Absentee Mobile
0455 052 940

Student Confidential Cards
Student Confidential Cards were issued last week. Please correct any changes necessary and have these returned ASAP as these are now **overdue**. Please return the cards signed by a parent even if there are no changes to be made.

Japanese Girls Festival
Today students celebrated the traditional Japanese Girls Festival. A class discussion was had about the reason behind Japanese Girls Festival and how the day is traditional celebrated in Japan. Our students then participated in art activities including Japanese fans and Japanese doll making.

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. It is also expected that students write out their spelling words each night and consolidate five sentences during the week using their spelling words. Please also ensure the neatest handwriting and presentation is used throughout homework books.

Student Password Cards
Students have been issued with their Reading Eggs and Mathletics log in details. These can be access from home using [www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au) or [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au). Our internet is still down at school so it is a perfect opportunity for students to access these programs from home.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to **Lathyn Kuskey** who receives Student of the Week for working hard at his short vowel sounds

**Well Done Lathyn!**

**READER OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to **Riley Macaulay** who receives Reader of the Month during February for demonstrating a great passion for reading

**Well Done Riley!**
Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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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.

William Anderson: Ready for school day before class commences
Isabella Hawkey: Setting a good example by getting ready for class
Brodie Jenner: Ready for school day before class commences
Nazareth Mitchell: Always ready & very organised for the days activities
Elly Pearson: Working hard during Maths.

Tuckshop Update

This week Friday 06th March
Mrs Tanya Anderson & Mrs Kirsty Adams
Tasty Taco Treat Special! 2 Tacos & choice of drink $4.00
Please see attached order form.
Tacos will include cheese, sour cream, lettuce, tomato, taco sauce. Soft drink cans are also available for purchase this week for $1.00 each.
Orders due tomorrow!
Thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising this special!

Next week Friday 13th March
Mrs Jess Wagenknecht (all day) & Mrs Muppi Dean (1/2 day)

Phonic Focus
The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘ll’ as in Indian. Year 1 students are consolidating all short vowel sounds. Please also help your child with these at home.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
Curriculum Units
This week we commence our assessments and will be commencing the new English Unit.

English:
Prep/1: this week we commence a unit which focuses on the structure of a narrative.
Yr2/3: students in grade 2 and 3 will be writing persuasive texts relating to different themes.
Yr4/5/6: students will comprehend a written text by Morris Gleitzman and will be identifying and explaining text structure that he has used.

Maths:
The focus for this week has been:
Prep: collecting and analysing data, reading graphs and data tables.
Yr 1: collecting and analysing data, count backs and subtraction.
Y2/3: multiplying, comprehending worded problems, perimeter of regular shapes and features of 3D shapes
Yr4/5/6: measurement including perimeter and area, converting units of measure.

Scholastic Book Club
Attached to the newsletter you will find the current issue of the Scholastic Book Club. There have been some changes made to the selection of books this year. You will notice lower prices attached to more books. There are some excellent Easter present ideas in the current issue. The more books you purchase the more our school library benefits. All orders are due to the office with money by Tuesday 17th March.

News-Mail Competition
Please continue to collect tokens for the chance to win a $5000 classroom makeover. Ask all your family members, friends and neighbours to keep their tokens for our school.
We currently have 118 tokens! WOW!

Student Council Update
Easter Raffle: McIlwraith State School Student Council is holding an Easter Raffle. We need all tickets handed in by Thursday 26th March and will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March. Donations have slowly started to arrive, but we needs HEAPS more. We would love it if every family could donate Easter items such as toys, stationary or chocolates. If donating chocolates please lets us know but send in closer to the date. By Jordan Moloney
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.
**Yours in Education**

Felicity Wallace

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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 – 3.00 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 Marcelle’s Hair

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**Making Collage Masterpieces with Marlies**

Learn collage techniques from Marlies Oakley, artist ‘Nothing New?’, to create your own Artist Trading Cards.

Ages 8-16 years

- **Tues 14th & Wed 15th April @ BRAG**
- **Thurs 16th April @ CHARTS**
  - 10am-12pm
  - Cost $8, includes all materials

For bookings ph BRAG 4730 4750 or CHARTS 4730 4776

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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

BYO Alcohol

Light Supper

Admission $15

Bookings essential - Sharyn 43 576222