Absentee Mobile
0455 052 940

Phone & Internet Lines
Finally, we have our usual phone lines back up and running. This means we also have internet services back again.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Next Tuesday evening 17th March will be our P&C Annual General Meeting commencing at 6:00pm in the school library. We would love to see some new faces.

Japanese Cultural Day
The Japanese Cultural Day will be held next Thursday 19th March at the Gin Gin State Primary School Hall. Parents are kindly asked to drop their children off at the Gin Gin State Primary School by 9:00am. If there are any parents available at 11:30am to bring children back to Mcllwraith State School please see me.

Students will need to be dressed in full school uniform and need to have their school bag with lunch, a water bottle and a hat.

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.

Scholastic Book Club
Attached to the newsletter last week was 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 next Tuesday 17th March.

StUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Zac Adams who receives Student of the Week for making an effort on his neatness without being reminded. Keep it up!

Well Done Zac!

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.

Grace Adams: Getting ready for class after lunch.
Olivia Anderson: Being organised for class quickly.
Kye Kuskey: Working quietly and trying his hardest.
Riley Macaulay: Working independently.
Regan Moloney: Great work with the letter 'fF'.

"If a child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way the child can learn."
- Unknown
**Upcoming Events!**

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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**Tuckshop Update**

A massive thank you to Tanya Anderson for the taco special last week. It was a major hit with the staff and students. A lovely tasty treat for the end of yet another busy school week. THANK YOU!!

Please be reminded orders are due every Wednesday. Two order bags per student (one for each lunch).

**This week Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Mrs Jess Wagenknecht (all day) & Mrs Muppi Dean (1/2 day)

**Next week Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Mrs Sue Roffey (all day) & Mrs Samantha Hawkey (2<sup>nd</sup> lunch only)

**Prep News-Mail Photograph**

The Prep Photographs will be published in the News-Mail on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Keep an eye out for our three Prep students.

**Phonic Focus**

The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘F’ as in fish, ‘ff’ as in cliff and ‘ph’ as in dolphin. Year 1 students are consolidating all short vowel sounds. Please also help your child with these at home.

**Curriculum Units**

**Maths:**
The focus for this week has been:
Prep: counting patterns in 1’s, counting groups, sequencing.
Yr 1: counting patterns in 1’s, 2’s, 5’s and 10’s counting groups, sequencing forwards and backwards.
Yr 2/3: area, 3D shapes, and finding the missing number in equations. Eg; 42 - □ = 13
Yr 4/5/6: multiplying by two digits, split strategy and compensate strategy.

**Music:**

**Be Safe**
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
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 166 tokens! WOW!

Student Council Update
Easter Raffle: McKillop 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 started to arrive. We have an overwhelming amount of craft activities, decorations and books. We are now seeking chocolates, marshmallows, cookies, lollies etc. We would love it if every family could donate at least one Easter item. If donating chocolates please let us know, but send in closer to the date.

Easter Bonnet Parade: I hope you have started planning for the upcoming 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 2nd 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
Wow I can’t believe it’s March already how time flies.
AGM: Just a reminder that next Tuesday Night the 17th March 2015 is the P&C Annual AGM.
All Positions will be declared open including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tuckshop Convenor. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings and welcome any new members wanting to hold a position on the committee. Please have your nominations into the school office by 3:00pm on Tuesday 17th March.
Important Dates: Last meeting we decided on some dates for our three major fundraisers for the year
Mother’s day Stall- to be held on Saturday 9th May, we will need volunteers to man the stall as well as home baked goodies to sell on the day. This is a really great day!
Lamington Drive- Sunday 14th June, our gorgeous lamingtons are made at the school on this day all 450 dozen of them!
Trivia night- Saturday 29th August- This proves to be a really fun night heaps of great prizes to be won, lots of laughing, great homemade cooking & a really big fundraiser for our school!
We will have more info about these events as they get closer. We have a very active P&C for a small school and we love all the support you can give whether it is helping on tuckshop, selling lamingtons, helping sell flowers at Mother’s Day stall, because in the end this helps all of the students at our great little school.
Thank you hope to see you there
Tanya Anderson

Books & Gifts Direct
Johanne Elliott has her next issue of books available from the staff room. Johanne will be here this Thursday 12th March to complete orders and issue the next round of books. Please feel free to come up and browse the books to place an order.
**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 – 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 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-2pm

Cost $8, includes all materials

For bookings ph BRAG 4130 4750 or CHARTS 4150 8275

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**MOVEit EXPO HEALTH FITNESS WELLBEING**

Saturday May 23 from 11am to 3pm  
St Lukes Anglican School  
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A showcase of the region’s  
- Professional Fitness Trainers  
- Health Experts  
- Fresh Food Producers  
- Local Sporting Clubs

Join us for MOVE it at the Ring Road Run Weekend!

**ALL WELCOME | FREE ENTRY**

For more info call 1300 883 699


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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 45 576222

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