Zone Athletics Trials

Congratulations to the students who represented McIlwraith at the recent Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival. Our team may have been small but what we lacked in size we made up in effort and participation. McIlwraith received the ‘Runner – Up B Schools Trophy’, narrowly missing out on the winner of B Schools behind Givelda State School. Top effort everyone!

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who were selected to represent Gin Gin at the upcoming Bundaberg Zone Athletic Trials held this Thursday and Friday.

- **9 Yr Boys**: Tallon Booth and Elim Moore – 80m sprint and relay (Friday)
- **11 Yr Girls**: Bree Wallace – Shot put and Discus (Thursday)
- **12 Yr Girls**: Moselle Findlay – 200m, and long jump(Thursday) 100m and relay(Friday)
- **12 Yr Boys**: Jeremy Anderson – shot put.(Thursday)

Parents of students who are competing are asked to be aware that Thursday’s events are – 200m, 800m (heats), Long Jump, High Jump, Shotput and Discus. Friday’s events will be the 80/100m, Relay and 800m (finals). There will be a bus leaving Gin Gin on both days at **7:45am**, stopping at Kolan South and Sharon on the way to St Luke’s and Salter Oval. Prompt departure is essential as we were held up last year and consequently late for the marshalling of the first event. Any students who wish to travel on the bus, can you please let me know by **tomorrow** and I will pass their name onto Mrs Dwyer. Please be at Gin Gin by **7:30am** ready for departure. There will be a few staff members travelling, including Mrs Paolini (Gin Gin Teacher Aide) who will be supervising students at the venue. Please ensure that students inform her if they are leaving early with parents, etc. Parents are more than welcome to travel with their child on the bus. Please let me know if you would like to take up this opportunity and I will let Mrs Dwyer know.

Cost will be $5.00 per student or adult per day. Money is to be handed into Mrs Dwyer as individuals get on the bus. Students are required to wear their school uniform and school hat and must sit with the Gin Gin District Team at the allocated tent. A canteen will be operating.

Students are to report to Mrs Paloni when they are going to their events and when they return. The bus will return to Gin Gin at approximately **3:30pm**.

Please complete & return attached permission note.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Anna Moore who receives Student of the Week for successfully completing Year 2 level Mathletics with all gold bars. Anna has now moved on to Year 3 level.

Well Done Anna.

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**READERS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to Moselle Findlay who receives Reader of the Month for July. Moselle was the first student to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Congratulations also to Brodie Jenner who receives Reader of the Month for July for showing an improved interest in reading.

Well Done Moselle & Brodie!
Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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Small School Athletics Carnival

Once again our students are to be congratulated on their team effort and individual performances at last week’s carnival. The staff and I were so proud of all students participating and having a go, regardless of what the events were. It was wonderful to see the team spirit, encouragement amongst friends and students giving their all and putting in their best efforts. When we look at the positive attitudes on display throughout the day, it comes as no surprise that we had numerous students receiving ribbons, medallions and trophies! Well done to all the students. Below are results from the day:

**BALL GAMES TROPHY:** McIlwraith State School

**ATHLETICS TROPHY:** Givelda State School

**PERCENTAGE OVER ALL:** McIlwraith State School and Givelda State School

**TIDY TENT AWARD:** McIlwraith State School

**MARCH PAST:** Booyal Central State School

**Age Champion Trophies:**
- Anna Moore: Minor Girls Runner up Age Champion
- Genevieve Dean: Junior Girls Age Champion
- Elim Moore: Junior Boys Runner Up Age Champion
- Moselle Findlay/Bree Wallace: Senior Girls Age Champions

**Distance Medallions:**
- **200m:** Anna Moore 2nd
- **400m:** Richard Dean 3rd
- **800m:** Bree Wallace 2nd, Moselle Findlay 3rd

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.

**Olivia Anderson:** Beautiful handwriting.
**Olivia Anderson:** Starting work immediately & setting a good example for younger students.
**Jacob Frazer:** Quietly completing handwriting while putting in his best effort.
**Keziah Mitchell:** Confidence during Maths.
**Nazareth Mitchell:** Working responsibly & quietly.

Tuckshop Update

Last Friday Sensation Soup Special order forms were issued to students. Please be aware there are limited other items. Orders due Tomorrow!

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
CQRobocup Junior Competition
On Friday Mrs Bengtson and I had the pleasure of accompanying our senior robotic students, ‘Madagascar Crew’ to Rockhampton where they competed in and won the dance theatre category. All the hours and hours of preparation and programming paid off with the team performing a near perfect routine. The judges were very impressed with the students’ robots and the programming, as were many of the other competitors and spectators who passed on some lovely comments. The requirements of the competition were to present a presentation up to two minutes in duration and then demonstrate a high level of knowledge and understanding of robotics programming in a 10-15 minute interview. Our students should be very proud of their efforts as the standard of our team was much higher than other competitors. We now have a few tweaks and changes to make to improve their routine and will be travelling to the State Robotic Titles held in Brisbane next weekend.
A big thank you must go to Mrs Bengtson for her guidance in the technologies and to Miss Carseldine who has assisted the students with their ideas for design and decorations.

Golf
On Thursday we had a visit from Mr Doug Gardiner from the Greg Norman Golf Foundation. Mr Gardiner visits every term and made positive comments about the skills of our students and the improvements that he has noted in individuals.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge ends today. Please have all reading logs handed into school by tomorrow to ensure students receive certificates.

Classroom Catch
Maths:
Preps: are revising number patterns, equal halves and the written words zero to ten.
Year 1/2: are revising subtraction and addition algorithm and ensuring that when we trade or carry over a ten, that it is placed in the correct place value column. They are also looking at equal halves and quarters of a group, and recognising compatible pairs of numbers (numbers that add to 10) when working with 2 digit numbers.
Year 3/4: are working with fractions, making equivalent fractions, changing from an improper fraction to a mixed number number and using extended facts in multiplication and division.
Year 5/6/7: are revising mapping and location conventions including using scales, grid reference points and the pints of a compass. They are also dividing and multiplying with fractions.

Phonics:
The sound we are all learning and revising this week is ‘or’ as in horse (or, au).

LOTE Excursion
The Japanese Teachers Network in the Bundaberg Region are organising a ‘Day of Excellence’ for Yr 7 students of Japanese at Bundaberg State High School on Tuesday 12th August. There will be a Taiko Drum performance to start the day and then students will rotate through a range of workshops. These workshops include Kendo (Japanese martial art), Obon dancing whilst wearing a Yukata, a Trivia quiz, Manga drawing, making a hachimaki (traditional bandana), playing with Japanese toys, Shodo (calligraphy) and also making some onigiri (rice cakes). It promises to be an exciting day for all those involved.
The cost for the day will be $3.00 and will need to be paid when returning the permission form. Transport will be by bus, which will leave Gin Gin State School at 7:45am, returning in time for students to catch afternoon buses. Please be at Gin Gin State School by 7:35am and collect your child at 2:50pm. Miss Varley will be accompanying the students who will join with Year 7 students from Wallaville, Bullyard and Maroondan for the day.
All students will be required to bring a hat, water bottle, lunch and wear their full school uniform. I look forward to sharing this positive and rewarding experience with your child.
Interschool Sport

Interschool Sport will commence next Friday 15th August. Our first game will be held at Bullyard State School against Bullyard State School. This term students in year 4-7 will participate in touch football and netball.

Please be aware that due to Robotics students departing for State robotics next Friday. Our Year 3/4 students will be participating in Interschool sports. Year 3 students will only be attending sport for one week. Miss Carseldine will be accompanying the students.

Please find attached permission form and have returned by next Tuesday 12th August.

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Interviews

It has been a very busy couple of weeks and I have not offered parent interviews as early as I usually do. If you would like to have an interview regarding your child’s progress please complete the attached form with 15 minute interval preferences for each child.

Jumpers

We presently have five unclaimed blue jumpers of various sizes that children do not recognise. A few look brand new. If you are missing a jumper please have a look at the lost property on the block trolley on the veranda. Some are pull overs and some have zippers. Please ensure that all hats and jumpers, etc, are named.

High School Visit

Tomorrow Mrs Rayner, Principal of Gin Gin High School, will be visiting to meet with our year 6 and 7 students as part of transition to secondary school. Students will also meet Acting DP Brett Martell who is managing the transition days, and Mr Dan Matthew who is the new Head of Special Education Schooling. Mrs Rayner will meet Year 6,7 students for questions, discussion of transition and enrolment. Parents who would like to meet with Mrs Rayner are welcome to come to the meeting at 1:45pm. Parents are encouraged to enrol your child at Gin Gin High School as early as possible, to assist the high school in determining staff numbers for 2015, which also sees the inclusion of Year 7 at High school. Enrolment forms are available from the High School or can be downloaded from their website.

Library Books

Please find attached overdue library notices. Students are required to locate these books on their own and return to the library return box before Friday. Borrowed library books are the responsibility of the student. Library borrowing takes place every Friday.

P&C Update

Trivia Night: The annual P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching. Make sure you mark Saturday 13th September on your calendar. Doors open at 6:00pm with eyes down at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the school office or from Jayme Jenner at Marcell’s Hair Care Gin Gin. See attached flyer.

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Small School Athletics Day

- Registrations Close September 29
- Season commences October 17
- Last game before holidays Friday Dec 8
- Games recommence January 30
- Rep trials February 13
- Grand Final Night March 27
- Season Total 17 weeks

Season costs $50 per child (one off levy) includes registration, insurance, team shirt, ground fees, entry and all other costs.

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Yours in Education
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