Japanese Boys’ Festival
Yesterday our students celebrated the Japanese festival called ‘Tango no Sekku’. This festival is held on the 5th May in Japan and is called ‘Boys festival’. Originally it was celebrated in the house of warriors to acknowledge and celebrate the courage and determination of the young boys and has been celebrated for over a millennium. Many of the symbols of today are about having the character of a warrior. The carp is a well-known symbol of Tango no Sekku, because carp are considered strong and determined as they are able to swim upstream against the flow of water. Today the festival is recognised as a day to celebrate the health and happiness of not only the boys in the family, but all children. Students were fortunate enough to participate in a number of art and craft activities. Thank you to Tallon Booth who presented the school with a show and tell of a Traditional Japanese Sword and Japanese Dolls bought back from Japan by his step father.

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.

**Jacob Frazer**: Good work counting.
**Nazareth Mitchell**: Quietly reading.
**Jordan Moloney**: Excellent work with division.
**Trent Savage**: Great work on percentages.
**Trent Savage**: Excellent work with time and reading.

Students of the Week

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
Congratulations to Lathyn Kaskey who receives Student of the Week for excellent counting and recognition of numbers to 100.

Well Done Lathyn!

Readers of the Month

**READERS OF THE MONTH**
Congratulations to Amina Banda who receives Reader of the Month for April. Amina has shown a large improvement in her reading skills, recognition of words and book retells.

Well Done Amina & Emily!
**Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!**

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**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

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

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**Tuckshop Update**

Please ensure that each child has their own tuckshop bag for both 1st & 2nd Lunch. This means each child should have **two** bags to hand in every Wednesday.

There will be **no tuckshop this week, Friday 09th May** due to the High School Musical. Ships Ahoy special will now be available the following week.

If ordering Pizza please state the base you would like. You can choose from BBQ or Tomato. Please also state the flavour of popper.

**iPads Have Arrived!**

We were very excited on Thursday afternoon to receive a visit from representatives of the Bundaberg News-Mail who delivered our long awaited iPads. Now that we have these we will research suitable apps and look into the best way to use these as a resource for learning in our classrooms. The students also had their photo taken which will be published in the News-Mail, so keep an eye out for that.

**GGSHS Musical**

Students are invited to attend the High School matinee performance of their musical – ‘A Space Idiocy’ on **Friday May 09th**.

The matinee will commence at **10:45am**, with a short lunch Interval between **12:00 – 12:30pm**. The show will finish at approximately **1:45pm**. All children will need to take their lunch to the performance. Don’t forget icy packs to keep your child’s lunch chilled. All students are to be in uniform. Miss Hillyard, Mrs Barns, Miss Carseldine and Mrs King will be accompanying the students. A reminder that permission forms are to be returned before Friday.

**Active After School Sport**

Please be aware there is no Athletics this **Friday 09th May** due to school photos. Bowling will commence at **8:00am SHARP tomorrow morning**.

**Small School Cross Country**

Please ensure all permission forms and lunch orders have been returned to the office by this **Friday 09th May**.

**Curriculum**

**Prep Phonics:** This week’s sound is ‘IL’ as in lizard.

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**CORRECTING MISTAKES YOUR CHILD MAKES**

If the mistake makes sense, as in a misunderstanding of house for hour, let your child continue to the end of the sentence. Then go back and ask “What word is that?”

If the mistake does not make sense, lead your child to correct the mistake by allowing time to self correct.

Reread what your child has said and ask “Does that make sense?“

Finally, if the meaning is still not clear, look at the word and find familiar sounds such as ‘s’ at the beginning and ‘ing’ at the end.
School Photos
School Photo Day is this Friday 09th May. Order envelopes were attached to last week’s newsletter. Please see the office if you need a new envelope. The following items are available to purchase.
- Class Photo Only $15.00
- Photo Pack including Class Photo $25.00
- Siblings Pack $20.00
- 3 extra Bookmarks with Photo Pack $3.00
Each student must have their own envelope. The school will not be handling any of the money so please ensure the correct amount has been placed in the payment envelope. Payments can be sent to school between now and Friday however late orders will not be accepted.
Students must wear full school uniform on this day. Female students must wear their formal dress. White socks are to be worn by ALL students and school leaders must wear their badges. Please also remember to wear a SMILE!

Under 8’s Day
Under 8’s Day will again be held at Bullyard State School this year. This event will take place on Thursday 29th May from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Our Prep – Year 3 students will be participating in this event. A lunch menu is attached. Please ensure these have been returned by Tuesday 20th May along with the attached permission form.

School Web Site
Don’t forget to stop by and visit our school website. Homepage photos are regularly updated and you may just recognise a face. Newsletters and school documents can also be accessed via this web site. You can also check upcoming events on the calendar.
Have a smart phone? Why not download the QSchool App which convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

Kindy Fun Page
The kindy section of the department’s website is now home to fun activities, resources and events for kindy aged children and their families. The fun and games page features a pdf version of the ‘Monster Match’ game. A life-sized version of this game was premiered at National Playgroup Day and proved an exciting fun activity for young children and 35,000 copies were sent to families in rural and remote Queensland. Families can also download and access other resources that involve play-based learning.

Student Council Update:
Disco: What a great turn out and what a bunch of Groovers we have here at McIlwraith! A big Thankyou goes out to everyone for coming along and making our night such a success. Miss Hillyard and myself were very impressed with the students behaviour and the various entertaining dance styles on display. An enjoyable evening was had by all and it was lovely to see some familiar faces return to McIlwraith. A special thank you must go to Mrs Wagenknecht for manning the lolly stall for most of the evening, allowing the Student Council members to dance and enjoy the night. Thank you also to Nora Reeve for the light machine and Mr Savage for his speakers. A profit of $153.00 was raised by the student council.

Wanted: We are currently seeking ice-cream container lids for robotics props. If you have any spare please send these into school.

P&C Update:
Bunching Flowers: We require all hands on deck to help us on Friday afternoon, in preparation for the Mothers’ Day Stall. If you are unable to assist on Saturday morning we would love to see you here straight after school to bunch the flowers. It usually takes about an hour and a half to make 70 bunches, but the more hands we have the quicker we will be finished. If you are able to help out we certainly would appreciate it.
Volunteers Needed: Attached is a roster for the cake stall. As you can see the first session was very popular but the rest of the morning requires helpers. If you can assist please write your name on the session you would like to do and return to school.
Home Baking: Home baking can be dropped off at the school on Friday afternoon or to the stall on Saturday morning. All home baked items must list the name of the product, ingredients and the date it was baked. Prices will be allocated on Saturday morning.

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace