REMINDER: School photos this Friday.
Envelopes & payment may be returned before or on the day.

G'day everyone,

It is always heart-warming to see Booyalians displaying such wonderful citizenship qualities and genuine care of each other. Small schools, such as ours, proudly offer a flexible multi-age teaching approach that not only meets individual academic needs but also provides a unique environment where the children support each other and genuinely care about the other students. Moon Bear Night provided many wonderful examples of this. Well done to all involved. That Booyal spirit is worth bottling!

We also continue to also take great delight and pride in following the progress of our past students as they progress through high school and beyond. Recently it has been great to see so many of them achieving very well in the academic and sporting arenas, gaining employment and contributing to the local community. I hope that they all look back on their time at Booyal fondly and value the good grounding our small school provided.

Parent/teacher Catch-Ups. Mrs Dyer and I are inviting parents or carers to a quick, informal chat about their child's progress. These are scheduled to occur during the next couple of weeks. Tentative time slots are slowly being rolled out. The remainder will be sent via text today. If you would like to accept the invitation please let us know. If the suggested time is unsuitable we will endeavour to schedule another mutually convenient meeting.

Photos: School photo day is this Friday. If you have any specific queries regarding the order form please contact Donna (0427 946 360). As always, students are encouraged to look extra smart on Photo Day, wearing their best full school uniform and a nice big smile.
Scholastic Reading Record Log: Scholastic (Book Club) are running a competition during May, National Family Reading Month. Booyalians are encouraged to participate by reading for at least 10 minutes every day (including weekends) and having the form signed by a parent or teacher. Great prizes are on offer. An entry form is attached which can be returned at the end of the month when we will enter the details in the Scholastic website on the student’s behalf.

Moon Bear Night: The Project Club committee (Doc, Jessica & Kees) organised a successful and enjoyable Moon Bears evening last Wednesday. Thanks to the participation of so many students and parents approximately $70 profit was raised. This money will be donated to Free The (Moon) Bears rehabilitation charity.

PE & LOTE: Mr Green will be absent this Thursday but a replacement PE teacher has been organised.

Next week Mr & Mrs Horner return so LOTE, PE and Music lessons will be back to the usual times. A big ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Dyer for replacing Mr Horner for the past month; the children have certainly enjoyed the drumming and music appreciation activities she planned.

NAPLAN: Students in Years 3 & 5 will undertake NAPLAN tests next week, Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th May. Please contact me if you have any questions.
Excursion: Connecting with our Community
In Week 6, on Thursday, May 19, Mrs Dyer is planning to take the students on an excursion. The purpose of the day long trip is to connect the children to resources within our local community. This term is long, 11 weeks in all, so the excursion will be a nice midterm reward, especially for the students in Year 3/5 who are undergoing NAPLAN next week.

The itinerary will include a visit to the Childers Library, and chARTS (Childers Art Gallery) before heading to Alice McLaughlin’s studio at Apple Tree Creek to spend time painting with members of the Childers Art Group. Excursion paperwork/itinerary will be sent home next week. There will be no cost for the excursion and all students will be transported by bus. As a parent, if you are interested in accompanying the group please contact a member of staff this week.

I will be attending a Principals’ Business Meeting in Maryborough on the day of the trip so, just for that week, Mrs Dyer will be working at Booyal on a Thursday. Many thanks to Mr Parsons at Cordalba State School for allowing this change to happen.

Cleaner's Position: I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Rowe for working as the relief cleaner for the past couple of months, she has done a fabulous job. Unfortunately, due to a minor accident, Von is currently unable to continue in this role. Mrs Warren has kindly agreed to return as the relief until a permanent cleaner is appointed.

It is unlikely that the cleaner's position will now be advertised since a cleaner currently employed at a local school is seeking redeployment and is keen to accept the job at Booyal. In line with Education Queensland's staffing policy we were obliged to fill the position this way.

P&C and Centenary Meetings: The new year has seen some extremely busy, productive and enjoyable P&C and Centenary Meetings. Thank you to those who so willingly donate their time, ideas and support. It is great to see such team spirit and excitement for the activities ahead. As always, all parents and community members are welcome to come along to any meeting and take an active role in our school. The more the merrier!

PPP Workshop: Bundaberg Community Family Heath are presenting a series of free Triple P Parenting workshops at the Childers' Neighbourhood Centre during May. All feedback from previous participants has been overwhelmingly positive. A flyer is attached.
Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs: The Bunyips are starting to plan their own businesses, based on the program outlined by the Academy For Young Entrepreneurs. The excitement and energy associated with this project is great to see. I am confident that this will be an incredible learning experience; one that the children will continue to build on in the future.

Each child will be allocated $10 seed money (which needs to be repaid from the profits). Half of the profit will be donated to charity and the rest will be made available to the students in some form. I am still determining how best we can do that, given the restraints of Education Queensland.

The Bunyips can work individually or join with a maximum of two other students. Adult mentoring will be available but the majority of the work must be done by the students. For this venture to be successful students must be willing to donate some of their own time to the business (the amount is up to them). This is a curriculum enrichment activity which fosters creativity and links many learning areas in a real life way. However, the reality is that, for a variety of reasons, some businesses will be financially more successful than others. ‘Experience’ is the payment for everyone; experience that we can all learn from and use to improve future business ventures. Some groups, (and I am guessing, not all groups), will no doubt make a profit and so also receive payment in dollars. If you have concerns that your child may not cope with this reality please let me know and alternative classroom activities will be arranged during entrepreneurial lessons. As we learn from mistakes I am confident that each child’s future business will become much more successful.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions about this project please contact me.

DVD News

During the past week several notes of congratulations and thanks have been received by the Bunyips from graziers, customers and celebrities. Most recently Ita Buttrose sent a card, part of which read, ‘Congratulations! I think it’s a brilliant idea and very funny. I had lots of laughs.’ Lovely feedback.

Centenary News

Did you know that ABC Wide Bay will be broadcasting live from the Booyal Centenary. What a treat!

If you want your child to succeed they must come to school every day.
Dear Parents,

Another term is slipping by too quickly. With two short weeks our classroom is particularly busy and our routines a little condensed. My apologies about library borrowing. We are back on track this week.

Mrs. Case, PEAEC, visited our school last week and assisted with Daily Rapid Reading in the big class and observed Jessica, Hayley and Aliyah working on their Reading Link and other activities. She commented on their great work and attitude. Well done girls!

Mrs Finn, our Speech Language Pathologist, also spent time in our class last Wednesday. She loved walking in to see the Junior Class doing oral language activities. She spoke of their importance and the difference they make to general literacy skills.

Our classroom has a new addition - a fish tank. We have two rainbow fish and two red claw. After installation it took a little for our tank to clear but now the tank looks great. Year 1/2 Science unit is around 'Living Things' and we have to make some observations of animals. A big thank you to Hannah Broughton and 'LiveFish' for helping out our classroom.

Until next week,
Mrs Dyer

ARTiFACTS (by Mrs Dyer)

It is all action in the art sessions lately as we are juggling making our beautiful cards and special gifts for a certain important day this Sunday and also getting sorted for Booyal’s show participation. This year every student will enter in the iced biscuit section and contribute towards our special school display (to mark our centenary) and the school poster competition (the 2016 version of the scarecrows/sweet potatoes). I hope that families are also considering entering privately in the many sections that the show has like cooking, visual arts, fruit and veg, pet show etc. It is the 100th show and it takes a whole community to contribute and make it great. Check out a Show Schedule (saw a like at the servo if you need one) and start thinking/dreaming. Best of luck!

Did you like the school ANZAC wreaths? Credit must go to Mrs Kovacs and the junior class for making them.

Concentration plus! The junior class tried really hard to cut exactly on the lines for the poppies. They did so well.
DATE CLAIMER: Booyal’s Biggest Bush Dance.
Saturday 16th July.

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

Award Recipient

Congratulations, Kees.
Good on you! 😊

GOTCHA Winners

It was double GOTCHA wins last week.
Lots of smiles!

Students Of The Week

Mrs Dyer’s class: Jessica Mandrek for the effort she puts into remembering concepts. She practices at home and is always inspired to get better and better. She has a great mind-set about her learning.

Mrs D’s class: Charlie for listening attentively, trying to always improve and setting high standards for himself. Charlie is a Booyal kid through and through! 😊
AND FINALLY......

What is your mum's secret skill?

Beau: climbing up things
Callum: guessing stuff, like what number I am thinking of
Keenan: washing
Lucia: turning the TV on and over
Hayley: absent
Jessica: dancing in the kitchen
Aliyah: riding horses
Charlie: cooking chocolate muffins
Danica: hula hooping
Hamish: cooking volcanoes (meat covered in potato)
Mason: keeping us in line
Danita: absent
Leery: rats-tailing - she's brave when the wasps are around too
Cooper: cooking pikelets
Deklyn: Aunty Linda is good at helping us with our work
Jayden: running fast
Mary: teaching - she used to teach me and she was a life saver too
Clinton: rats-tailing because she picks them really fast
Kaylah: Aunty Linda is good at putting up with us kids
Kees: cooking sticky date pudding
Doc: feeding the animals
Jessica: looking after babies - she really likes them
AJ: absent
Mrs D: decking out the house full of Christmas decorations and making the best trifle for dessert 😊

Have a very happy week!

All the best,
Dawn
Things My Mother Taught Me

My Mother taught me LOGIC..."If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can’t go to the shops with me."

My Mother taught me HUMOUR..."When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me."

My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT..."If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up."

My mother taught me about my HERITAGE... "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION... "Just wait until your father gets home."

And, my all-time favorite - JUSTICE..."One day you’ll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like YOU -- then you’ll see what it’s like."

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