Homework
This week you will see that the homework has reduced. We have completed our spelling units and are now using words from the no excuse lists for each grade level. These are commonly used words that are expected to be known for each grade level. Every student is expected to be reading each night. I cannot stress enough just how important it is for your child to be reading every night, especially out loud. After your child has read to you, please sign the reading log. If it is not signed we will assume that it is not read. Often students in the older grades will read their book but not to an adult. I ask that you encourage your child to read every second or third page out loud so that you and your child can hear how they sound. When children read out loud they (and parents) can hear any little stumbles, mumbles or omissions of words. Parents can also hear if they are paying attention to punctuation or reading with expression. Reading with fluency and expression is a skill and one that our all our students need to practice. Please take the time to ask your child a few questions about what they have read and get them to retell the story to you. This will give you an indication of how well they understand the text.

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: hard work during maths
Genevieve Dean: hard work during maths
Elim Moore: hard work during maths
Taylor Perry: trying hard to match time cards
Bree Wallace: hard work during maths

Tuckshop Update
This Week’s Special:
- Chicken Wings & Fried Rice - $4.00
- Caramel Popcorn Slice - $0.30c/piece

Please ensure all tuckshop orders are placed in the green tuckshop box located in the classroom.

Tis the season to be busy!!!

Keep the following important dates on the calendar!

Prep Orientation: Thursday 28th November & Thursday 05th December
P&C Break Up Dinner: Tuesday 03rd December
High School Orientation: Tuesday 03rd December
Year 7 Graduation: Tuesday 10th December
Concert & Awards Night: Wednesday 11th December
Break Up Day: Thursday 12th December
Concert Costumes
Attached is a list of concert costumes. As in previous years, if you don't have any items please let us know and we will organise these. Any costume items that you do have, please send in to school so we can tick them off. We will appreciate the loan of any items that you may have that may be suitable for another student. One item we will require is multiple white leggings.

Free Dress Day
Next Friday, 29th November, our school will be holding a fundraiser for the Gin Gin Pool. Students are invited to come in free dress – gold coin donation or more - to assist in raising funds for the redevelopment of the Gin Gin Toddler Pool area. All schools in our cluster are participating in this fundraising venture to help make our community pool an even better place for our children. All money raised will go towards the purchasing of a six foot high cascading mushroom, that showers children as they sit/stand/run under it. The cost of the mushroom is almost $4000. Please support this venture.

Fame Production
Just a reminder to send back the permission note. Please encourage your children to hand any notes into the school office. Students will need to pack their own morning tea and lunch.

Tallebudgera
Next week our year 7 students will be away for the entire week on the year 7 cluster schools camp at Tallebudgera Beach at the Gold Coast. Please send payment into the school office this week.

Prep Orientation Day
Next Thursday, 28th November we welcome our incoming prep students as they attend McIlwraith for the day on their prep orientation day. At present we will welcome three new prep students and look forward to spending the day with them.

Concert
Wednesday 11th December. All families are asked to bring a plate of sweets for supper after the concert. Food items such as biscuits, slices, cakes, fruit, chips etc. are all popular and appreciated by all. Before you leave after the concert, families are also asked to help pack away chairs and tidy the hall. Every year this is a huge task at the end of the night, and with more helpers it will be completed much quicker.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Olivia Anderson, Kye Kuskey and Anna Moore who receive Student of the Week for the wonderful effort they put into their South East Asian Neighbours Project. It was pleasing to see such hard efforts put in and great results achieved.

Well Done Year 1’s! Keep it up!
Religious Education
Next week will be our final lesson with Mrs Bengtson and Mrs Walker. I would like to thank both Mrs Bengtson and Mrs Walker for volunteering to come to our school for this semester and for making the lessons so engaging for the students.

Swimming
Just a reminder that all girls are required to have their hair tied back for swimming lessons so that it does not interfere with breathing and stroke development.

Cystic Fibrosis Movie Madness
Our school recently received tickets to attend the Cystic Fibrosis Movie Madness event showing the recent release of “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” held on Sunday 08th December commencing 10:00am at Bundaberg Reading Cinemas. Families will be treated to a free movie, popcorn and drink. Please be aware that these tickets are only valid for this date and time. The tickets we received were kindly donated by DJ Nix & Associates, Bargara.

Student Council Update
Guess the Jelly Bean Competition:
Student Council is currently having a “Guess the Jelly Bean” competition. Guesses cost $0.50c each. Also on sale are icy blocks. Icy blocks are $0.50c each and can be purchased Monday to Thursday at both lunch breaks.

P&C Update
Concert BBQ: Our P & C will be holding a BBQ at 6pm, at the Hall before our concert and is looking for helpers. If you haven’t been able to assist throughout the year, please put your hand up to help serve or cook on concert night. Steak burgers and sausages will be available to purchase along with soft drinks. The more helpers we have, the easier and quicker it will be for everyone.

Break Up Dinner Meeting: The final P & C meeting will be a dinner meeting on Tuesday 03rd December at the Gin Gin. This is our way of saying thank you to all parents and grandparents who have assisted with P & C ventures, tuckshop or school functions throughout the year. Please return the RSVP by Friday 29th November if you are able to make it.

Making Every Day Count
As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13th December 2013.

Garlic for Sale
Garlic can be purchased from Tanya Anderson for the following prices:
1kg: $15.00
500g: $7.50
250g: $4.00

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace