Dear parents and families,

We have had a really big two weeks at school with our students and teachers involved in a wide variety of different, challenging and worthwhile pursuits. Four of our 5/6 students Tahj, Keona, Mason and Keona were involved in the GONDWANA CHOIRS SONGFEST 5-13 OCT. What a truly fabulous opportunity that was for them. Thanks very much to Lynne Rees for supporting our students. Other students from year 4/5/6 participated in the Cairns T20 Blast Schools Cup Far North Finals. The students did our small schools proud and had a great time as well.

Another fabulous event that our whole school benefited from was the ‘SURFING SCIENTIST’ show with Ruben Meerman. Ruben explained and demonstrated some challenging scientific concepts in a way that was easily accessible to students. The show was educational and engaging. Finally this week our staff completed their annual CPR First Aid training along with best practice Asthma, Epi pen use and Anaphylaxis Training.

DATE CLAIMERS-

Wednesday October 25th— ‘Reefed Up’. Arts Council performance

Wednesday October 25th— BOOK FAIR
Favourite character dress-up

Friday October 27th— Mirriwinni SS Halloween Disco

Thursday November 09th— Remembrance Parade

Friday November 10th— Marine World Outer Reef trip

Monday November 13th— P&C Meeting 8.15am

Saturday November 11th— Remembrance Norman Park

Thursday November 23rd— Swimming carnival

Wednesday November 29th— Cairns Aquarium whole school excursion

Friday December 1st— Graduation ceremony and 2017 student awards

Monday/Tuesday 4th & 5th December— Rosie Miller Art Extension

Thursday 7th December— Final Christmas Parade 2017

“Every day, in every way, every child is learning and achieving....”
GONDWANA CHOIRS SONGFEST

How very smart and professional our boys looked and sang! We are very proud of them and happy that they got this ‘once in a lifetime opportunity’. Songfest was a community singing experience where talented treble singers from across the Cairns region came together in Cairns for 4 rehearsals to form the Songfest Choir. This choir performed alongside the Vienna Boys Choir, the Cairns Gondwana Indigenous Children’s Choir and the Sydney Children’s Choir in a celebratory gala concert at the Cairns Convention Centre on Friday 13 October.

Cairns T20 Blast Schools Cup - Peninsula Far North Finals
Well done all those involved in this cricket event. Thanks to Dwayne Richardson for extending the invitation to the combined small school’s cricket team.

SURFING SCIENTIST
Please stay safe with all the heavy rain, especially on the roads and floodway’s.

McDonnell Creek, Bellenden Ker and Bartle Frere State Schools are invited to Mirriwinni State School for their annual Halloween Disco. Parents are very welcome to take their children to this community event. Free entry and food available for sale on the night.

Halloween Disco

McDonnell Creek State School Newsletter

Thursday 12th October
Students of the week

Thursday 23rd March
Gaining Reading levels

Thursday 12th October
Super spellers

Thursday 12th October
Gotcha awards

Halloween Disco

Mirriwinni State School
Free entry – sausage sizzle, softdrinks and glow sticks for sale
27th October
6:30pm-8:00pm
McDonnell Creek State School Newsletter

**THE GREAT SOUTHERN TRACTOR PULL COMPETITION**

**When:** Saturday, November 4, 2017  
**Where:** Babinda State School, Boulders Road, Babinda  
**What Time:** Starting at 8.30am through to 12.30pm

The picture above is an example of a tractor that is capable of pulling 3.5 kilograms. The trailer in the picture will be the one used in the competition.

**The Why and the How**

The tractor pull was decided on because our school and students are located in rural locations. Tractors are part of everyday life for the majority of our students. Students will need to design and build their own tractor so they can drag a sled over a distance of five metres with a small weight on the sled. If successful the weight will be increased until the tractor cannot make the distance. The students will have three attempts after a fall, with a two-minute period where the students can make adjustments. If the student(s) do not make it back in the two-minute period they will be disqualified.

**Robotics & Coding for Kids**

You may want to build something like the one in this picture.

**Sandwiches**

Sandwiches on bread and some cold drinks will be available on the day for a gold coin donation.

**Registration**

Team registration will be $10 per team and you can register your team at the following link:

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**LET'S CELEBRATE READING!**

at our **BOOK FAIR NEXT week**

October 23rd – 27th. The children will be able to peruse the books and fill out a wish list during school time. The Book Fair will then be open for sales on Thurs & Fri from 8 – 9 and 2 – 3.

**Next Wednesday, October 25th,** the children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character for some fun learning at school.

**THANKS for your support**