Hello everyone,

It is excursion day tomorrow. I hope that everyone has fun, learns lots and creates some amazing art work. What a lovely treat! 😊 More details below.

**NAPLAN:** Congratulations to our Grade 3 and 5 students who completed NAPLAN testing last week. Their approach to this assessment was a credit to them all. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one piece of assessment on one particular day. Whilst it provides useful information about the ‘big picture’ of educational standards across the country and in schools, (particularly larger schools), it is only part of the information we use when supporting and determining a student’s performance. As with everything else around this school, the advice to the children was to just do their ‘Booyal Best,’ which is what we expect of every child, every day at Booyal Central. Good on them all. Results will be available around September.

**Connecting With The Community Excursion:** Everything is set in place for a great day tomorrow. Thank you all for returning the permission forms so promptly. I will be away at a meeting in Maryborough so Mrs Dyer is co-ordinating the day. Please remember an art smock, morning tea and water bottle. Parents are most welcome to join in the fun – please just let us know beforehand.

**Illness:** It looks like the annual bout of sniffles, sore throats and feeling crook has arrived. Just a reminder that if your child is feeling under-the-weather it is much better to keep him/her at home since they are unlikely to work well at school and will invariably spread the bugs to everyone else. A day’s rest will also help speed up their recovery.

Mrs Vaughan has been away this week due to illness and is being replaced by Mrs Bendell and Mrs Kovacs.
Mrs Savage sent home a note asking for some photos for the Prep - Year 2 Health unit. A copy of the original letter is attached, just in case the original was lost. Thank you for helping your child.

School Photos: School photos are done and dusted for another year. What a snazzy group we looked! 😊 Thanks to Country School Photos for being so professional and obliging with all requests. It will take a few weeks until photos are returned.

Building Work: I was always told to never trust anyone who says “Trust me!” BUT.....trust me....building work will start on the sports shelter by the end of this week! That is the assurance that we have had from the builder, Jeff Warren. Fingers crossed. 😊

Daily Rapid Reading: There has been a change of teacher aides in the Daily Rapid Reading sessions. Mrs Bendell has returned to replace Mrs Vellacott. Tanya will continue to work at in class from time to time though. Thanks to them both, as well as Mrs Kovacs and Ms Clair who help with children with their Daily Rapid Reading so brilliantly.

Spelling Results: After one very disappointing week of spelling results (interestingly enough this was the week when spelling practice was not done in class, only at home), most children excelled last Friday. Well done to them all.

If anything, this was a hint that, for some, spelling words are not being learnt well at home. We asked those children who got the best marks what the secret was and it seems to be that mum/dad or someone else at home tests them during the week. Your assistance is appreciated and definitely benefits your child.

Thank you: What a lovely and very thoughtful treat! 😊 Thanks to Mrs Gray for donating a big bag of juicy mandarins. Yum! They were a real hit. Thanks also to the Warren family for fixing up the long jump pit (and the wobbly toilet seats!), both of which are greatly appreciated. It will be valuable to use the pit for practice before sports day.

Hall Youth Committee: It was lovely to see so many young Booyalians with so much enthusiasm at the hall last week. After working with Mr. Peter Peterson of Bundaberg Business Enterprises, a youth committee was elected which, with support from all the other children, will start running activities for the younger members of our community. The sky is the limit in regards to what they can achieve, both for themselves and others.
Reading Month: The Scholastic reading competition is running throughout May. All students took home a reading log which, if signed after at least 10 minutes of nightly reading, will enable them to enter the competition at the end of the month.

PE: You almost need a lasso to catch Mr Green! 😊 Due to a range of commitments, (as well as our Thursday excursion and the Bundaberg Show holiday), there will be a few weeks when PE is not on a Thursday or is when a relief PE teacher is here. Rather than have the children miss out on their favourite lesson of the week Mr Green has generously offered to visit at other times, (something that he does not have to do). We are all very appreciative of this kind gesture.

Welcome Melanie: Last week Mrs Melanie Pape joined the Booyal team as the permanent cleaner. Melanie has plenty of experience in this role, working at other local schools. She will be around school at home time so I am sure that she would appreciate a friendly ‘Hello’ and introduction from everyone. Welcome aboard, Melanie!

Melanie will be absent for the next few days due to illness and replaced by Mr Vellacott. We wish Melanie a speedy recovery and thank Pete for helping out once again.

DVD NEWS: The Bunyips made it to Queensland Parliament. We were thrilled to hear that Stephen Bennett, MP, made a speech about the Booyal Bunyips recently, a copy of which is attached.

DVDs will be for sale at the Childers Show this weekend, as well as at a Burrumbutock Hay Fundraiser in Moore Park. Like us, this group are also raising funds for those suffering drought in Western Queensland. I met a couple of the organisers at Dan Murphy’s (of all places 😜) last weekend and, after a lovely chat, we have decided to work together when possible. It looks like there are lots of exciting things in the pipeline which will provide even more exposure for the Bunyips and their fundraising. It’s a win-win arrangement for everyone.

The Bunyips are encouraged to help sell the DVDs at the Childers Show. Please let me know if your child is able to assist, even for a short time, and I will bring their t-shirts along.
Dear All,

The weeks are slipping by so quickly.

Thank you to those parents who have had 'Progress Chats.'
Love the team effort in our school.

Hope the mums and other important females to the children liked their Mother’s Day presents. The students did a wonderful job on all the aspects. The scarves looked beautiful hanging on my front clothesline the other night. The Junior classes' finger and thumb painted sunflowers (an extra addition) turned out beautifully. Did you realise that we made the cards in the style of Eric Carl?.....painted paper collage. Eric Carl is of 'Hungry Caterpillar' fame. Marbling paper is lots of fun. The 'oohs and ahhs' in the creation process was great to hear.

Are you remembering to sign off on the May reading tables after reading with your children?? Hopefully at the end of the month I will be able to enter some names online.

Welcome back Mr Horner, moonlighting as 'Mrs Music' is over for me. Must admit I secretly enjoyed this time but have no idea how Mr Horner keeps track of where each class is at, I only had 6 of his 11 classes and it proved a challenge.

Our fish tank has been a learning experience and somewhat of an adventure. A little while back a red claw escaped and we found him in the storeroom but a couple of days ago both red claws passed away. We are saddened by their early demise.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer
Childers Show: P&C canteen this Saturday
Thank you to everyone who is helping out.

Next P&C meeting: Monday 30th May, 3 p.m.
Next Centenary meeting: Wed. 25th May, 3 p.m.

DATE CLAIMERS: Childers Show; Saturday 21st May
Can you help in the canteen during the day or bake a cake?
If so, please contact Robyn or Heather.

Booyal’s Biggest Bush Dance
Saturday 16th July.

Award Recipients
A top effort, team! Well done. ☺
GOTCHA Winners

It was double GOTCHA wins last week so double the prizes and double the smiles!

Students Of The Week
(for the past fortnight)

Mrs Dyer’s class: Callum for the self-control he pretty much shows nearly every day. Callum can be silly if he wants to but makes a wonderful choice not to so he can focus on his learning. This also has a positive influence on the other boys.

Hayley for showing confidence in her Reading Link work with Miss Clair. This is lovely to see.

Mrs D’s class: Kaylah for taking her role as sports captain so seriously and for being such a happy, energetic soul in class.

All the Year 3 and 5 students for undertaking NAPLAN testing in such a calm and mature manner.
What was the last thing that made you laugh a lot?

Beau: when there was a kookaburra in New South Wales drinking honey.

Callum: we ran away from Beau and it was so funny because he laughed when he was running.

Keenan: when I saw a man being a fish on TV. He turned into a fish when the fish ‘bited’ him.

Lucia: Charlie fell off his bike and a little worm wriggled out of the ground.

Hayley: when Aliyah and I were playing babies and I fell through the hole in the spider web in the playground.

Jessica: I ate ice-cream and had a brain-freeze.

Aliyah: when I fell over after I had eaten something I shouldn’t and wasn’t supposed to.

Charlie: when Paul was jumping on the trampoline and fell off.

Danica: when my dad tried to get on a horse but fell off...ouch!!

Hamish: when Kelsey, Zac and Cooper were in the dam; Kelsey grabbed Zac’s legs and dunked him under the water.

Mason: Mum was testing me on my spelling words and every time I got one right I would burst out laughing.

Danita: hearing everyone tell their funny stories.

Leeroy: I kicked a ball up in the air but I didn’t see it and so it landed on my head.

Cooper: kicking a football and my shoe came off. The ball went somewhere else but the shoe came straight back down and landed on my head.

Deklyn: I stepped on a ball that I didn’t know was there and I did the splits.

Jayden: Doc falling over in the sand on the way to the oval - he laughed too.

Mary: when I drank a little bit of water, started to laugh and water came out of my nose.

Clinton: when I tried to jump off the swing but I didn’t let go properly.

Kaylah: when I went to jump off the swing but I sort of ran off instead and landed on my bottom.

Kees: when my pig ran into a fence, it was funny.

Doc: when Jayden said that he was ‘coming down like a wrecking ball’ on the oval and he actually did.

Jessica: Doc falling off the swing during extra playtime.

AJ: When I let the kelpie out. I leant over to pick up a bone and one of the dogs jumped on my back.

Mrs D: Lots of belly laughs from some of the one liners in the Vicar Of Dibley show the other night. Owen’s the favourite!

As a parent, anything you do is a lesson you give your child.
A note from Scott Steadman

I am producing a book ‘Where Did They Live? - A Look at Booyal including Duingal and Marule with Eureka and Ringwood Stations - Their Past and Present Residents!!!’ Compiled by Scott G. Stedman

I would like to hear from parents who could tell me their address with Road Number, the date they purchased the house and from whom. Any photos or additional information about their property would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Scott Stedman – wildscottsg@yahoo.com or 0400708034

Have a lovely week everyone,

All the best,
Dawn

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😊 Last minute update: 😊 The truck has just pulled up to start preparation work for the sports shelter. Woohoo!!

Answer to the riddle: I am a keyboard.

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