Hello everyone,

Wishing you a very warm welcome back to Term 3. One thing is for sure, the welcome is certainly warmer than the recent weather. Brr!! 😊 I hope that everyone had a terrific holiday. Isn’t it amazing how quickly the holidays seem like a distant memory once you get back into the school routine?

Last Monday was an exciting day for Mrs Kirsty Lennox who joined the Booyal team to teach the Prep/Year 1 class. Mrs Lennox particularly enjoys working in the Early Years. She has had to hit the ground running, only accepting the position shortly before school resumed.

Please make yourself known to Kirsty when you have the chance and never hesitate to contact her with any questions, concerns or ideas. Mrs Dyer spent time with Mrs Lennox to ensure that the classroom transition was seamless and students continued the programs they were working on last term.

Mrs Dyer had her first teaching day at Taigai State College yesterday. The family arrived on the island last week, safe and sound, after a flurry of activity, packing up and finalising an endless list of jobs. I am sure that they will settle in quickly and Mrs Dyer’s new class will soon realise what a treasure has landed on their doorstep. Mrs Dyer appreciated the farewell morning tea that was held before she left. Thank you to everyone who came along and/or donated homebake for the occasion.

Attachment(s):
(1) Sports Day Tuck-Shop
(2) Letter regarding the Childers Festival
This is a ten week term, (nine weeks now 😊), and judging by the calendar in the office it is going to be an action packed one. Please keep an eye out for permission sheets, tuck-shop order forms etc. in school bags and return them by the due date so that we can ensure that all the events are organised in a timely fashion. If we continually have to chase up missing or overdue forms it makes it very difficult to organise transport, catering etc., especially when other schools are relying on us.

- **I will be in and out of school a bit during the term**, for a variety of reasons. However, during any absence staff will continue with the lessons that have already been prepared so that the students' learning is not interrupted.

- **Mrs Savage had an extra day at school yesterday** finalising the reading assessments. It is very clear that our Daily Rapid Reading Program is producing great results. Ms Clair, Mrs Bendell and Mrs Kovacs are the main staff responsible for working with the children in DRR. The ladies do a brilliant job; so dedicated, supportive and keen to help every child reach their potential. Well done to all the students and staff.

- **REPORTS**: Reports will be sent home later this week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Parent teacher meetings were held last term but if you would like another catch up please see me and we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

**GERMAN DAY**: Students in Years 5 and 6 will travel to Childers State School tomorrow to participate in the annual German Day. Judging by past students' reports this is one of the most enjoyable excursions of the year. The children will no doubt also enjoy the experience of travelling on the high school bus. They will be supervised by Ms Clair throughout the day.

- **GIN GIN DISTRICT SPORTS**: We have been advised that only students who meet qualifying times and distances are permitted to participate in the Gin Gin District Sports Carnival this year. Several students will be travelling to Gin Gin on Friday. We wish them every success, knowing that they will do nothing less than their 'Booyal Best.'

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ ATHLETICS DAY**: Athletics Day seems to come around faster every year! Next Friday, 29th July, we will all join the other small schools at Gin Gin State School from 9 a.m. Permission forms are due in tomorrow so that we can determine if a bus needs to be hired. Thank you to everyone who has already let us know.
A canteen will operate on Athletics Day. I only received the order form from McIlwraith today but there appears to be a quick turnaround time required. If I have details by Friday that will be fine. Payment next week is OK too – it is just the order forms we need quickly. Thanks.

It is all systems go with marching and ball game practice. Here’s hoping that the marching shield remains in Booyalian hands for another year. All credit goes to Mrs Vaughan for her particularly enthusiastic training in these activities.

HOMEWORK: resumed this week. Maths, spelling and nightly reading continues in my class. We are also having a big focus on learning times tables. Please ask your child what tables they are learning and try to put a few minutes aside to test them each evening. It is hard to beat asking questions for spelling and maths facts. Please see me if you have any concerns or questions.

• SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY: The annual School Opinion Survey was sent home last week. Your feedback and suggestions will help our school continue to improve.

• LIBRARY DAYS: Thursday is Library Day for all students.

• DRR: Daily Rapid Reading sessions resumed yesterday.

• SPEECH THERAPIST: Anita will visit in Week 4.

• BOOYAL BUNYIP ENTREPRENEURS: The Bunyips were very fortunate to receive a Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow grant of $16,000. We had a combined application with Cordalba & Dalarnill State Schools who I will be meeting with soon to discuss entrepreneurial activities and training that the students can do. Exciting times!

The Bunyips were very surprised to receive a letter from one of the ‘big, big-wigs’ of Education Queensland. Mrs Patrea Walton is the Deputy Director General. Somehow she heard about the Bunyips’ work and sent them, the school staff and community a congratulatory letter, mentioning each Bunyip by name. We certainly appreciate her support, although perhaps would appreciate her actually purchasing a DVD even more! Stay tuned because the kids are writing back thanking Ms Walton for her letter and saying just that. 😊 I think they might have a new customer very soon!
‘KIDDING ABOUT FOR DROUGHT’ CROWDFUNDING: The Bunyips have started a crowd funding page for their DVD, which is being administered by the Booyal Memorial Hall committee. Education Queensland policy prevents the school directly managing the site. For every $14 donated to the project a DVD will be sent as a surprise gift to a randomly selected farming family and the actual $14 will become part of the children’s donation the QCWA’s ‘Public Rural Crisis Fund’. Essentially this is just another way of selling DVDs. Please spread the word. The site can be viewed at https://chuffed.org/project/kidding-about-for-drought or by clicking the link on our Facebook page. The more people who share the link the more successful the project will be.

SCHOOL CAMP: Great news. After lots of negotiation the camp organisers have agreed that students will be allowed to do rock wall climbing, indoor caving and archery as some of their camp activities. You might remember that originally these options were removed because of age restrictions and risk management concerns. Thanks to the staff at the Currimundi for being so obliging.

School camp will be held from Monday 17th October - Wednesday 19th October. The cost is unlikely to be more than $100 per child. I hope to be able to confirm the actual price after the next week’s P&C meeting. Prep parents are welcome to attend, ($100).

OUTBACK CAMP: This term will see lots of DVD selling activities. The dates for the outback camp for any interested students in Years 4, 5 & 6 are Saturday 1st October to Sunday 9th October. Cost $150. This is an optional camp, one done on a shoe-string budget, with staff donating 5 days of their own time but which I believe will provide the students with a lifetime of special memories. I am just waiting to hear back from a vehicle rental company before sending home more details of the trip. These older students are encouraged to help even more than ever with DVD sales and promotional activities this term so that the cheque they present to the QCWA will provide as much money as possible. As always, effort reaps reward. 😊

CAKE STALL: Many thanks to those parents who helped make the P&C’s Election Day cake sale such a success. A little time and effort from everyone makes all the difference to our children. Thank you!
**BUILDING NEWS:** Well, where do I start? She’s up and she looks a beauty! The turf has been laid, a sports storage shed erected, a ball wall built and a water tank installed. We have already spotted new football goals and netball posts. Swinging basketball hoops/boards are also expected, along with new tennis posts and net. Not bad for a little school like Booyal!

Obviously, there is still a bit of tidying up and grounds beautification to be done but we are well on the way and the students have already been inside for a play. I am hoping to get some nifty writing and school logos put up on the outside at some point.

‘Deadly’ Arthur Conlon, a well-known Indigenous artist, will visit to paint a big Booyal Bunyip on the ball wall in August, as well as add some targets for ball games. ‘Deadly’ is great value so fingers crossed that he will have some time to also work with the children in the classroom. They’ll love it!

**ENGLISH FUN:** We are all working on a poetry unit for the next few weeks. What do you think of the students’ limericks? Not bad for a first attempt.

We had lots of fun thinking about odes today. Stay tuned for some beauties next week.

There once was a big, fat, long dog,
Who began to look like a log,
Going into the dark,
He started to bark,
Then got lost in the thick, fuzzy fog.

*(Clinton)*

There once was a new teacher called Beth,
Who really was quite very deaf,
She drank lots of soda,
And rode a new ‘moda’
Now she’s married a fellow called Jeff,

*(Mary)*
There once was a crazy old bunny,
Who was trying to be very funny,
So he went down his big hole,
And smashed up his new bowl,
Then came out with a very full tummy.

(AJ)

There once was a fly in the loo,
Who wriggled like he knew Kung Fu,
His legs did a fling,
Like he was the king
Then he came out and took off his shoe.

(Kees)

There once was a rat who went 'splat.'
What do you think about that?
What a big splat he made,
Slowly dying he laid,
Well, there's no more splat for that rat!

(Doc)

There once was a terrible cat,
Who always wore an old hat,
He fell in a gutter,
Losing his butter,
Then found it again on the mat.

(Kaylah)

There once was a dog who worked cattle,
Where ever he went was a rattle,
Nobody knew what it was,
Perhaps the Wizard Of Oz?
It always seemed such a battle.

(Jessica)

Last week was a whirlwind for Mrs Lennox so we will save her jottings for next week.
Suffice to say, all is well in the lower grade class. ☺
Students miss out on lots of work, even with one day off. It is often a struggle for them to catch up on the new information that has been taught.

Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather on the weekend, Booyal’s Biggest Bushdance was cancelled.

Another event will be held later in the year. More details will follow.

The party will be discussed at the next P&C meeting, please come along & share your ideas.

**Next P&C Next meeting:** Tuesday 26th July, 3.15 pm at school

**Award Recipients**

Great work, Mason & Kees.
Congratulations!

**GOTCHA Winners**

The GOTCHA box has been restocked.
Well done, Cooper & Hayley 😊

**Students Of The Week**

*Mrs Lennox’ class:* Jessica for giving 100% effort in everything she does.
Mrs D’s class: Doc for achieving such an improvement in his reading levels and for writing some particularly witty limericks.

AND FINALLY……

When does a person know that they are old?

Beau: when they’re one trillion years old
Callum: they have lots of wrinkles
Keenan: when their hands turn lumpy
Lucia: when they get freckles and have more lines on their hands
Hayley: they get wrinkles
Jessica: how tall they get and the size of their shoes
Aliyah: they have lots of dots on their face
Charlie: they can’t run in races very well
Danica: when they start getting smaller
Hamish: they have a walking stick
Mason: when their teeth fall out and they have to put them in a glass….honestly, that happens!
Danita: when they get lots of skin cancer
Leeroy: they use a walking stick and their skin becomes very floppy
Cooper: it’s when they are blind
Deklyn: they become tired and weak (like Mrs D!)
Jayden: they forget half of the things they knew when they were a kid
Mary: when their hair turns gray
Clinton: when they turn wrinkly and start getting smaller
Kaylah: they get wrinkly, soft skin and they become weak
Kees: they start to tell you all about the past and say things like, “I remember when…..”
Doc: they turn wrinkly, slow, grumpy and have false teeth
Jessica: when Mrs D starts calling them ancient, like she calls Mrs !!! 😊
AJ: they have lots of accidents, like falling down the stairs and fall asleep quickly in the chair
Mrs D: when the face they see in the mirror each morning isn’t the face they think belongs to them. 😊 (Aghh..reckon I must be getting old!).

Have great week everyone!

All the best,

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