**Absentee Mobile**
0455 052 940

**P&C Annual General Meeting**
TONIGHT! 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 this 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. Mrs Wallace will accompany students. Return to school will be via private transport with Mrs Wallace and Miss Carseldine. 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. Please sign and return the attached permission form before Thursday.

**Harmony Day**
Harmony Day is celebrated every year on the 21st March. This day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day…and it’s all because of you.

This year Harmony Day falls on a Saturday, therefore our school will participate in Harmony Day activities this Friday 20th March. Students are invited to wear orange/yellow free dress as part of the celebrations. Students who do not have orange/yellow clothing must wear their school uniform.

**Reading Program**
If anyone is available for approximately one hour to listen to children read on either a Monday or Thursday morning or afternoon (2:00pm) we would love your help. Please let me know if you will be available.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to **Emily Jenner** who receives Student of the Week for putting in 100% on her writing tasks.

**Well Done Emily!**

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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.

- **Grace Adams**: helping Miss Carseldine.
- **Brodie Jenner**: working quietly during spelling.
- **Brodie Jenner**: working independently – thank you for working hard and quietly.
- **Lathyn Kuskey**: great skip counting.
- **Jordan Moloney**: working quietly during spelling activities

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**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
Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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**Tuckshop Update**

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

**This week Friday 20th March**
Mrs Sue Roffey (all day) & Mrs Samantha Hawkey (2nd lunch only)

**Next week Friday 27th March**
Mrs Marg Carseldine & Mrs Kirsty Adams

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

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

**Interschool T-Ball**
Students in Grades 4 – 6 are invited to participate in the interschool T-Ball competition to be held **next Friday 27th March**. This is an all-day event commencing at 9:00am and concluding at 2:00pm held at the Gin Gin State Primary School Oval.
Students will be travelling to Gin Gin Primary School via Private Transport. If any parents are available to drive five students to and from Gin Gin State Primary School please see me.
The day will include a round robin style competition of T-Ball where our school will play against students from Gin Gin State School, Mount Perry State School, Wallaville State School, Maroondan State School and Bullyard State School.
Please ensure all children are sent in their full school uniform with their hat and a **large** water bottle. Please sign and return the attached permission form by next **Wednesday 25th March**.
Best of luck to our team!

**Be Safe**
**Be Responsible**
**Be Respectful**
If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
Curriculum Units

Assessments:
With only three weeks left of this term, over the next fortnight students will be commencing a variety of assessment pieces for English and maths as well as geography, science, health and history. Students have also completed the 2014 NAPLAN tests as an indicator to show where they are currently sitting. These results are almost collated and will be passed onto parents next week. One area that has been flagged across all age groups and in most subject areas is that students are skimming instructions and not reading questions carefully. We have been building the skills of comprehending questions and encouraging students to read questions and instructions more than once to ensure that they understand what the question is asking. This will continue to be a focus throughout the year.

Maths:
The focus for this week has been:
Prep: counting and recognising numbers to 15
Yr 1: counting patterns in 1’s, 2s, 5’s and 10’s counting groups, sequencing forwards and backwards, recognising two digit numbers, partitioning numbers and part-part-whole

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5 and 2 is 13
5 and 7 and 1 makes 13
5 add 1 makes 13

Y2/3: Months of the Year, jump strategy and revising the near double strategy and applying it to solve problems. This will be the focus for the next 2 weeks. Any extra consolidation that students can do at home on this strategy will be beneficial.

When faced with a fact like 6 + 7, students can think double 6, plus one more.

Yr4/5/6: 24 hour time, compensation strategy, front end rounding, and analysing time tables
The compensation strategy for addition is useful when one of the numbers ends in 8 or 9. One number is rounded up to the next 10, the addition is carried out and then the answer is adjusted to compensate for the original change.

For example: 52 + 39
Think 52 + 40 = 92
BUT because I added 1 to 39 to round up to 40 I need to subtract 1 from my answer.
Therefore: 52 + (40 – 1) = 91

P&C Update

AGM: Just a reminder that tonight, Tuesday 17th March 2015 is our P&C AGM. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings and welcome any new members.

Student Council Update

Easter Raffle: McIlwraith State School Student Council is holding an Easter Raffle. We need all tickets handed in by next, Thursday 26th March and will be drawn on Tuesday 31st March. 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. Chocolates can now be sent into school.

Easter Bonnet Parade: 2 weeks to go! 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.

News-Mail Competition
The News-Mail $5000 Classroom Makeover has now concluded. Tokens will no longer be published in the News-Mail. Please have all tokens sent into school by Friday 20th March to allow for a final count.
ESAC 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

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