2016 School Improvement Focus:
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Welcome Back
Welcome Back to Term 4 As always, the holidays seem to go very quickly. We trust that everyone enjoyed the holidays and that all the students had a chance to rest and refresh ready for the term ahead.

School Camp
Only 13 more sleeps! Please send in your camp payment if you have not already. Attached is an information booklet about camp with a packing list and other important information.

School camp Payment
Please be reminded that school camp payment of $70.00 per child is required by this Friday 07th October. Thank you kindly to the parents who have already made the payment to the school office.

Absence Notification Process
Please remember to call the school on (07) 4157 2371 or phone/text 0455 052 940 early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly. It is mandatory that all Queensland schools undertake a Same day notification process. This means that our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by texting or calling to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

Soccer Carnival
Next Friday 14th October, students in grades 3-6 will participate at the cluster soccer carnival. A draw and starting times are yet to be finalised. As soon as I have this information I will pass it on with the permission note.

School Camp
Term 4, Week 3, Tuesday 18th October to Friday 21st October 2016.
Life Education Van
Gin Gin community Bank has generously sponsored all students in the Gin Gin Cluster schools to attend Life Ed Van.
We will be attending next Tuesday 11th October. The van is based at Maroondan School so we will be traveling for the sessions. We will require assistance with transport for both sessions. The 4/5/6 students will be attending the first session commencing at 9:30am and concluding at 11:30am and the Prep – Year 3 students will attend the second session commencing at 12:30pm and concluding at 2:00pm. Attached is a permission form that must be returned to the school office by next Monday 10th October. Please indicate on the permission form if you are able to assist with transport.

Prep Show and Tell
Monday: Isabella Gatti
Tuesday: Misty Kevill
Wednesday: Oakley Wagenknecht
Thursday: Hannah Johnson
Friday: Lukas Milburn.

Book Fair
It’s on again this year. The McIlwraith State School Book Fair will take place during week five, Monday 31st October and concluding in conjunction with our Student Council Colour Fun Run on Friday 4th November. Our book fair theme this year is Australia! Story Country. Our school is trying to raise 20 donated books to our library. This equals one book per child. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a copy of the catalogue displaying a selection of books that will be available to purchase from the school library during our Book Fair Week.

Warm Weather
Did we even have winter this year? With the warm weather in full swing we strongly recommend that students are sent to school with a large water bottle filled with cold water.

2016 School Year Photo USB
We are in the process of making a Memories USB of photos for each family that have been taken throughout the year. These will be available to purchase from the office for $10.00 and contain photos from numerous events and happenings of 2016. Attached is an order form if you would like to order a USB of 2016 memories. Please return the order form by next Friday 14th October so we know which families are interested. A great keepsake for all students! Please return the attached slip if you are interested in purchasing a USB.
Student Council Update

**Icy Poles:** Student Council are selling icy poles for 50c. These will be available to purchase every day except Fridays.

**Colour Fun Run:** Last Term students received their Sponsorship Form for the Colour Fun Run. We hope you used the holidays as a perfect opportunity to ask family, friends, visitors, neighbours and community members to help support our school by donating towards your sponsorship.

The event will take place on **Friday 04th November 2016.** All funds raised will be used to purchase much needed educational resources for the students.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. The greater amount of sponsorship donations you receive the better prizes you can choose.

This year Students Council have decided to turn this fundraiser into a colour run. On the day students are asked to come dressed completely in white clothing (preferably items that parents are willing to get dirty). Happy fundraising.

Locally Grown Produce for Sale

Kale: $3.00/bunch
Garlic: $5.00/bag

All items chemical and spray free, locally grown and freshly picked. Please contact Tanya Anderson on 0447 631 375 if you wish to make a purchase.

P&C Update

**Tuckshop:** Tuckshop commences this week. Thanks to Jayme Jenner for organising our tuckshop for this term and also to our team of parent volunteers, who without your support we would not be able to have this service. We love Friday Tuckshop!

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**Meeting:** The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th October 2016** commencing at 6:30pm in the Library.

**Raffle:** Thank you to Parents who have sent in items for the P&C Christmas Raffle. This has been much appreciated. This will be drawn at our school concert on **Wednesday 07th December.** If you know a business that would like to support our raffle with a donation, please approach them or let our P&C members know.

**Dried Fruit Drive:** The major P&C Fundraiser for this Term is a Dried Fruit Drive. Forms are due back to the school on **21st November** and goods will be delivered on **01st December.**

Term 4 Date Claimers

14th October: Soccer Carnival
17th October: Pupil Free Day
18th – 21st October: Camp
27th October: Prep Orientation & Parent Session
28th October: Day for Daniel – Wear Red
28th October: Teachers’ Day
31st October – 04th November: Book Fair
03rd November: Prep Orientation & Parent Session
04th November: Colour Fun Run
22nd November: A Frosty Christmas Fame Production
24th November: Year 6 Graduation Evening
28th November – 02nd December: Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp
02nd December: Christmas Dress Up
07th December: Concert & Awards Evening
09th December: Break Up Day

**Important Date!**

GIN GIN
TOUCH FOOTBALL

**Junior Sign On & Season Commencement**

**Sunday 9 October 2016**

4:30pm
Gin Gin Sports Grounds
45 Rangeview Road

**Mixed Teams**

**Ages 7 to 11 years old**

- All games Sundays at 4:30
- Team Shirt Provided
- Only $25 registration fees with no more to pay
- Come as an individual to join a team or bring a whole team

For further info contact
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**Student Council PJ Day**

**Term 3 Science Sound Projects**

Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace