Our vision: We aim to improve the world, one Booyal student at a time, by challenging and supporting every student to reach their absolute potential in learning and behaviour whilst encouraging them to demonstrate an enthusiastic ‘can do’ attitude, care for each other, contribute positively to the wider world, dream big, think ‘outside the box’ and have a healthy dose of fun along the way!

Hello everyone, 😊

How exciting! 2017 is already well upon us and the possibilities that lay ahead are endless. I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing break and have returned with renewed energy and commitment to work alongside us so that, together, we can do everything possible to ensure that your child succeeds.

It was lovely to welcome everyone back last week and especially exciting to see all the Preps and their families joining us, along with some other new students. We hope that your time at Booyal Central is successful and enjoyable. Our current enrolment is 29.

Prep is now a compulsory year of schooling. Whilst officially children do not have to be enrolled at school until they are six and a half, they do now have to study a Prep year when they eventually start. This is different than the earlier rule which stated that Prep was optional.

**Contact Information Sheets:** Could you please double check all the details on the attached sheet(s), update where necessary and return the paperwork to school by the end of the week. It is vital that we can contact you or someone on your list easily.

**Thank You:** A big ‘Thank You’ to everyone for all the running around and expense that I know was associated with getting the school supplies needed by your child/ren. All the children were well equipped this year which made it easy for us to jump in and start work immediately. I realise that the start of the year is not always easy so your help is very much acknowledged and appreciated.

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Our newest Booyalians look like a very special & happy bunch! The Preps have settled in very well and already working hard, learning new things and making new friends.

New Staff: Welcome to Mrs Hollier who is teaching the Prep/Year 1 class. A warm welcome (back) also to Mr Pelusi and Mrs Ilett. Mr Pelusi returns to take PE, whereas Mrs Ilett will teach the upper grade students during my admin time on Fridays. Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Kovacs will work full time and (at this stage) Ms Clair is employed every day, except Thursdays. Mrs Bendell will work with Daily Rapid Reading program. There is no change of Music or German teachers; Mr and Mrs Horner continue as usual. Ms Day, Mrs Pape and Mr Kreis will continue in their roles as admin officer, cleaner and grounds man respectively. Mrs Rowe is the relief cleaner and Mrs Turner instructs Religion.

Specialist lessons:

PE: Tuesdays
German: Wednesday
Music: Thursdays
RE: alternate Thursdays

Library Days
Years Prep – Year 2: Wednesdays
Years 3 – 6: Fridays

Daily Rapid Reading: The Daily Rapid Reading program resumes this week (Week 2).

PARKING: For the safety of our students please ensure that vehicles are reverse parked in the car park in the mornings and afternoons. We had a couple of near misses last year with parents reversing out at home-time. Thank you.
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**Homework:** Homework starts again this week. Please contact me if there are any concerns.

Students in Mrs D’s class are expected to complete nightly reading for at least 10 minutes (and bring in the signed reading log the next day), complete a Maths sheet by the end of the week and practise their spelling.

The best way parents can help with homework is to actually listen to their child read, help them sound out tricky words or understand the meaning of words. Similarly taking time to test spelling words helps enormously and shows the child that spelling is viewed as important by the family. We certainly see higher results on spelling tests when this is done.

Please encourage your child to come and ask for help during the week at school if they are having difficulty with the Maths. Homework is not meant to be a battle at home. If you have any concerns please let me or Mrs Hollier know.

Please note that if nightly reading is not done or the sheet is not signed students are expected to read for ten minutes during their play time the next day. Similarly if homework is not handed on Friday every child will have one chance to bring it in on the Monday but if the work is repeatedly not handed in or done in a careless manner they will be asked to complete it in their playtime.

**Questions, queries & concerns:** As always, we encourage you to speak with us if ever you have ANY questions, concerns or suggestions for improvement. It is much easier, all round, if parents speak directly to staff, rather than rely on car-park conversations which are sometimes misinformed and potentially create confusion.

**ARRIVAL & COLLECTION TIMES:** As always, the arrival time for students is strictly 8.30 a.m. Thank you for co-operating with this. As many of you are aware, we pay teacher aides to start early and run the Daily Rapid Reading Program from 8.30 a.m., rather than supervise very early arrivals. The DRR program is expensive but valuable because it directly benefits the children and has shown to improve reading skills remarkably. Students arriving before 8.30 a.m. and without parent notification will be required to sit out the equivalent amount of time during playtime. Of course, the occasional early arrival is sometimes necessary, please just phone ahead to organise this. We will do everything possible to co-operate.

Students are released at 3 pm and it is expected that all parents are here to collect their children at this time. If you are likely to be late please phone the school and leave a message. Since teachers are on class most of the time we only answer the phone during breaks and in the final session of the day. If the matter is urgent at any other time please keep ringing and we will answer.
MILK: Students will continue to be offered a cool glass of milk at morning-tea. Could parents/carers of all new students please return the milk permission forms by the end of this week?

MEDICATION REMINDER: All student medications were sent home at the end of last year. If your child requires medication this year please send it in as soon as possible. As always, the medication needs to be issued by a doctor or chemist with the child’s name on the sticker, along with full instructions and be in date. Any child requiring an asthma puffer must also have an up-to-date asthma plan with their name on from a doctor or chemist.

If children need medication at any other times of the year the same regulations apply and parents will be required to complete a medication form. Please see me if you have any questions.

ATTENDANCE: It is not rocket science to realise that your child needs to be at school in order to learn. Obviously illnesses are unavoidable and we encourage students who are unwell to stay home and recover. The department closely monitors the attendance of every child, increasingly so.

Our school target is a 95% attendance rate for every child this year. Analysis of last year’s rates showed that some children were at school for significantly less time than this and, sadly, they were the children whose performance was the lowest. This link is well proven in educational research. We will do everything we can to help your child but regular absences mean they miss out on important learning and struggle to catch up when they return. This is a slippery slope educationally, behaviourally and self-esteem-wise.

NEW ED QLD RULE: ABSENCE NOTIFICATION: If your child is going to be away please contact school before 9 a.m. If the office is unattended the answering machine is always on. A new Education Queensland rule means that if you have not let us why your child is not at school we must follow up that day and record the reason why. At Booyal this will be done via a standardised text or phone call. Thank you for your assistance.

GOTCHA Box: Woo hoo! The GOTCHA box is brimming with new goodies. 😊

GOTCHA tickets are given throughout the week to students seen doing their ‘Booyal Best’ both inside and outside the classroom. Tickets are put into a GOTCHA box and two draws are held on Friday afternoons, P/1 and Years 2/6. The lucky winners can select a prize from the GOTCHA box. Very exciting!
**READING, reading & more reading:** This year our priority continues to be teaching students to read and comprehend to the highest level. This directly effects their ability to succeed in all their other subjects as well. Your support at home is invaluable. Thank you.

**FACEBOOK and Website:** Just a reminder that our school does have a Facebook page (Booyal Central State School) which is often used to convey information and showcase the children’s activities. The Weekly Waffle is also posted on our school’s webpage (https://booycentss.eq.edu.au). Various school documents can be accessed there too.

**NAPLAN DATE CLAIMER:** Students in Years 3 & 5 will undertake NAPLAN testing on 9th, 10th & 11th May. From 2018 NAPLAN testing will be done online at Booyal.

Students know that they are doing their ‘Booyal Best...and nothing less’ if they are behaving:

- Respectfully
- Responsibly
- Safely

**Booyal Bunyip Entrepreneurs:** Our entrepreneurial program will continue this year for students in Years 3 - 6.

Please note that these lessons are an enhancement to the curriculum, rather than a standard subject. Students who apply themselves in a diligent manner will be allowed to participate in the program. Should any child not behave they will be given two warnings. If a poor behaviour or a lack of effort continues they will be removed and required to complete other school work during entrepreneurial lessons. These students will have another chance to join the group next term.

Entrepreneurial lessons have been a wonderful way link English, Maths and other subjects in a ‘real life’ way. The Bunyips have shown great motivation and pride in their work, realising that even when they make mistakes they can learn important lessons. Entrepreneurial lessons will alternate on Thursday and Friday afternoons each week. We look forward to using the 3D printer this year and contributing to another charity. Stay tuned!
Phew! What an adventure the whole drought relief project was. The Bunyips worked incredibly hard, learnt a heap of new skills (academically and personally), met some wonderful people, travelled many, many kilometres, became well known around Australia and made a genuinely positive difference to the lives of graziers who were doing it tough. I hope that they have learnt to dream big, believe in themselves, NEVER give up and understand that we all have a responsibility to help others whenever we can.

The following donations were made via the QCWA’s Public Rural Crisis Fund: $3,000 to Muttaburra, $3,000 to Longreach, $2,000 to Blackall, $1,000 to Morella and (to be sent this week) $1,000 to Barcaldine CWA.

Special thanks to Mr Horner for being a big part of the journey. From Day 1 his the moral support, ICT skills and hard work were greatly appreciated. He made the whole experience much more enjoyable.

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Junior Jottings

This week we have been getting to know each other and our classroom routines. We welcome 6 new students and a new teacher!

Children are happier at school and are better able to achieve their best when parents and teachers work together. This week we will begin homework which will include nightly reading.

HOME AND SCHOOL-A TEAM!
Coming together - is the beginning
Keeping together - is progress
Thinking together - is unity
Working together - is success

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Wish list: On the wish list for this year is a sink outside the junior class, roll down blinds in the eating area to keep the winter breezes at bay and a giant chess board/set. Some pot plants around the place are on the agenda as well. What ideas do you have?

Apparently a new toilet block is on the department’s list of upgrades for Booyal. Very nice. 😊 Frog proof, I hope! This is likely to happen within the next few years.

Please see Nancy if you would like a new school shirt.
$25  Payment is required before collection.
Thank you

“Frank, if you have 20 dollars and Bill takes away 14. What would you have?” asked the teacher.

“A fight!” answers Frank.

Q: How is an English teacher like a judge?
A: They both give out sentences

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GOTCHA Winners

Well done Delaney and Jayden, the first GOTCHA winner of the year. 😊

Students Of The Week

Mrs Hollier's Class
Lucia for being such an enthusiastic member of the class, working so hard and caring for other students.

Mrs D’s Class
Tina for settling into Booyal in such a mature, enthusiastic and hardworking manner. She did her ‘Booyal Best’ all week, displaying impeccable manners and showed a genuine desire to learn. Well done! 😊

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AND FINALLY……

What is something that you are determined to learn to do this year?

Delaney: how to build a house
Milton: how to write my name
Reece: how to make things
Zayde: how to do karate
Beau: how to build a robot with blocks
Callum: how to design a car
Keenan: learn how a fish swims
Lucia: how to be a teacher
Sally: how to help sick animals
Tiah: how to swim
Tom: to tell the difference between a rock and a fossil
Hayley: how to play soccer
Jessica: how to skip
Peter-Craig: how to write properly
Aliyah: how to draw better
Charlie: how to draw pictures better
Danica: how to cook and make cup cakes
Danita: in History and Geography, learn what people do in other countries
Mason: how to run a business
Deklyn: how to multiply decimals
Leeroy: how to draw better
Clinton: how to type quickly on TypeQuick
Jayden: how to run a ‘proper job’
Mark: robotics
Mary: to study aeroplanes
Doc: how to run a business
Kaylah: how to draw well
Jessica: how to work harder in all my subjects so that I can
Tina: drawing
Mrs D: learn mentalism and mind reading skills 😊

Have a great week everyone!

Keep smiling

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"That's all Folks!"

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