Under 8’s Day

Our school has been invited to attend the annual Under 8’s Day, to be held at Bullyard School on Thursday 29th May. This is a day of celebration to acknowledge the value of play based activities and social interaction in early childhood education. Children in Prep, year 1, 2 and 3 will be accompanied by Miss Hillyard, Mrs McCotter and Mrs King. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, hat and a packed lunch. For students who have ordered the packaged lunch, please pack some little snacks or a piece of fruit just in case the packaged lunch is not enough. Children will be departing McIlwraith School at 9:30am and returning at approximately 2:00pm.

Opening of Year 7 Building

Gin Gin State High School has been fortunate to receive funding for the construction of two purpose built class rooms to facilitate movement of year seven into secondary school. This building is now complete and the High School will be hosting an opening on Monday 2nd June at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start. After the official opening an information session will be run for the parents and students of the current year 6 and 7 cohorts, sharing information in regard to how the students will be accommodated in the transition year. During the information session parents will have the opportunity to ask questions with regard to the “Flying Start” program and the implementation of Junior Secondary in High School. The evening will be concluded with a tour of the school to show parents the other resources that the school has. Enrolment packages will also be handed out and parents are encouraged to commence this process early to enable the school to begin collecting information about all students enrolling in 2015. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like further information about the evening please contact Mr Paul Stehbens at Gin Gin State High School on 41332111.

State of Origin

Students are invited to come dressed in their State of Origin team supporter colours tomorrow, Wednesday 28th May. Students must come dressed in their school uniform if they do not have the correct supporter colours. Go Queensland!

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 Fraser: lovely handwriting with ‘teen’ numbers
Brodie Jenner: great working using decimals
Kye Kuskey: really great work on reading cards
Kye Kuskey: setting up bowling lanes
Trent Savage: trying hard during Maths

Student of the Week

Congratulations to Genevieve Dean & Bree Wallace who receive student of the week for putting in 100% dedication towards robotics by giving up their own time to make props.

Well Done Girls!

Tuckshop Update

Italian'o Pasta Day – This Friday 30th June
Please see attached order forms. Limited items are available. Orders due tomorrow!
**Gin Gin Show**
This weekend is the annual Gin Gin Show. Look out for our school display which will be displaying examples of our students’ work. The students in grades 3-7 have just completed their art project which was to sketch a portrait of an ANZAC soldier. We looked at how to draw a face with particular attention paid to getting the correct proportions. These look absolutely fantastic and I’m sure that you will all be blown away by the hidden talents of the students. I know they were, especially when we compared their original sketch to the one they completed in one session.

Some children have asked if they can also enter their clay sculpture from first term. If children would like to enter this they are asked to bring in the $2.00 entry fee and we will submit these on Friday when we take the school display down.

Our Prep Students have also made constructions, if you wish to have these entered in the show an entry fee of $2.00 can be sent to school. Also, if Prep students wish to enter in the Decorated Saucers competition please send in flowers and the entry fee of $0.30c this Friday.

Please note that Gin Gin does not take the Bundaberg Show Holiday. Our holiday is later in the year and co-insides with the Brisbane Ekka.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Students are encouraged to continue reading their age appropriate books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. These do not include books sent home for home reading. It is a good idea for parents to read a book with their younger children before they head off to bed. Students in Year 5 to 7 must read 15 books while students in Prep – Year 4 must read 20 books to qualify. Certificates will be awarded to students who read the qualifying number of books. The competition concludes on 05th September.

**Book Club**
Attached you will find the latest issue of the Scholastic Book Club. There are some fantastic books in here for children of all ages. It may be a good idea to purchase books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All purchase gain points for our school to purchase new books for our library. Orders due back next Tuesday 03rd June.

**P&C Update**
P&C Meeting: A P&C Meeting will be held tonight commencing at 6:30pm sharp. Items discussed will include Lamington Drive and Triva Night. Please see President Tanya Anderson if you would like any other items added to the agenda.
The Nuts and bolts of kids and school
Parenting course for Fathers
This course gives dads an opportunity to build on their existing parenting skills and provides practical ideas which can bring them even closer to their children.
When: Wednesday June 11, 2014 (4 week duration)
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

Autism Training Workshop
WHEN: Saturday 21st June 2014
WHERE: Brothers Sports Club, 130 Takalvan Street, BUNDABERG QLD 4670
TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm (Registration from 8:30am)
COST: $125- (morning tea and lunch provided)
TO REGISTER: 
https://www.stickytickets.com.au/16984 or email support@aspiechild.com.au
Nelle Frances will be delivering a training workshop in BUNDABERG on Saturday 21st June 2014.
This workshop gives Teachers, Child Care workers, Parents and families a vivid insight into the subtle intricacies of the Autism Spectrum condition and provides participants with a myriad of strategies to help them cope.
The workshop includes Nelle’s high-impact Sensory Detective Workshop® - an interactive exercise that places participants in the shoes of those with the condition, giving them an insider’s look at the world of Autism/Asperger’s.

Get Into a Job with FREE Training
Over 15 and not at school? A parent or carer wanting to re-join the workforce?
Get FREE accreditation training through the Booth College campus Bundaberg. Training is flexible, fun and face-to-face. Courses start in July
You can study:
• Cert III in Hospitality, Retail Operations, and Business Administration
• Cert II in Furniture Making, Horticulture, and Construction
• Cert I in Furnishing, Hospitality, Conservation and Land Management.
Or take a short course in:
• Responsible Service of Alcohol
• Barista (Coffee Making)
• Construction White Card
• Chemical Operations Certificate
Free training is delivered through Government funding and is available for people over 15 who are NOT receiving Centrelink income support (e.g. Newstart, Youth Allowance) and who do NOT hold a qualification at Certificate III or above.
For more details phone Manday or Shendal on (07) 4153 3557 or 0419 157 295.

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace