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Hats
Our school hats have arrived. If you wish to purchase a hat please come in and try them on for size. Hats are $12.00 each.

Chair Bags
Student chair bags are also still available for purchase. Most of our students have these already but any new enrolments are welcome to purchase a chair bag for $12.00

Voluntary School Levy
Attached to last week’s newsletter was information about the voluntary school levy. Parents are asked to sign the agreement and return it to school. Please ensure the form is returned by Friday 06th February. Thank you kindly to the families who have already returned these forms and paid their levy fee.

School Leaders Voting
Students in grade 6 are invited to nominate for the position of School Captain. Students in Grade 5 are invited to nominate for Student Council Positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Staff and students will vote this Thursday morning, 05th February. Best of luck to all students running for a position! The student Induction Ceremony will be the following Friday morning, 13th February. Morning Tea will follow the ceremony.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will commence this Friday 06th February. Orders are due every Wednesday and must be placed in the purple tuckshop box located in the classroom. Thank you kindly to the parents and grandparents who have donated their time to provide our school with a tuckshop. A special thank you to Tanya Anderson who has agreed to organise a Taco special day for our students. YUM!! Next Friday due to the Leader Induction Tuckshop will only be available during second lunch. There will be no tuckshop available the following Friday, 20th February.


Congratulations to Jacob Frazer who receives Student of the Week for his focused & attentive work and good recall of short vowel sounds.

Well Done Jacob!

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.

Hunta Adams: Working Independently
Richard Dean: Working Independently
Isabella Hawkey: Great work making patterns
Riley Macaulay: Working independently in Maths
Jordan Moloney: Fantastic Effort!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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New Bell Time
This term we are trialling a new commencement time. We will be ringing a “Get Ready” bell at 8:45am where children stop play to ensure that they are ready for school. This includes such routines as going to the toilet, washing hands, sharpening pencils, reading folder in, etc. We will then ring another bell at 8:50am to commence school. Although this is only an extra ten minutes, it will allow us to complete and mark our daily Mad Minutes Number Facts program by 9:00am before we move onto our spelling activities and maths block. Our school program is very tight with everything that we need to cover and ask that families can support us with this small change in routine.

Homework
Students have commenced homework this week. All students in grade 1 -6 have a home reader that they are expected to read out loud to a parent every night. Parents are then asked to sign the reading log. To help your child improve their skills of comprehension, please ask your child to retell the story and encourage them to use names and details from the text. Another way to improve comprehension skills is to ask questions about what is happening in the text at either the end of the page or the story. Older students who are more confident readers should be reading for at least 10 minutes, preferably more. Older students may read their books independently but are asked to read a few pages out loud to parents so that both you and your child can hear if any errors are being made. This is the best way to improve fluency as often children will read over punctuation. Students in grade 1 and 2 also have sight words. Homework sheets are to be completed, glued in and handed in on Fridays.

Prep Reading
Preps will commence home reading when they have consolidated letters and sounds and understand the relationship between these. They are all super keen to be taking home a reader so we will begin just with the alphabet books which can be used as a shared reading experience. Please note that we are not expecting the preps to be reading. The books will be either a revision of the alphabet sound that is our focus for the week or a copy of the big book that we are using in class. These books are very repetitive and the children will enjoy retelling the story to you which often has a rhyming pattern.

Phonic Focus
The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘Aa’ as in apple. Year ones are revising all short vowels.

Curriculum Units

Maths:
Prep: number 2, sequencing time and events, counting with one to one correspondence.
Yr 1: double facts, adding on one/two, positioning numbers on a number line, representing 2 digit numbers with MABs, counters, etc
Y2/3: Positioning 2 digit and 3 digit numbers on a number line, representing 2/3 digits in different ways,(128=1H +2T+8ones) (128= 12 T +8 ones) (128= 5T + 72 ones)etc, fractions: ½, ¼, 1/8
Y4/5/6: working with fractions: making equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line, mixed fractions, adding fractions, divisibility rules, division algorithms.

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
Library Covering
We still have a large volume of library books that require covering. If you are free to volunteer your time we would love the help. Alternatively we can send some contact and books home with you. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you Tanya Anderson and Naomi Mitchell for already covering a number of books. The students will appreciate it come library borrowing on Friday.

School Website
The school website can be accessed at http://www.mcilwraiss.eq.edu.au For parents who have smart phones, the free QSchools app is available to download, which will alert any new updates, calendar events and messages from our website straight to your phone. It is a good idea to browse our website regularly for upcoming events and new photographs.

Get in the Game
Once again, the government funded initiative, "get in the game", that allows families to access financial assistance for disadvantaged child/youth wanting to access sport, is opening for applications. The first round for 2015 is opening, see the link http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/parents-carers.html

P&C Update
P&C Meeting: The first P&C Meeting for 2015 will be held next Monday 09th February commencing at 6:30pm in the school library. Everyone welcome, new & old. See you all there!

School Banking – Dollarmites
Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.
To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.
The rewards items available during 2015 are:
- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

School Banking day is Wednesday Each week you need to place the Dollarmites Deposit book in the banking box located in the classroom. Money will be deposited Thursdays and deposit books returned. This is a great fund raiser for our school. We earn $5 commission on every deposit made and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.
Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.
When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5.00 commission and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).
Thank you for supporting our school and helping to teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.
Host Families
Become A Volunteer Host Family - It’s Fun!
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.
Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!
Getting to know your student well before he or she arrives is rewarding learning experience, fun for everyone involved and helps your student settle quickly. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive an information pack for your family.

Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Cities Hockey Club
THE RIGGITY BLUE AND WHITE

JUNIOR HOCKEY
“COME AND TRY” TRAINING SESSIONS

Looking for a new sport this year – hook into hockey.
Cities Hockey Club invites all new players ages 5 to 16 to join our current juniors for training and a hockey game at our “Come and Try” training afternoons.

Dates: Tuesday 16th and Tuesday 23rd February, 2015
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Where: Bundaberg Hockey Fields
Hinkler Park
Car Turnbull St and Hinkler Ave
(Just off the northern end of the Talon Bridge)

What to Bring: Hat, long socks and water bottle
(Hockey sticks and shin pads will be available to borrow)

For more information please email our Club Secretary: citieshockey@hotmail.com

Millet/Cow Pea Square Bales

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$10.00 each delivered to the local area.

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