please contact Robyn Vella (41 260 193) or a staff member at school.

**If you want your child to succeed they need to come to school every day.**
Dear All,

The three days that I am at Booyal just seems to fly. The students, Mrs Kovacs and I don’t waste any time. 'Learning' is what it is all about!

Reading Link
Jessica, Hayley and Aliyah have been working very hard on their Reading Link lists and are progressing every lesson. We talk quite a bit about being ‘focused’ and really 'paying attention'.

Year 1/2 History

The other week learning was lots of fun in History. Eating spuds, as well as bread & butter pudding, and playing marbles was very cool. I hope that this practical and memorable experience will help the children remember some of the things the older generation ate and played in their childhood. I think the following quote is apt here: 'What we learn with pleasure we never forget.' Alfred Mercier

Prep Science

In our unit this term the Preps are learning all about the needs of living things. Recently we planted some seeds. We should be able to show you some photos next week of their progress. Please have your fingers crossed for our gardening success!

Until next time,

Mrs Dyer

ARTIFACTS

Did you know that the students are learning all about painting in their Art lessons? They have been learning how to mix colours, blend and sponge backgrounds and have been increasing their knowledge around brush types. We have been using a variety of different types of paper and palettes to broaden our experiences. We will continue doing some experimental and practice pieces for a few more lessons yet and then we will be producing our own canvas creation.
Recently in Art we had three group painting tables. Can’t you tell this group is excited to start their art lesson?

What we are learning in the upper class: (as told by the children)

**Maths**
- short division & the ‘part-part-whole thing’
- how to write numbers in words from one to one hundred
- I got better at finding out how to do a tricky Maths sums
- o’clocks and my times tables
- how to work out the area of a triangle
- how to add decimals
- how to find prime factors
- how to trade
- the difference between perimeter and area - and how to work them out
- the ‘hump’ diagram - how to use it to convert km to mm and grams to kilograms and stuff like that
- how to do sums with negative numbers & how to tell 24 hour time

**English**
- how to do joined writing
- how to do entries and exits
- I’ve got better at putting in commas, full stops, speech marks and exclamation marks
- the doubling rule in spelling
- how to write paragraphs
- alliterations and contractions
- how to write persuasively
- the spelling rules and how to fi first out to spell better
- that I shouldn’t use the same word in a sentence all the time
- plurals and singular
- setting out my book much neater
- how to write like you are talking to someone – to ‘put yourself on the page’
Other bits and pieces:
- what ‘biodegradable’ means
- what ‘processed’ means and what natural materials are
- I learnt what conditions mould needs to grow
- I learnt about the Gold Rush and why there was the Eureka Stockade
- I learnt about different materials. We wet them and saw what happened.
- I liked working at ‘Survivor Booyal’ and finding the right materials to help us survive
- how to play a recorder
- more about how to run my own business
- I’ve seen what gold miners’ licences looked like in the olden days - in the 1850s
- how to take risks
- we made a package for a glass
- what a fair test is
- that in the past people didn’t have electricity
- how to hit a ball with a hockey stick
- that you need to think about the properties of the material before you use it to build something out of
- how to paint sunsets
- some main places where gold was found in Australia
- that the government owns what is under the ground - that is why miners needed licences - and about the Eureka flag - what it all means
- I can make a colour wheel and I’m a much better painter
- what GST is - it is the bit of money that you make in a business that the government takes to do stuff in the country with - we have to pay GST on the DVDs

Award Recipients

What a wonderful achievement.
We are very proud of you all!

GOTCHA Winners

Congratulations Lucia and Danita
It was your lucky week. 😊
**Students Of The Week**

*Mrs Dyer's class:* Jessica for always having such a lovely, positive attitude to learning.

*Mrs D's class:* Danita for working so hard and producing some wonderful writing during English lessons. Great ideas and very neat work.

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**P&C NEWS**

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March (next Tuesday), followed by a centenary meeting. We look forward to seeing you there! 😊

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**AND FINALLY…..**

Would you like to have one child or lots of children when you are older?

- **Beau:** two - but it would be hard work looking after them, I suppose
- **Callum:** just one...well, maybe two...who knows! 😊
- **Keenan:** Oh, none!!...because they cry all the time
- **Lucia:** only one because I wouldn't like them crying
- **Hayley:** I want 6 kids so they can play things and take turns.
- **Jessica:** I'd like 5 because then 2 of them could do one job when I take the others to play.
- **Aliyah:** lots of kids because I like looking after them
- **Charlie:** one because it wouldn't be as hard to control them
- **Danica:** lots because I could play with them all
- **Hamish:** one because they wouldn't make such a mess
- **Mason:** two so that they could annoy each other and not me
- **Danita:** one because I would like peace and quiet and also if I said something naughty I wouldn't hurt their feelings
- **Leeroy:** one because they wouldn't fight and they wouldn't be as noisy. It would have to be a boy and not a girl though.
- **Cooper:** one because then the children wouldn't be as annoying
- **Deklyn:** one so that I could sleep in, watch a lot of TV and make them do all the work
Jayden: one because there wouldn't be as many holes in the walls!
Mary: one because they would be easier to bring up, I wouldn't have to be as rich and they would be nicer to bring up too
Clinton: one because with three it would be noisier and you would start to get annoyed with all the questions they ask
Kaylah: one because it would get really annoying if there were more and it would be too much hard work!
Kees: only one because more would be so annoying and I would have to waste too much money on them
Doc: one because if I had two they would be too painful to look after
Jessica: I want three kids because my mum and dad have three and my nanna and pop had three so I want to take after them
AJ: one so that I wouldn't have to take care of more and I wouldn't have to buy heaps of food
Mrs D: I'm a bit too old to be answering this one nowadays. Perhaps it's a case of the more the merrier!

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A Booyalian brother had to use the word 'appearance' in a sentence so wrote 'My sister's appearance is very ugly.'

When I asked whether he thought that was the right thing to have written the young man smiled sheepishly saying, “Well, you always tell me to speak the truth!”

Have a great day! Dawn

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We always do our ‘Booyal Best’.....and nothing less! ☺