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Principal's News

Welcome back everyone! 😊

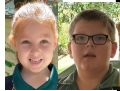
Last week was such a happy one, with everyone returning and sharing news about some of the fun they had on their holidays. I hope that you found the time together really enjoyable too. After the first week off, I reckon that the rest of the holiday always seem to disappear in the blink of an eye. The same usually happens with most school terms, so hang on tight!

One of the perks of returning to class at such a hot and humid time of year is that the air conditioners have been working over-time. This has been appreciated by students and staff alike. Special thanks to Minghong & Mr Kreis who have been working outside a lot. It is a wonder that they haven't melted!

Our current enrolment is 10 students, (not counting a new Prep who is due very soon.)

April-Rose (Year 2) and Kye (Year 5) are the newest Booyalians.

It was lovely to meet them and watch how they settled well into their new surroundings, welcomed by everyone. April-Rose enjoys swimming, baking and looking after animals, whilst Kye is a keen gardener, cook and expert at anything related to Minecraft. We hope that April-Rose, Kye and their families will thoroughly enjoy their time at Booyal Central.



We will be able to finalise staff hours and timetables when our staffing allocation is confirmed by Education Queensland. This is usually in late February/early March. Until then, there will be little change from last year, with Mrs Hyde, Mrs Ilett, Mr Martin and Mrs Tuite working similar days/hours. Mr Leeson will visit on Wednesday mornings to offer support with technology and Mrs Turner will visit on alternate Thursdays to teach RE.

Following Ms Anderson's departure, Ms Jessica Peace, will work on Fridays. Jess is a welcome addition to the team, with a wealth of skills and a personality that fits in beautifully with Booyalians. She even has a pet snake!



A chaplain is not currently attached to Booyal Central but we are on the waiting list so fingers crossed!

Ms Williams will continue to work her magic on Thursdays and Fridays. This time of year is particularly hectic in the office so we are very fortunate to have someone as skilled as Marg handling all the paperwork and finances. I greatly appreciate all she does.

We are all very excited about what 2024 will hold and the progress that your child/ren will make, academically and in other ways. Thank you for already getting them off to a good start, with stationery sent in and attendance high. Our goal is to work alongside you to help your son/daughter be the best that they can be. Please keep in close contact. Questions, ideas and suggestions are encouraged so that we can make Booyal Central an even greater school in 2024. Volunteers are always welcome too.

All the best, keep smiling, 😊

Dawn



We always do our *Booyal*
Best and nothing less!

For Your Information

- ◆ **Homework started again today.** It follows the same format as previous years and should not be overly time-consuming or difficult for your child (or you!). If there are any issues please have a chat with a staff member. Homework that is not completed or reading that is not done/signed off will be finished during playtime. Work will be sent home on Mondays and is due back on Fridays. Lower grade students with nightly readers should return them each morning, along with the signed sheet, so that a new reader can be sent home.
- ◆ **Camp is booked at Splitters Farm, in glamping tents, from 20th–22nd March** (the second last week of term). This year, in recognition of the increased cost of living, the camp will be heavily subsidised from the school budget. The cost to parents is \$40 per child. Where possible, parents are asked to transport their child/ren to and from Bundaberg at the start and end of camp. Car-pooling between friends may be an option. More details will be sent home soon.
- ◆ **We were successful securing a Sporting Schools grant which means that the students can have some extra swimming lessons in Childers pool this term.** They will swim, at no cost to parents, for 4 days in the last week of term. Each lesson will be in the morning and we will travel in Mr Early's bus.
- ◆ **Library borrowing will be done fortnightly, on Thursdays, starting this week.**
- ◆ Our Annual Improvement Plan is being finalised. **This year, our main improvement focus is to target individual student's needs;** case managing each child and providing them with individual support aimed at filling specific gaps in their own learning. This will be done during regular one-on-one sessions with staff throughout the week.

Coming Up Soon

Week 2 (29th Jan.— 2nd Feb.)

Monday: Homework sent home
Tuesday: Mr Martin (P.E.), Mrs Ilett
Wednesday:
Thursday: Ms Miller (music), library
Friday: Parade, homework due back

Week 3 - (5th—9th February)

Monday: Mrs Ilett; Mrs D away, homework sent home
Tuesday: Mr Martin (P.E.); Mrs Ilett; Mrs D away
Wednesday: Mrs Ilett; Mrs D away
Thursday: Ms Miller (music); Mrs Turner (R.E), Mrs D away
Friday: Parade, homework due back

Bits and Bobs....

Fancy having three Roses in the same grade! Our Year 2 girls are April-Rose, Izabella Rose and Stephanie Rose. What a beautiful bunch of Roses they are too!



Looking smart!



The students were very proud to point out that black shoes look incredibly smart and are part of our school uniform. This is the first year that we could take a photo with so many students in the correct footwear. Here is another example of families and school working together. Thank you! Now we will look even smarter in this year's marching competition!



Congratulations to the Project Club committee members who held their first meeting last week. What a full calendar of activities they already have planned, starting with special Valentine's Day drinks. This is a very motivated group of leaders so I am sure that we are in for a great year of fundraising and fun!

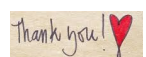
Unless by prior arrangement, arrival time is strictly not before 8.30 a.m. Thank you.



Reporting Absences
If your child is going to be absent please ensure that a staff member is aware before 9.30 a.m. A text may be sent at any time, message left on the answering machine (41 260 177) or call either the landline or mobile. This is an Education Queensland requirement to avoid an 'unexplained absence' being recorded on the roll. Staff are required to follow up all unexplained absences. Thank you for your help with this.



P&C are still running a recycling project. Cans and bottles may be left in the woolpack by the front gate. Thank you to everyone in the community who continues to share their empties. Your support is very much appreciated. If you are depositing cans at a depot on our behalf the school's code is CLO71363G.



Mrs Hyde and her student helpers have been busily re-establishing the vegie plots. We are looking forward to using some of the produce during cookery lessons this term. It was lovely to be donated some strawberry plants last week. Thank you to the kind community members who dropped in to see us. We really appreciate your support.

Stay up to date with photos and news on our Facebook page.



Happy Birthday

Belated best wishes to **Matilda, Tara and Viktor** who celebrated their birthdays during the holidays.



Students who have their birthdays on a school day can wear free dress on that day and receive a special little cake at morning tea time.

Those students whose birthdays fall on weekends or school holidays do not miss out. We make sure that they get the same treats, just at a later date.

P&C News

The next **P&C meeting** will be on Wednesday **21st February**, in the classroom, at 3 p.m. Your involvement would be very welcome!

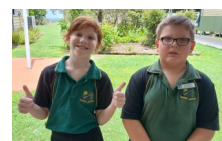
Student Achievement



Students Of The Week: **April-Rose and Kye** for showing such impressive 'Booyal Best' attitudes at their new school. Both students demonstrated our Booyal values by behaving respectfully, responsibly and safely. Well done to you both!

GOTCHA Winners:

Kye and Willow



What was the highlight of your holidays?

April-Rose: absent

Izabella: being with my family

Stephanie: playing on my headset—it's really tricky!

Lyoto: getting my highest score on the Nintendo Switch

Viktar: my Christmas gifts: Nintendo & Minecraft Chip

Willow: finding a new game on my X-Box

Matilda: having my 11th birthday

Kye: playing on the PlayStation with my brother

Olivia: going to the shack at Christmas to see my cousins

Tara: going to see my new nephew

Mrs D: My mum being surprised when Bernard flew the three of us across Melbourne for the first time.

Word of the Waffle: **Obelus** is the division sign in maths ÷

Do you know: The shortest war lasted 38 minutes. It was between Zanzibar and Britain in 1896.

And finally, with all this rain around, if you need help building an ark, please contact me. I might Noah guy. 😊



Keep smiling,
Regards, Dawn

