G'day everyone,

Since I will be taking leave for a week from Wednesday this will be the last Waffle for a fortnight. Mrs Ilett will be the relieving principal during my absence and will ensure that a note is sent home if there is any important information. I will not be contactable by phone or e-mail so please direct any enquiries or concerns to Mrs Ilett or Mrs Dyer during school hours.

What a busy (but fun!) weekend many Booyalians recently had. The 100th Childers Show was a lovely event, made even better by Booyal P&C's catering and our students' contribution to the pavilion displays and competitions. Our congratulations and appreciation go to the 2016 Show Committee on a job well done.

Heartfelt thanks are also given to everyone who worked so hard organising, baking, working at or packing up after the P&C's canteen stall. For fear of accidentally forgetting someone's name, I would like to thank everyone who helped but particular recognition must go to Shane McMahon who put in a truly mighty effort, being on site from sun up till the absolute end, as well as being constantly on the go in the days leading up and afterwards. It humbles me to see members of the community who have no children at the school doing so much to help other people's children.

Booyal Central's display looked terrific. All credit to Mrs Dyer, the students and staff who worked so hard to put it all together.
Congratulations!

We certainly have some extremely talented iced-biscuit decorators this year. Well done to Hayley (1st), Danita (3rd), Deklyn (2nd) and Callum (3rd) who won prizes in the competition Connecting With The Community Excursion: By all accounts, last week’s excursion was a great success and enjoyed by all. Photos are attached. Many thanks to Mrs Dyer and her arty friends for making the day come to fruition. The children visited the Childers Library, chARTS and Alice McLaughlin’s house where a talented group of artists taught the students the finer points of sculpting with clay.

Cold Weather: Although the days are glorious, the mornings are starting to cool off so students would be wise to bring a jumper.

Please write your child’s name on their belongings so that they do not lose things. At the end of every year, despite trying to find the rightful owners, we always donate a pile of jumpers and tracksuit pants that have been left behind to local op shops. Naming items will help stop your child/ren losing their gear.

National Simultaneous Storytime: Wednesday was National Simultaneous Storytime which is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 16th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book. Our students enjoyed hearing the book ‘I Got This Hat’ by Jol and Kate Temple.
Office Day: We are delighted to have received a few hours of additional teacher aide time each week which means that Mrs Kovacs will now also work on Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. – 3 pm. After not having any much time in the office during school hours this year it is a relief to have an admin. day back to tackle at least some of the paperwork, school planning and 101 other ‘non teaching’ jobs that need doing around the place.

High School Visitors: Last Friday Mr Monks visited Booyal, along with past students Toby Bendell and Mitchell Rush. They met with students in Year 5 and 6 to give an insight into life at Isis District State High School.

Arrival times: In order for staff to prepare lessons and attend meetings, the arrival time for students is 8.30 a.m. Thank you all for helping us to help your child/ren. As always, if your child occasionally needs to arrive early for some reason a phone call if all that is needed to arrange supervision.

DVD NEWS: What a tremendous effort the children (and Mrs Vella! 😊) did selling DVDs at the Childers Show. We are working hard practising a sales pitch and brainstorming creative ways to sell. More details next week!

Reminder: Thank you to those parents who have helped the Bunyips by selling DVDs. Could you please return any money raised to school so that Wendy can bank it next week.

Following a stint at the Childers Show canteen I set up the Bunyips’s DVD stall in Moore Park, alongside the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners. It was a great drought-relief afternoon/evening of music, stalls and activities which raised over $10,000 for the next Hay Run to Winton.

A lot was achieved during yesterday’s Centenary Meeting, not least of which was taste testing a special centenary port. The smooth drop got the tick of approval from all in attendance so we will order a limited edition which will be sold on Centenary Day for $15 a bottle. Cheers!
Dear Parents,

Excursion (photos are attached)
Our trip to Childers and Apple Tree Creek was most successful. Our hosts at our three destinations were amazing and welcomed the children so warmly. Mrs Rapkins at the library was fantastic and the children got to have a good look around, do some group reading activities/discussions and some craft.

At the gallery we met Rebecca, Kim and Edwina, as well as some Gallery Volunteers. It was so nice of artist, Kim O’Connell, to come in and talk about the pieces in her joint exhibition. Rebecca McDuff, the Public Programs Officer, came across from Bundaberg especially to be there for our group. ‘Centrefold’ is a lovely exhibition of paintings and sculptures and the children really enjoyed looking at the works. Edwina, from chARTS, was thrilled with the calibre of questions the children were asking about the works.

Heading out to the creek to Mrs McLaughlin’s house was a real treat. The children loved seeing Alice’s garden/studio and there was many ‘oohs and ahhs’ as we drove in. The children were lucky to be given a big chunk of clay and set free to produce what they would like. Members of the Childers Art Group were around working on their own art but also lending tips at times. One of the ladies even made cupcakes especially for the children and bought some chips. Spoilt, weren’t we?

A truly great experience was had by all. A big thank you to Chook, our bus driver, and to Mrs Kovacs, Miss Clair and Mr Scott for their assistance. At each venue, the adults commented on the children’s wonderful behaviour. The trip was a great learning experience and memory for all involved.
Display Table
It is time for our sound display tables to start up. Next week’s letter for Prep is ‘sssss’ and for Yr 1 it is ’ph’. Each child is asked to bring along any items that have that sound in it (beginning, middle or end). Can’t wait for our first display table, thanks in advance for your assistance. Please remember that we don’t send in anything that is too big or too precious.

Favourite Books for Preps
As part of a Retell Assessment, Preps are being asked to bring in their favourite book from home. It would be much appreciated if you could discuss this with your child and pick a book together to send in next week. A picture book that they like and are very familiar with would fit the bill. We might need it at school for a couple of weeks and then it will come home. Thanks for your help with this.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dyer

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

DATE CLAIMERS:

Booyal’s Biggest Bush Dance
Saturday 16th July.
Award Recipients
What a happy, deserving group. Lovely to see. 😊

GOTCHA Winners
It was great to see Kaylah & Aliyah win prizes on Friday.

I’ve been shopping so the GOTCHA box will be bursting at the seams this week!

Students Of The Week

Mrs Dyer’s class: Lucia for great retelling of stories and beautiful listening.

Mrs D’s class: Danita for producing some interesting sentences and always looking on the bright side of things.
AND FINALLY......

What is the best excuse you can think of for not handing in your homework?

Beau: my dog ate the paper
Callum: my puppy ripped it
Keenan: my house made it disappear
Lucia: my dog ate it all
Hayley: I got bucked off a horse, hurt my head and so I forgot
Jessica: my cat put it on the top of the cupboard where I couldn’t reach and then ripped it up
Aliyah: my horse pooped on it
Charlie: my brother flushed it down the toilet
Danica: I dropped it in the fireplace
Hamish: Cooper was sick on it
Mason: an eagle snatched it
Danita: when we were on my holidays my dog ate all my homework
Leeroy: I accidently soaked water on my homework and it got soggy wet
Cooper: Kelsey’s sub-woofer was so loud that it blew it out of the window
Deklyn: I put it on the bench which I didn’t know had a bomb underneath so it blew out
Jayden: my uncle came over and he used my homework as a shooting target
Mary: Dad took it to work and accidently put it through the shredder
Clinton: I didn’t know how to do any sums and I had no pencils
Kaylah: I took it outside, put it on the floor and our dog threw up on it.
Kees: I lost it in my hair
Doc: my sister did drawing on it and spilt water on it then left it on the ground for the cat to lick
Jessica: we bought a pet octopus and it inked all over it
AJ: my little sister got it and ripped it up
Mrs D: Very creative, kids! A note from you parents might get you off the hook, but none of the excuses above will. Mind you, it’s always worth a try, ☺

Have a lovely week everyone,

All the best,
Dawn
**DIARY DATES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9 a.m. Mondays</td>
<td>Parade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 30th May</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 1st - Tuesday 7th June</td>
<td>Mrs D away: Muttaburra Sheep Show</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 14th June</td>
<td>Archery Coach Visiting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 16th July</td>
<td>Booyal’s Biggest Bush Dance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 31st July</td>
<td>Childers Festival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 8th August</td>
<td>Gin Gin Show Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 21st - Monday 29th August</td>
<td>Mrs D &amp; Mrs Vaughan away: Gympie Muster</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th September</td>
<td>School Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 18th November</td>
<td>School excursion: venue to be confirmed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 19th November</td>
<td>Centenary Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 9th November</td>
<td>Picnic Day</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PS: The notice-board near the school gates can not be changed until building is complete since it can not be opened properly since the fence is in the way a. Supposedly the footings will be started on Thursday. Here’s hoping! 😊

---

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