2016 School Improvement Focus: 
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills 

P&C Meeting
A meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 25th May at 6:30pm in the library. Please come along to share your ideas and support our school. Everyone is welcome.

Late Arrival at School
As school starts at 8:45am all students need to be at school before this time, to ensure that they have plenty of time to get belongings organised before class commences.

Gin Gin Show Display
The annual Gin Gin Show is on this Saturday 28th May and Sunday 29th May. Our school will have a display so if you venture to the show; don’t forget to check it out.

Colds and Flus
It is that yucky time of year when students share their germs around. We have reinforced with students the importance of good hygiene and ways they can stop the spread of germs.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to Lukas Milburn who receives Student of the Week for his improved concentration in class.

Well Done Lukas!

Gotcha Awards!
It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the "Gotcha Box". Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

Hannah Johnson: Second to sign onto Reading Eggs independently.
Misty Kevill: Great work knowing your alphabet.
Elly Pearson: Setting a good example by working well during English.
Raj Rogers: Awesome story recount.
Silvana Silvestro: Setting a good example by writing a whole page of work.

Upcoming Events
Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!

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| Wed 01st  | State of Origin – Wear your supporter colours
|           | Book Club due back today |

“BOOKS ARE THE TREASURED WEALTH OF THE WORLD AND THE FIT INHERITANCE OF GENERATIONS AND NATIONS.”

~Henry David Thoreau~
**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Students are encouraged to read widely for pleasure and learning in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated on their reading log.

Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 16th May – 26th August. Happy Reading Everyone!

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**Head Lice**

All parents are asked to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Treatments are available from the chemist and the supermarket. Please continue to recheck hair and complete follow up treatments.

**Staff Professional Development**

Next week our staff members will be participating in a number of different Professional Development Sessions. This means that our normal staffing arrangements will be disrupted but supply staff will be arranged.

On **Tuesday 31st May** Ms Barn and Mrs Mittelheuser will be attending a Prep Reading and Writing information session and a Guided Reading discussion.

On **Thursday 02nd June** and **Friday 03rd June** Mrs Wallace and Mrs Mittelheuser will be involved in a two day Non Violent Crisis Intervention workshop held in Bundaberg.

**Classroom Catch Up:**

**Maths**

This week in maths we are learning:

- **Prep:** sequencing and recognising numbers from 0 – 20, counting backwards from 20, skip counting, recognising money, simple addition.
- **Year 1 & 2:** recognising coins and making equivalent amounts using 5c, 10c, 20c, and 50c, rounding to the nearest ten, doubles and near doubles.
- **Year 3-6:** division and working with decimals.

**Phonic Focus**

The sounds that have been consolidating this week are **i_e** – when the magic ‘e’ makes the ‘i’ say its name as in kite, ‘y’ as in fly, ‘igh’ as in light and ‘i’ as in tiger. These are considered the long ‘i’ sounds. Prep students have also been looking at this concept.

**Executive Regional Director Visit**

Mr Steve Case, North Coast Region Executive Regional director, will be visiting our school this **Friday 27th May** to approve the schools Four Year Improvement Agenda Plan. I will be off class during the first session whilst he is here.

**School Banking**

Mrs Mittelheuser is in the school office on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. These are designated banking days.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Orders and money are due in **next Wednesday 01st June**.

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**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
State of Origin

Next Wednesday, 01st June is the first game of the 2016 State of Origin. Students are invited to wear their supporter colours of either maroon or blue. If students do not have these colours they are required to attend school in their normal school uniform.

Student Council Update

Crazy Hair Day: Student Council will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 24th June. A gold coin donation is required if students wish to participate in this event. Prizes will be awarded. Keep posted to the newsletter over the next few weeks to see some crazy ideas. With plenty of notice we hope to see as many students involved as possible.

Seedlings

Nora has a variety of seedlings if anyone would like some for their gardens. Please see Nora or call her on (07) 4157 4359.

National Reconciliation Week

27th May to 03rd June, provides an opportunity for our school community to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. It’s a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. The 27th May to 03rd June are important dates in Australia’s history, and mark the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. To learn more about National Reconciliation Week, visit https://www.reconciliation.org.au/

Work as a Polling Officer

Temporary positions are available in your local area to work on Election Day. Even if you haven’t worked on an election we want to hear from you. Training is provided.
For more information visit http://www.aec.gov.au/polling-officials or call 13 23 26

Myopia Boom

Around the world, more and more children are visiting their optometrist with the blurry distance vision caused by Myopia, also known as short-sightedness. After a recent episode on the science television show Catalyst aired on the ABC Eyecare Plus Bundaberg have been receiving many questions about Myopia and the epidemic that is affecting so many children. As a result Eyecare Plus Bundaberg have provided schools with a short brochure to explain the current situation and recommended actions. Please see brochure attached.

Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace

Reconciliation Australia