**McIlwraith News**

**Principal:** Felicity Wallace  
**Our School Vision:** “That everyone is treated with respect and dignity, allowing them to participate in an environment where they feel safe, supported and valued.”  
**2015 School Priorities:** Expand and improve student vocabulary, Explicitly teach Inferential Comprehension Skills and Explicitly teach the Literacy of Numeracy

**Absentee Mobile**  
0455 052 940

**Student Confidential Cards**  
Attached to today’s newsletter you will find a Student Confidential Card for each of your children. Please correct any changed necessary and have these returned to the office by **next Friday 27th February**. Please return the cards signed by a parent even if there are no changes to be made. Please ensure all Medicare details are included along with Private Health Insurance if your family partakes in this option.

**Student Leaders**  
Last Friday the 2015 Student Leaders were officially inducted into our school. Thank you to everyone who attended the induction ceremony. Due to illness I was not able to attend but it makes me very proud to have received positive feedback from parents, staff and invited guests on how well the students spoke and presented themselves. I look forward to working with our newly elected leaders throughout the year. Congratulations again to all students for their behaviour and poise during the ceremony.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**  
Congratulations to **Brodie Jenner** who receives Student of the Week for his improved high level of understanding when working with Fractions during Maths.  
**Well Done Brodie!**

**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.  
Emily Jenner: Working quietly on C.A.R.S  
Kye Kuskey: Setting a good example & keeping our classroom safe  
Riley Macaulay: Trying his best in Maths  
Jordan Moloney: Trying his best in Maths  
Elly Pearson: Good Manners & working very hard during Maths Lessons

**Upcoming Events!**

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<td>Wed 18&quot; AFL Commences 8:00am</td>
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GRIP Leadership Workshop
Today our year 6 students joined with other school leaders from Gin Gin, Wallaville, Maroondan, Bullyard and other schools within the Bundaberg District, to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. This 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. The goal is that student leaders leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. Topics that they focused on include: Stand Up: Making the Most of Leadership Opportunities, pay it forward, Looking for Opportunities to Lead, developing your Leadership Plan.

Physical Education Teacher
This week we welcome Mr Bright who will be replacing Mr Martin while he is on leave.

AFL
A reminder that AFL skill sessions commence to tomorrow morning, Wednesday 18th February at 8:00am. These promise to be very engaging and lots of fun. Please return your permission forms if you have not already done so.

Prep News-Mail Photograph
Tomorrow, Wednesday 18th February the News-Mail photographer will visit McIlwraith to photograph the 2015 Prep students. We are unsure on the date these will be printed in the newspaper. Please ensure Prep students wear their full school uniform. Female student’s to wear their formal dress.

Tuckshop
Please note that there is no tuckshop this week.

State Principals Conference
Next Thursday 26th February and Friday 27th February I will be attending the State Principals Conference in Brisbane. Please direct any queries you may have in my absence to Miss Hillyard, who will be Teacher in Charge. Mr Albion will join Miss Hillyard in my absence.

Phonic Focus
The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘eE’ as in egg, ‘ai’ as in said as in back ‘a’ as in any and ‘ea’ as in bread.

News-Mail Competition
The News-Mail $5000 Classroom Makeover competition commenced on Saturday. Please collect as many tokens for our school as possible. This would be a wonderful benefit to our school and our students. Tokens can be placed in the collection box located upstairs in the music/ICT room. We currently have 3 tokens!
**Robotics Club**

Students are well on their way to planning for this year’s Robotics Competitions. Students are again entering into the Dance Theatre section of the competition. Students will continue to work on their routine and props during their own time including lunch breaks and afternoon Robotics Club Lessons.

This year our Robotics Club will be run on Monday afternoon’s commencing at 3:00pm and concluding at 4:30pm. Robotics Club will start next Monday 23rd February. Please sign and return the attached permission form by Monday.

**Curriculum Units**

**Maths:**

The focus for this week has been:

**Prep:** Names of 2D shapes, counting backwards, clocks and time.

**Yr 1:** Subtraction, meaning of increase/decrease, part/part/whole numbers, properties of 2D shapes, 

**Y2/3:** Partitioning numbers/part/part/whole, subtraction with trading, matching analogue to digital time, extended number facts (7+3+10, 70+30=100) and properties of 2D shapes.

**Yr4/5/6:** Partitioning numbers, working with decimals, tenths and hundredths, matching decimals to percentages, Chance and probability, revision of quadrilaterals and polygons.

**Yr 6:** ding new sale price, discounts, percentage of a number.

**Language Activities:**

Across all grades we are revising and working towards recognising nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. The younger students are recognising these types of words in various texts and contexts while the older students are concentrating on finding and using noun groups and expressive verbs. We have discussed how our writing will improve and be more engaging to readers if we apply these parts of speech. Please encourage your child to apply this to their homework sentences which are to be completed each week.

**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. Please do not send in perishable items. Items such as Easter books, plush bunnies, mugs, stickers, decorations, eggs cups, chocolate moulds etc. Attached to today’s Newsletter are the raffle tickets. Tickets are $1.00 each. Please return all tickets sold or unsold by Thursday 26th March. The winner will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March.

**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. A gold coin donation entry

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**Books & Gifts Direct**

Johanne Elliott currently has books for sale in our staff room. Please feel free to come up and have a browse at these books. An order form accompanies the books and orders will arrive every second week when new books will be available to purchase. There are some excellent titles available.
**Cities Hockey Club**

**THE MIGHTY 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 6 to 16 to join our current juniors for training and a hockey game at our “Come and Try” training afternoons.

**Dates:** Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 17th February, 2015

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm

**Where:** Bundaberg Hockey Fields
Hinkler Park.
Cnr Thomhill St and Hinkler Ave
(Just off the northern end of the Talton 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

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**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 309 824

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**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 914 434)

**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 Marcelle’s Hair

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**ESA Presents**

**STUCK in the 60’s**

**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