Active After School Activities

It appears that most students are only available on Friday afternoons in order to participate in Aerobics. We will therefore be having a change to the program. Softball/ball skills will now be held on Wednesday morning from 8:00am – 9:00am commencing tomorrow, Wednesday 05th February. The following dates will be included in this seven week program:

- Wednesday 05th February,
- Wednesday 12th February,
- Wednesday 19th February,
- Wednesday 26th February,
- Wednesday 05th March,
- Wednesday 12th March,
- Wednesday 19th March

Aerobics will be held on Friday afternoons from 3:00pm – 4:00pm commencing this Friday 07th February. Please arrange for prompt collection of students. The following dates will be included in this seven week program:

- Friday 07th February,
- Friday 14th February,
- Friday 21st February,
- Friday 28th February,
- Friday 07th March,
- Friday 14th March,
- Friday 21st March.

If there are any families who have exercise balls at home, can we please borrow these for aerobic activities. These can be sent into school to stay here for the term or they can be sent into school every Friday morning and sent home at the conclusion of every aerobics lesson. Thank you in advance.

School Voluntary Levy

Thank you kindly to all the families who have sent in their Voluntary Parent Levy Agreement and an even bigger thank you to the families who have paid the fee. Please be reminded that agreement forms must be returned to school asap. Money is not due until the end of Term 2, Friday 27th June 2014.
**Student Leader Speeches & Voting**

On Friday students will be voting for their School Leaders. This year our school will be represented by Year 7 and Year 6 School Captains, as well as Student Council Representatives. All students have the opportunity to vote for the individual who they believe will be the best suited for the position. Students who are nominating for a position are required to present a speech. Good Luck to all students nominating. It will be a tough decision for your peers.

**Student Confidential Cards**

Attached to the Newsletter today will be a Student Confidential Card for each child. Please make any changes necessary and have these returned to school by next Thursday 13th February. Please return ALL cards signed by a parent, even if there have been no changes made.

**Prep News-Mail Photo**

The Bundaberg News-Mail will soon be publishing their special annual feature, “Our Future, Our Leaders”, a photographic collection of all Prep students in the Bundaberg Region as well as year 12 students. A photographic permission form is attached for Prep students. Please return this to the office by this Thursday 06th February.

We have not yet been informed on the date these photographs will feature in the News-Mail but we will keep parents informed.

**Student Password Cards**

Coming home attached to the newsletter today are student password cards.

Here at McIlwraith State School all our students participate in Mathletics. Mathletics helps students engage in maths problems while still enjoying themselves. All students can access their log in from home to complete maths tasks that we have been studying during class. Simply visit [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

Our Prep – Year 2 students also participate in Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs teaches children alphabet recognition resulting in excellent reading skills. Reading Eggs can be accessed at [www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au)

Prep students will also find their network passwords attached. We simply ask that parents let these students use a word document to practice typing their username and password. Please be aware the “0” in password is the number zero and the “P” must be a capital.

**Student Council Update**

**Jakes Candy Easter Drive:** Student Council have commenced their fundraising activities for the year. Our first is an Easter Chocolate Drive from Jake’s Candy in Bundaberg. Attached you will find an order form. Please support this venture as they raise much needed funds for the school. Should you require an extra order form please contact the office.

Orders are due back on **Tuesday 18th March** and chocolates will be returned to school and sent home on **Thursday 27th March**.

Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace

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Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

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