Hello everyone,

Finally the Waffle that has been sitting on the computer half-completed is done and dusted. It became a bit of a mission! Time certainly got away so plenty has happened around school since the last newsletter. Thank you for being so patient. It is hard to imagine that the term is all but over and holidays begin on Friday. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your help and support over the past term. I hope that you have a wonderful holiday, relaxing in whatever way you enjoy. I will be absent from school on Thursday and Friday so Mrs Lennox will be the relief teacher. Please contact her if there are any issues.

New students: Four new students and their families recently joined us; Taigh (Year 2) and Boodz (Year 6) have enrolled for the first time, whilst Tiah and Peter-Craig return. It is a pleasure to welcome them all to Booyal and lovely to see and hear how well they have settled in, becoming valued members of our school. There are now 27 students enrolled.

Groundsman Position: A warm welcome is also extended to Mr Mark Kreis, our new groundsman. Mark also works at Wallaville State School and has experience with other schools in the area. He will usually be at Booyal on Tuesdays.
Many thanks to Peter Vellacott for being Booyal’s groundsman for the past couple of years. We very much appreciate all the work Pete has done and the genuine interest he always shows in all school activities.

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

SCHOOL CAMP: Information about our camp to the Currimundi Recreation Centre next month was sent home with the children a few days ago. Please let me know if your copy did not arrive.

The cost is $100 per child, thanks to generous donations from P&C and the school budget. This year we have to hire the large bus and driver since there are more students. A big ‘Thank You’ to P&C for helping reduce the cost to parents. It is mostly thanks to a small band of helpers who regularly plan and assist at fundraising events throughout the year that this money has been raised for the benefit of everyone. Thanks also to those other parents who help out from time to time.

A ‘What To Take’ list and copy of the activities program will be sent home on the first day back in Term 4. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Boardgame Night, Sleepover & Sunrise: We were all very excited to have Channel 7’s Sunrise’s weather presenter, Sam Mac, and his team visit on Wednesday, 31st August. What a coo to have Australia-wide promotion of the DVD and our little school. Over 66,000 people watched one of the Sunrise clips! Videos of all the weather segments can be found on our Facebook page.

Feedback from the Sunrise visit has been extremely positive, which is a reflection of our children’s enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. We certainly have some terrific young personalities!

Congratulations to Doc, Jessica and Kees for organising a very successful Board Games Night. They did a lot of behind the scenes work and preparation so it was lovely to see so many people joining in the fun and sharing a delicious meal.

Many thanks also to all those adults who kindly donated their time to help in any way, particularly Linda Clair who slept in the classroom during the sleepover and Mr & Mrs Horner who helped settle the children before camping on the grounds. There were also many cooks who helped prepare dinner - thank you all. Mrs Kovacs and Mrs Vaughan also arrived very early the next morning to get students prepared for the first broadcast at 5.30 a.m. and, as always, our P&C and went ‘above and beyond’ by cooking an early morning barbecue breakfast. This was a real team effort; students, staff and community. Thank you all, including those parents and locals who came to be part of the action. 😊
Here are some photos from the night/day, including the launch of Clinton, Deklyn, Leeroys’ entrepreneurial venture; refreshing Booyal Bunyip spiders. The boys dedicated their own time to ensure that their business was up and running in time for the cameras. Good on them all. It is lovely to see that they are already making a healthy profit. It will be exciting to follow the progress of the other Bunyip enterprises. Some groups are putting in a lot of behind the scenes effort and deserve to do very well.
Mural: How impressive is our new Booyal Bunyip mural in the sports area? ‘Deadly Arthur’ (Conlon) and students in Years 4-6 created the masterpiece in record time. It’s a beauty!

Deadly’ is always good value and has a great rapport with everyone. He even offered to give an art lesson to all our students, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Their turtles were created using oil pastels in a step by step manner with very impressive results. The children felt deservedly proud of themselves.

Congratulations to all our Years 3 and 5 students who received their results some weeks ago. As a school, we can be extremely proud of our students. Mr Case (big boss) was delighted with the performance of our children. Their results were extremely impressive; a testament to the effort and drive that the children and staff demonstrate in class. As we always say, effort reaps rewards.

Booyal’s results in both Years 3 and 5 are statistically equal (and in many cases greater) than the national results. Assistant Regional Director, Steve Case, asked me to pass on his congratulations to the school community and let you know that “the achievement of the school has been significantly recognised within the region.” Our children did incredibly well indeed. Congratulations everyone.

Athletics Days: As always our students showed that they had what it took to shine at the Gin Gin District and Small Schools’ Athletics carnivals. How exciting was it to clinch the marching shield once again! It was certainly a well-deserved win. Mrs Vaughan deserves a great deal of credit for training the children so well.

Congratulations to all competitors, particularly those who received medals and/or ribbons. It was lovely to see so many parents and other family members in the cheering squad.
Junior Age Champion Aliyah Hintz (2nd)
Senior Age champion: Jessica (1st) & Kaylah (runner up)
200m Minor: Keenan Hintz 3rd
400m Junior: Aliyah Hintz 2nd
800m Senior: Jessica Warren 1st

High School Experience Day: AJ and Boodz thoroughly enjoyed attending the High School Familiarisation Day at Isis District State High School. They met students from other schools, as well as toured the campus and participated in interesting Manual Arts and Science activities.

Thanks to Gary Monks and Isis District State High School staff for organising this event. It looks like AJ found a friendly ex-Booyalian to have lunch with. Toby is looking so grown up!

SOS School Opinion Survey: Thank you to all those who completed the School Opinion Survey earlier in the term. These results will be available to us later in the year and will be used in planning for the future, as well as celebrating current successes.

The Tardis: The next time you are in the office you will see our very own version of Dr Who’s tardis. It is a whopper of a cabinet that now houses lots of our computer system and server. When the early morning call was put out, asking for help to remove the tardis from the back of the truck it was overwhelming and humbling to see how many ‘Booyal blokes’ came to the rescue and helped carry it upstairs. We had so many willing workers that several did a drive past and drove home again. What a special bunch! Thank you all.
**Tuck-shop:** Tuck-shop was a real treat yesterday, as well as the beef gravy rolls earlier in the term. Thanks to Mrs McMahon, Mrs Vella and Mrs Warren (apologies if I have accidently forgotten anyone) who, once again, donated their time to prepare something extra special to all the children and staff. It was delicious.

**DVD News:** Plenty has been happening DVD-wise.
- A very successful stall was held at the Childers Festival. It was terrific to have so many students and parents helping. Thanks everyone! Kaylah felt somewhat famous when a customer asked for her autograph! 😊
- Many more DVDs were also sold at the last Apple Tree Creek markets.
- Last Thursday/Friday and during the weekend we sold DVDs at the Hinkler Central. Each Bunyip spent at least half a day practising their oral language skills, learning how to deal with the public and handle money in a real life way. This can be a challenge at any age. The children all did their ‘Booyal Best.’ We have some budding salespeople.

Several Bunyips also volunteered to help at Hinkler on the weekend. Thank you to Boodz, Deklyn, Kaylah, Jessica, Mary and Leeroy for giving up their own time to support the farmers. Almost $1,000 was raised over the 4 days. A great result everyone – very well done!

- For several reasons outback excursion has been modified. Our school leaders (School Captain, Vice Captain and Sports Captain) leave tomorrow and will give up some of their holidays to present the first cheque to QCWA representatives in Longreach and Mutturarra on behalf of the whole school community. They will also meet some of the people we have been helping and see first-hand drought declared towns.

A total of $6,000 will be shared between the two branches of the QCWA so that the committees can help those in need via their Public Rural Crisis Fund. Assistance is given in the form of vouchers, store credit or payment of accounts, this means that the money stays in the local communities. Before Christmas we hope to raise another $4,000 which will be shared between two other western Queensland QCWAs. This impressive fundraising is the result of a mighty effort that everyone can be proud of.

- ‘Thank You’ to those families who have, in their own time, sold DVDs on the students’ behalf. Every dollar makes a difference to a struggling family.

- As well as selling DVDs, students are now accepting donations at the events they attend by ‘Passing The Boot Around,’ as well as on a crowd-funding page [https://www.chuffed.org/project/kidding-about-for-drought](https://www.chuffed.org/project/kidding-about-for-drought).
We are finding that people may not want to purchase a DVD but are keen to donate a few dollars to drought relief. The money collected is being added to the students’ contributions to the QCWA’S Public Rural Crisis Fund which directly helps drought affected graziers. For every $14 donated a DVD is also sent to a grazier as a surprise gift. It is double the benefit.

- Alan Jones’ radio producer contacted me on the weekend and has teed up an interview Wednesday, from Longreach. We have also been invited to appear at the QCWA’s State Conference in Gladstone in October. More details will follow.

**Adopt-A Cop:** ‘Officer Morgan’ paid us a surprise visit recently to talk about road safety. The children had some wonderful questions and soaked up the information that Sharon provided. Perhaps you have heard a few snippets? One of the main messages was that seat-belts save lives and how important it is for avoid ‘The Fatal Five’.

**School Support Officers’ Day:** We recently had a special morning tea and presentation to celebrate School Support Officers’ Day.

A great big ‘Thank You’ goes to our amazing teacher aides, (Mrs Bendell, Ms Clair, Mrs Kovacs, Mrs Vaughan & Mrs Vellacott) and admin. officer (Ms Day) who all contribute tirelessly in our classrooms and around the school every day. There is so much that these ladies do that most people are unaware of. Each one of them has nothing but the best interest of your child at heart and takes it on themselves to do everything possible to help every child reach his/her potential. In their unique ways, each lady does so much more than they are paid for, without being asked – their biggest reward is seeing your child achieve, both in and out of the classroom. Booyal students are incredibly fortunate to have such a great educational start.
The Junior Class have been having fun with their art this term; it has all been connected to our Prep science unit which is about investigating the weather. So far we have made a storm cloud, an umbrella and a rainbow and we have lots more exciting things to create!

In Maths we have been looking at amounts of money, making equal groups and how long it takes to do activities. We recently had a fun class looking at how many times we could jump, write our name and draw a cat in a minute. It was interesting to see the differences between the students.

We have also been working hard on our sounds and sight words too, they have all been improving which is fantastic! Keep up the good work everyone!

**P&C NEWS**

**Booyal’s Biggest Party**  
**Saturday 15th October**

Please refer to the flyer for more details.
A time capsule was buried during our 75th anniversary, 25 years ago. Did it survive? What is in it? You are invited to join us on Sunday 9th October at 4 p.m. to find out. Please bring a plate for a shared afternoon tea. BYO drinks.

**GOTCHA Winners**

Well done to our most recent GOTCHA winners, Hayley and Doc.

**Students Of The Week**

Congratulations to all our Students Of The Week this term.

**Mrs Lennox’s class:** Hayley (above) for fabulous work in Maths.

**Mrs D’s class:** All the Booyal Bunyips for their fabulous effort this term.
AND FINALLY......

What are your favourite lollies at the moment?

Beau: bubble-gum
Callum: bubble-gum and lollipops
Keenan: redskin
Lucia: bubble-gum
Hayley: snakes and sour straps
Jessica: bubble-gum
Aliyah: lolly pops
Charlie: never ending gobstoppers and anaconda snakes
Danica: pineapples and little M&Ms
Hamish: lollipops
Mason: Tic Tacs and sherbet
Danita: Tic Tacs and liquorice
Leeroy: gumballs and red lolly snakes
Cooper: Killer Pythons and gumballs
Deklyn: gumballs
Jayden: Sour strips
Mary: sherbet and Nerds
Clinton: strawberries & creams and red frogs
Kaylah: gumballs and sour lollies
Kees: Chicos ...and nothing else
Doc: sour gumballs and raspberries
Jessica: gumballs and strawberries & creams
AJ: toffees and sherbet
Boodz: Tanfastics (sour sweets) and sour strips
Mrs D: witchetty grubs and liquorice allsorts

Why did the Malteser go to school?
Because he wanted to become a Smartie!

Have terrific holiday everyone!

All the best,
Dawn

DIARY DATES

Exciting news: Next term the Year 3 – 6 students will learn robotics and how to use a 3D printer. Thanks to an entrepreneurial grant, we will purchase a 3D printer for school which the Bunyips may like to use in their future businesses and school projects.
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**Year 7 Enrolment Interviews**

**Now Open**

To arrange your interview

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