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.”

2016 School Priorities: Improvement in Reading with particular focus on comprehension and Numeracy Skills

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2016 School Improvement Focus:
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Mothers’ Day Stall:
Thank you to everyone who was able to assist with the mothers’ Day Stall on Saturday. Our P & C made a profit of approximately $1200 from the sale of flowers and baking.

Snakes:
We had a snake in the school grounds yesterday, and although it looked very ill, it was a timely reminder to be observant around the school grounds. Students have all been reminded about what to do should they see a snake. Thank you to Trish Geise for your assistance with the removal of the snake.

Head Lice:
We have had a reported case of head lice in the school. All parents are asked to check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. Treatments are available from the chemist and the supermarket. Please continue to recheck hair and complete follow up treatments.

Upcoming Events!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Summer Kevill who receives this week’s award for her excellent work ethic. Well done Summer! Great Job Summer!

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: Being responsible and signing onto reading eggs.
Olivia Anderson: Working quietly and on task.
Brodie Jenner: Being helpful and staying on task.
Hannah Johnson: Great retell of the story in your English Lesson.
Oakley Wagenknecht: Always being enthusiastic about work.

Congratulations:

Miss Varley our LOTE teacher is getting married this Saturday and will be away for the rest of the Term. Miss Lennox will be replacing Miss Varley while she is away. Congratulations and Best of Luck to you Miss Varley. Enjoy your wonderful day.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge registrations open**

It's that time of year again when students are encouraged to read widely for pleasure and learning in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. (Home readers cannot be counted) Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

- **Prep - Year 2**: Red or experience 20 books
- **Year’s 3 & 4**: 20 books
- **Year’s 5 & 6**: 15 books

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 16 May - 26 August. Happy Reading Everyone!

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**NAPLAN Testing:**

This annual testing commenced today with students in grade 3 and 5 sitting the Language Conventions Assessment and the Writing Task. Tomorrow students will sit the Numeracy assessment and complete the Reading Comprehension assessment on Thursday.

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**Not Now Not Ever Campaign**

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in Queensland and is a great opportunity to get involved in awareness raising and prevention activities. We can all play a role in changing the culture and attitudes that underpin violence in our community. Domestic and family violence occurs when one person in a relationship uses violence or abuse to maintain power and control over the other person. If you would like to find out more about the campaign to end domestic violence please access the link below.


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**P & C Day – Friday 13th May**

Friday 13th May is P & C Day in Queensland and I would like to take this opportunity to give our P & C members a big pat on the back for the great work you are doing to enhance educational outcomes for McIlwraith students. Thank you to our P & C Executive and committed P & C members who attend our monthly P & C meetings. The school appreciates you giving up your time to help our students. Our P & C is involved in a variety of school activities from policy to financial planning as well as tuck shop, fundraising activities and school functions. We are always looking for new members and encourage all parents to attend our monthly P & C meetings.

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Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace