News-Mail iPad Competition

Competition has begun!!!
The Bundaberg News-Mail is giving away a set of ten iPads to one lucky school. We want that lucky school to be us and need your help! Please rally your family, friends, neighbours, local businesses and anyone else you know to collect the special tokens that will be published in the News-Mail every day until Monday 31st March. The school with the most tokens at the end of the five week period will win the set of iPads. All schools stand an equal chance of winning as the News-Mail will pro-rata entries across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner.
A collection box is located in the upstairs Music/ICT room or collection drop off points are located with Jayme Jenner at Marcell’s Hair Care and with Tracey Kuskey at Gin Gin Quality Meats.

Interschool Summer Sport

This Friday, 28th February we commence our friendly interschool sport competition (Kanga Cricket and T-Ball) against teams from the Gin Gin Cluster. This is a great opportunity for the students in grades 4-7 to enjoy a match competition whilst improving their skills in a variety of areas such as gross motor, sportsmanship and working as a team. Each year I am always impressed with the fine sportsmanship that our students' display and the way that they work together as a team, regardless of their sporting ability. I'm sure that this year won’t be any different and look forward to watching the children put their skills to the test. On Friday we are travelling to Maroondan to play Fritz from Gin Gin. Miss Carseidine will be accompanying the students and umpiring the match. As in previous years, students who choose not to exhibit safe and respectful behaviours at school are not invited to represent the school at these sporting events.

Smoking on School Grounds

Please note that there is no smoking on school grounds, which includes the car park. Parents are asked to refrain from smoking in this area.

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.

Kye Kuskey: Great effort in Art.
Lathyn Kuskey: Great work counting backwards from ten.
Nazareth Mitchell: Great reading comprehension.
Anna Moore: Beautiful neat writing
Elly Pearson: Remembering her ‘bB’ letter and sound.

Tuckshop Update

Special this week Thursday 28th February
4 Chicken Garlic Balls & choice of drink - $4.50

Special next week Friday 07th March
Chicken Wings with Fried Rice & choice of drink - $4.50
GRIP Leadership Conference
Last Friday our year 6 & 7 students joined with other school leaders from the Bundaberg region to attend the Grip Leadership Conference. One of the main messages they gave to the students used the analogy of aiming to be a ‘Strawberry Leader’ and not a ‘Watermelon Leader’. A strawberry continues to look the same from the outside right through to the centre. Whereas, a watermelon looks completely different on the outside to what it is like on the inside. Students were encouraged to be the Strawberry Leader, and not be that person whose beliefs and feelings inside are completely different to how they act around their peers.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved one or more of their personal learning goals.
Olivia Anderson: recall all rainbow facts quickly.
Moselle Findlay: speed recite the 12 x number facts.
Lathyn Kuskey: Write and name all the letters in his first name.
Elly Pearson: Write and name all the letters in her name.

Hats
Children are reminded to be responsible for their hats and to put them into their school bag at the end of each break. Please check to see that your child has their name on their hat so that there isn’t any confusion at school.

Japanese Girls’ Festival
Next Monday, 03rd March we will be celebrating and learning about this Japanese festival and its customs. All girls are invited to come in a dress as the custom in Japan is for girls to wear their very best dress to present their self to the community. Students will have the opportunity to complete a traditional Japanese art activity.

Working Bee
We are considering holding a working bee around the school grounds. The job list includes planting, trimming, watering, mowing etc. At this stage no date has been set. We are currently looking for numbers. The working bee will be held on a Sunday Morning from 8:00am to approximately 11:00am concluding with a BBQ lunch. Please complete the attached interest form and have returned to the school office ASAP. We hope to see you all here in order to have our school looking its very best!
Cross Country Date Claimer
The Gin Gin District Cross Country Trials will be held at Gin Gin Primary School on Friday 24th April which is the first Friday back after the Easter Holidays. These trials are for students who were born in 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001. Students born 2004 run 2 kilometres and students born 2003, 2002 and 2001 run 3 kilometres.
Our Small Schools cross Country Carnival will be held next term, date to be advised.

Curriculum

Maths
This week students in grade 1 -4 are consolidating the near doubles + 1 strategy. A great way of assisting your child to learn this strategy is by giving them some extra examples to do at home.

Near Doubles:
If the first number is near (i.e. one more or one less than) double the number being subtracted, the answer will be one more or less than that number. These subtraction facts are called:
• doubles + 1
e.g. 15 – 7 (15 is one more than double 7, so the answer is one more than 7)
• doubles – 1
e.g. 13 – 7 (13 is one less than double 7, so the answer is one less than 7).

Prep: O’clock time, which number is greatest in value, counting backwards from 10, recognising shapes.

Yr1/2: Counting backwards/ 10 more/less from a given number, making the biggest number from 3 digits, partitioning, number families.

Yr3/4: Partitioning 3 & 4 digit numbers, placement of numbers on a number line, split strategy (where we add the tens and then the ones, see purple example below)

Yr5/6/7: Partitioning numbers, working with decimals and place value, using the split strategy and the compensation strategy.

Compensation Strategy:
This means is that we add or subtract from a number to make a friendly number. Whatever you add or subtract from a number the opposite must be done to the other number. For example, 36 + 57. We can add 4 to 36 to make 40 and then subtract 4 from 57 to make 53. The new equation then becomes 40 + 53 which now can easily be added. We could have just as easily made the equation read 33 + 60 using the same method.

64 + 37
(60 + 30) + (4 + 7)
90 + 11 = 101

English
We are finishing off our units over the next fortnight. Children will begin their English assessment soon and have been completing practice examples in class.

Geography

Prep/1: Students have been focusing on distinct features of an environment, e.g., a city has buildings, the country has trees, a classroom has desks and how a particular environment can be used for more than one activity. They have also been looking at the map of Australia to recognise where QLD is, the names of the other states and what the symbols and colours on a map represent.

Yr2/3/4: Has been focusing on Australasia/our nearest neighbours and locating/describing were these countries and islands are on a map using a compass points of north, south, east, west, etc. We are also discussing the equator, the tropic of Capricorn, symbols on a map and learning the names of the capital cities and the oceans/seas around Australia.

Yr5/6/7: Have been studying environmental resources and where these are located in Australia as well as a spotlight on Europe and its geographical features. Over the past weeks the students have become much more confident in locating countries on a map of the world and recalling the names and locations of the continents.

Phonics

Preps are learning to recognise the letter ‘dD’ and the sound ‘dD as in dog’.
Through their spelling words all other grades are consolidating the following letter combinations.
• ‘d’ as in dog
• ‘dd’ as in paddle.

Art
Today students commenced their art projects. Year 5,6,7 students have spent the past few lessons sketching the human form in a variety of poses and from these have chosen one that they will sculpt from clay. Year 2, 3 & 4 students have been experimenting with front and side views of a 3D form and have designed a monster face that they will sculpt onto their clay pot. Year 1 and Prep students have also commenced their pinch pot today. If you have any large ice cream containers with lids that you no longer require, please send these in to school. We will use these to house our sculptures over the oncoming weeks to prevent them from drying out.
Student Council Update

Jakes Candy Easter Drive: Please ensure you ask all family members, friend and neighbours. The more funds we raise as a school the more our students benefit.

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

P&C Update

P&C AGM: **Tuesday 18th March**. Please note the date for the upcoming AGM. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations and voting for the executive positions and presenting reports for the 2013 year. This short meeting will then be followed by a general meeting. Please pass on any agenda items to Tanya Anderson, President, or Muppie Dean, Secretary.

Flower Boxes: For those who were spoilt on Valentine’s Day and may have received a flower arrangement, please keep the box that they came in for our Mother’s Day Stall. We are presently collecting suitable containers for the flower arrangements that we sell at the stall.

Tuckshop: The following specials will fall on the following weeks: Please keep these in a safe spot at home.

- **Friday 28th February**: 4 Chicken Garlic Balls & choice of drink - $4.50
- **Friday 07th March**: Chicken Wings with Fried Rice & choice of drink - $4.50
- **Friday 14th March**: Sweet Corn Fritters & choice of drink - $4.00
- **Friday 21st March**: Chicken Caesar Salad choice of drink - $4.00
- **Friday 28th March**: TBA
- **Friday 04th April**: Burger Day! Beef or Chicken Burger & choice of drink - $4.50

Positive Discipline Workshops

UnitingCare Community are offering the chance for parents to attend a number of upcoming workshops aimed at positive discipline for children.

**Positive Discipline Parenting 0-13yrs**

Positive Discipline uses warmth and firmness to teach children long term skills in self-discipline. The program will help you to build a mutual respectful relationship with your child.

- **When**: Monday March 10, 2014 (4 week duration)
- **Time**: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Cost**: Gold coin donation

**Create Dream and Connect Workshop for women**

This workshop is designed for women to encourage you to imagine a vision for your future, set some goals and create an action plan to guide you.

- **When**: Tuesday March 25, 2014 (1 day workshop)
- **Time**: 9.30am to 4.00pm
- **Cost**: Free

**Cool, Calm and Collected Stress**

Cool, Calm and collected is a 2 hour workshop that explores the causes of stress and offers some practical tips and exercises for managing stress.

- **When**: Wednesday March 26, 2014 (2 hour session)
- **Time**: 9.30am to 11.30am
- **Cost**: Gold Coin donation

To register for any of the above workshops please contact UnitingCare Community on (07) 4153 8400, bookings are essential.

Yours in Education

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