Absentee Mobile
0455 052 940

Phone Lines
Please be aware our school phone lines have been disconnected due to a fault caused by the workmen digging the line up yesterday. Phones have been diverted to the school mobile number but all internet services are down.

School Leaders
Congratulations to the students who nominated for school leadership positions. The staff and I were very impressed with the preparation that students put into composing and learning their speeches, and even more so on the day, with the manner in which these speeches were presented. It is with great pleasure that I announce our School Leaders for 2015 and look forward to working with these students and watching them grow further as leaders throughout the year.

- **School Captains:** Genevieve Dean & Emily Jenner
- **Student Council Chairperson:** William Anderson
- **Student Council Secretary:** Jordan Moloney
- **Student Council Treasurer:** Tallon Booth

Student Leader Induction Ceremony
A warm invitation is extended to all parents and extended family members to attend the School Leaders Induction Ceremony on **Friday 13th February**, commencing at 9:00am. We anticipate that it will proceed for approximately one hour. Parents are invited to join us afterwards for light refreshments. Students must be dressed in full school uniform. Girls must be wearing their formal dress.

Tuckshop
A new menu, roster and tuckshop bags are attached. Please ensure tuckshop orders are placed in the purple tuckshop box located in the classroom every Wednesday. Tuckshop is only available during second lunch this **Friday 13th February** due to the Student Leader Induction. No tuckshop next week!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to **Genevieve Dean** who receives Student of the Week for displaying dedication and an eager attitude towards robotics by giving up her own time to commence the journal & planning process.

Well Done Genevieve!

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.

- **Zac Adams:** Working quietly in English
- **Richard Dean:** Fantastic effort working quietly
- **Brodie Jenner:** Working independently
- **Regan Moloney:** Putting up your hand before speaking
- **Anna Moore:** Working quietly in English

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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Day 8
Numbers were recorded last week and our staffing will remain relatively the same. Our new Prep students have settled in extremely well and I must praise them for bringing such a positive approach to school. My thanks to all parents and carers for ensuring your students are well prepared and well presented for school each day. Students are reminded to come into class when they arrive at school to hand in their reading folder and sharpen their pencil ready for lessons. Our students have adapted quickly to the earlier bell time and we are enjoying having that extra ten minutes in class to complete our daily number facts program.

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement
During the oncoming weeks tradesmen will be at school to complete various improvements to our infrastructure. This week we have had the cracked cement slab under the picnic table replaced and work has commenced on fencing around the transpiration pit. Other projects include replacing the carpet in the Admin office, installing a new kitchen sink and cupboards in the staffroom and replacing the guttering on the toilet block.

Mr Martin
Unfortunately Mr Martin has broken his leg and will not be able to work for the remainder of this term. A replacement PE teacher is being contracted by the Department to fill Mr Martin’s role whilst he recovers. We wish Mr Martin a speedy recovery.

AFL
Commencing next Wednesday 18th February, Shaun Stone, Development Coordinator from AFL Queensland, will be returning to McIlwraith to run a series of AFL skill sessions with the focus on participation and having fun. These sessions are suitable for all students and we hope that we can get 100% participation from our school. The clinics will commence at 8:00am – 9:00am and run for four weeks. Students who participate each week will receive a certificate and small merchandise pack at the end of the program. Please note that there is no cost for your child to participate.

Homework/Reading
Students are expected to read every night. We have noticed that there are some students who are not reading their home reader and not getting it signed.

Phonic Focus
The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘cC’ as in cat, ‘kK’ as in kick ‘ck’ as in back ‘x’ as in six and ‘q’ as in queen and ‘ch’ as in school.

Spelling Rule of the Week
We use the diagraph (two letters making one sound) ‘ck’ when it follows a vowel making a short sound: E.g. black (The ‘a’ in black is saying ‘a’ as in apple, not ay).

GRIP Leadership Conference
The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW
Our Year 6 students in leadership positions are invited to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference, which will be held at the Brother’s Club on Tuesday 17th February. Gin Gin Primary School is providing a bus which will be leaving at 7:45am Sharp. Please be at the front of Gin Gin Primary School at approximately 7:30am. Children will need to pack own morning tea, lunch, pen/pencil and ensure that they have a water bottle. Full school uniform is required. Students must be collected from Gin Gin State School at 3:15pm. Please sign and return the attached permission note to the school office by Friday 13th February.
**Prep News-Mail Photograph**
The News-Mail Photographer will be at McIlwraith State School on **Wednesday 18th February** at **11:15am** to photograph our 2015 Prep students. Please ensure all students are in their full school uniform. Please sign and return the attached permission form to the school office by **Friday 13th February**.

**News-Mail Competition**
The Bundaberg News-Mail is running a ‘Classroom Makeover’ competition which will commence next week. The school with the most tokens per student wins. We have registered for this competition and hope to collect as many as we can. Please spread the word and get your friends and relatives to start collecting for us. Tokens will be appearing daily in the News-Mail.

**Show Competition**
We have had some eager gardeners preparing a patch of soil ready to grow Gin Gin’s largest Atlantic Giant pumpkin. If all goes to plan, our school is hoping to enter the school’s Biggest Pumpkin Competition at the Gin Gin Show. Well done to Jordan Maloney and Tallon Booth for preparing the soil and Emily Jenner and Jordan for setting up a watering system.

**Shoe Laces**
We have noticed that there are a few students who are experiencing difficulty tying shoelaces. Please help your child to work on this at home. It may take a few weeks but it will increase their independence and decrease their chance of tripping on their laces.

**Library Covering**
A massive thank you to Mrs Naomi Mitchell and Mrs Tanya Anderson for covering all the library books. You have made some extremely happy readers at McIlwraith. We appreciate the time and effort you have put into this task for our school. Thank You!!!!!!

**Student Council Update**
**Easter Raffle:** Our student council have decided to kick start their fundraising with an Easter Raffle. We are currently seeking donations to make an Easter hamper for first prize. Please do not send in perishable items. Items such as Easter books, plush bunnies, mugs, stickers, decorations, eggs cups, chocolate moulds etc.

**Easter Bonnet Parade:** Students are invited to make or purchase a hat/bonnet for the Easter Bonnet Parade held on the last day of school, **Thursday 02nd April**. There is plenty of notice to come up with some excellent ideas. A gold coin donation is required for students entering the parade. Prizes will be awarded for winning hats/bonnets.

**P&C Update**
**Meeting Outcome:** Last night we had our first P&C meeting for the year. The next meeting will be our AGM on **Tuesday 17th March** at **6:00pm**. The AGM will be a quick meeting to elect 2015 executives and will then be followed by a general meeting. Last night our P&C contributed $1500 towards the cost of the edging around the new playground. This is much appreciated by the school. The BBQ and raffles at the end of year school concert also raised just over $1000 for our P&C. Thank you to everybody for your assistance on the night and for supporting the school by purchasing a BBQ dinner or raffle tickets. A special thank you to P&C Homes for their very generous donation of $200, which was used to purchase the prizes for the raffle.
Ooh la la!
IT'S TEA TIME IN PARIS
With the Gin Gin Show Society
2015 High Tea Fundraiser

DESTINATION: Showgrounds Function Centre
DATE: Saturday, 14th March 2015
TIME: 12.00 noon – 5.00 pm
COST: $25 (Contact Sue: 0429 914434)
DRESS: Formal High Tea/Race Wear
INCLUSIONS: High Tea Luncheon, Tea/Coffee

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of fine dining with delicious treats and engaging conversation over a pot of tea or coffee while enjoying the local stalls. Raffles and lucky door prize. Licenced Bar operating - enjoy a glass of bubbly or two.

PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED!!
Tickets available outside Marcella’s Hair

Gin Gin State School Hall
20th March 2015
7.00pm
Live entertainment by
Mark Tyrone
Proceeds in aid of Cancer Research & Local Charities
Raffles Light Supper
BYO Alcohol Admission $15
Bookings essential Sharyn 41 576222

Gin Gin Football Club
Invites you to our annual come and try sign on afternoons, being held on the
19th, 26th February & 5th March
At 3.30pm at the
Gin Gin Sports Recreation grounds
under 6’s, 7’s & 8’s will receive a free soccer ball when they sign up!
Vacancies are available in all age groups including under 13
For more information contact
Anne Maree 0438 510 741
Muppi 0437 627 707
Tamara 0423 369 824

Millet/Cow Pea Square Bales
$9.00 each available for pick up from Wallaville area.
$10.00 each delivered to the local area.
Beautiful bales. Perfect cow & horse feed.
Contact: 0410 804 551