Hello everyone,

It has been a few weeks between Waffles due to me being on leave and the end of term hecticness. Hopefully this edition will keep you up to date with all the goings on around school, as well as some important news regarding next term.

This has been a slightly longer term than usual so no doubt the holiday will be even more welcome than ever. Congratulations to the children for ‘hanging in’ so well, seeing the term out with continued enthusiasm and hard work. They are a great bunch who we hope have loads of happy times during the next fortnight.

As the holidays are almost here, we all want to thank everyone who has supported us in our endeavours to help every child who walks through the gate each day. If there is one thing I can guarantee it is that, without exception, every member of staff goes well above and beyond what is expected of them, in and out of school time, to help your child. When strong partnerships of trust and support exist between the school, our families and the community we are able to provide the very best opportunities for our students to succeed.

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Mrs Dyer will be leaving Booyal at the end of this term after accepting a Year 6 teaching position on Thursday Island. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for the Dyer family, which has come at very short notice. We wish them every happiness, success....and lots of great fishing days!

Mrs Dyer has been part of our school for the past two and a half years, teaching the lower grade class and sharing her fabulous artistic talents with us all. Her professionalism, dedication, caring nature and endless energy have meant that so many youngsters have been blessed with an incredible start to their school life and that so many other areas of their education have been greatly enhanced. Mrs Dyer has a heart bigger than a lion! In so many ways Taigi State College are in for a treat.
The finer details of Mrs Dyer's departure are still being finalised, as is her replacement. More details will follow, along with an invitation to share a special morning tea with Mrs Dyer on the first Monday back at school. Please bring a plate to share, if you are able.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Hopefully your child/ren's school photos should have arrived home safely yesterday. From what we saw they looked great, however if you have any questions or concerns please contact Donna from Country School Photos on 0427 946 360.

FEEDBACK INVITED: As always your feedback, ideas and suggestions regarding classroom activities or school operations in general are invited and welcomed. Ideas can always be raised individually or at a P&C meeting. Here's looking forward to an even bigger and better Semester 2. With the centenary well and truly in our sights it is bound to be a big one!

REPORTS: Reports will be sent home on Tuesday of the second week back.

ARCHERY: Students in all grades thoroughly enjoyed archery training with Andrew Postma. It is not often that they would be privy to two hours coaching from such an approachable and professional archer. It is a pleasure to be able to make these opportunities available; providing fun extra-curricular activities and creating special memories.

Andrew’s fee was heavily subsidised by school, however $5 was charged to families for each child, due today. Thank you to everyone who has already paid. If payment is still outstanding could you please settle-up before the end of the week. Thank you.

HOMEWORK: No homework, other than nightly reading, has been set for this week. 😊

SCHOOL LEADERS: Thank you to our school leaders for completing self-reflection sheets on their performance this semester and for the conversations we are having about expectations for the rest of the year. We are fortunate to have some very active and positive role models as leaders this year. It is important to remember though that when elected to a leadership role there is the duty to adhere to the responsibilities attached with each position. We want school leaders who have a genuine desire and commitment to undertake leadership responsibilities and who always do their Booyal Best. We are having some very interesting and, hopefully, productive conversations.

LIBRARY BOOKS: Please ensure that all outstanding library books are returned by the end of term. Thank you to this who have already looked for and returned overdue books. If there are any concerns just let me know.
**DRR RESULTS:** We recently tested every child on a reading screener which assessed their ability to read the words, as well as answer basic and more complex questions. The results gave us a reading age for each child. This is a new test for us, so to ensure that results are accurate Mrs Savage is also doing the usual PM reading assessments so that we can compare the data. We still need to do a few more of these tests in order to provide updated reports however the data so far is very pleasing indeed, showing improvements across the board. Well done everyone. 😊

**TUCKSHOP:** Thanks to Mrs Gray and Mrs Mc Mahon for organising our last tuck-shop. It was lovely.

**CAMP:** We received the itinerary for camp which, unfortunately, was not the same as that originally offered when we booked. The activities were somewhat "blah" (for want of a better word). We certainly were expecting a much more challenging and exciting program. Discussions are still continuing and relate to the camp’s risk management policy. The organisation usually offers most of the challenging activities only to children over 8 years old. I am confident that we can negotiate a program that will suit our needs, however it looks like the date may have to change to 17th - 19th October so that appropriate instructors can be rostered to work. Details will be confirmed after the holidays. Just a reminder that parents of Prep students are encouraged to attend in case their child/ren get homesick.

**BUILDING NEWS:** After a very slow start it seems to be all systems go on the sports shelter. A besser brick rebound ball wall will also be incorporated, (which we will be painted with a snazzy Booyal Bunyip mural), as well as hinged basketball hoops/backboards, new tennis net/posts and a shed to hold materials. The shed will have a roller door which opens onto the courts. A new double gate will also be installed. The school notice board will be erected in the house year, facing the highway, making it much more visible to passers-by.

**MR CASE VISIT:** Steve Case (Big Boss) visited again last week. He was very keen to hear about every child and impressed with how we were supporting them and what was occurring in the classrooms. Steve commented that our school was one of the ‘lights on the hill,’ which was lovely feedback. He took time to comment positively on the engagement, conduct and performance of our students. It is always great to receive confirmation that our approach to teaching and nurturing is so well regarded. We have a great team and great kids.
ENGLISH FUN: The upper grades have been learning about ambiguity: sentences that have double meanings. Today a student unwittingly wrote an ambiguous sentence about a tree and a monkey... one of which had apparently had a 20 metre bottom! It was a perfect example of why we all need to describe things clearly.

The following news headlines were humorous examples. I bet you can guess which one got the most laughs from Grade 5 & 6 boys! 😊

- Kids make nutritious snacks.
- Stolen painting found by tree.
- Astronaut takes blame for gas in spaceship.
- Grandmother of eight makes hole in one.

Scholastic Read More In May Competition: Well done to all our dedicated readers who entered this competition. All the results have been entered online. Fingers crossed!

DVD NEWS: We were privileged to be asked to provide a display for a Bundaberg showcase event in Parliament House last weekend. Thanks to Stephen Bennett for his ongoing support. This week the children posted letters and sample DVDs to a range of TV personalities and entrepreneurs telling them about the project and asking them to promote the DVD and/or offer marketing suggestions. A stall was also held at a Drought Buster event in Bundaberg last Sunday, which was profitable. This morning we had another order for 15 more which are been taken out by a charity group to cattle producers in Hughenden and beyond as well as confirmation that the DVDs will be sold at the Longreach School Of Distance Education tour centre, which is a very popular attraction for tourists. We are also waiting on a return call from the Australian Stockman’s Hall Of Fame.

Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs:

Here’s a sneak peek at the list of businesses our Bunyip Entrepreneurs’ are about to start next term. They are still in the research and design phase at the moment but looking forward to great things in the future. These ventures will continue to see some of the money being donated to charity.

- Jayden: gourmet cookies
- Cooper & Leeroy: word search book
- AJ, Doc & Kees: pop cakes
- Clinton & Deklyn: Bunyip Spiders (drink)
- Jessica & Kaylah: magnets
- Mary: chocolate dipped macadamia nuts and fruit
Dear Parents,

This term is almost gone and the semester 'bites the dust'!

The learning journey of our Preps/Year 1s has been amazing over the last twenty weeks with them securing many 'Booyal Basics'.

Congratulations. Hope everyone enjoys the break.

Mrs Dyer

PS
Archery was awesome!
Our 'm' and 'sp' display table is great this week. Thanks to the Vellas for letting us have a marshmallow treat.

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PARENT INFORMATION

TOURS
Prospective Year 7 Students
Tuesday, 19th July, 2016
Daylight Tour- 10:45 am
Twilight Tour- 5:45 pm
Join us at the
Hinkler Street Annexe
Room SA2

Register interest by Friday 15th July

41 51 1221 / E-Mail: the.principal@isdistshs.qld.edu.au

If you want your child to succeed they must come to school every day.
Muhammad Ali’s Wisdom

- The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.
- The man who has no imagination has no wings.
- He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.
- If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it – then I can achieve it.

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This might make sense to so many of us who spend so much time running our children around for sport and other after school activities.

- I pay for those moments when they become so tired they feel like quitting but don’t.
- I pay for the opportunity for them to make life-long friends.
- I pay for the chance that they may have amazing coaches that will teach them not just about the game but about life and that success and failure are both part of it.
- I pay for my child to learn to be disciplined.
- I pay for them to learn how to take care of their body.
- I pay for them to learn how to work with others and to be a proud, supportive, kind and respectful team member.
- I pay for them to learn how to make and accomplish goals.
- I pay for them to learn that effort reaps rewards and that there are consequences for both inaction and action. The choice is theirs.
- I pay for them to learn that it takes hours and hours of hard work and practice to create a champion, and that does not happen overnight (and might never happen).
- I pay for them to be actively occupied instead of in front of a screen.

P&C NEWS

Election Cake Stall: Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} July

Booyal’s Biggest Bush Dance
Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} July.
Next P&C meeting: Tuesday 26th July, 3.15 pm at school

Due to my leave, departmental visits and changes to our timetable there have not been any Students Of The Week or awards presented over the past few weeks. These will resume next term.

Enjoy the holidays everyone!!

All the best,
Dawn

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