2016 School Improvement Focus:
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Absence from School
Mrs Wallace will be absent from school for the remainder of the week. Mrs Black was on class today, Mrs Thomas as usual on Thursday and Mr Lee on Friday. If you have any concerns please see the usual staff members.

Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival
**This Friday, 22nd July**, senior students born in 2006, 2005, and 2004 have the opportunity to compete against our cluster schools at the Gin Gin District Athletics Carnival. Students who come first or second in an event will be selected in the Gin Gin Zone team to travel to the Bundaberg Zone trials in week 4. The first event (200m) will commence at **9:15am**, please ensure that students are at the Gin Gin school Oval by **8:45am**. Lunch will be approximately **11:30am** and hopefully the presentations completed by **2:00pm** to allow for buses to return to respective schools before the end of the day. As it will conclude almost at the end of the school day, students may either return to school or travel home with parents.
Mrs R will now be accompanying students to ensure Mrs M can stay back at school while all other permanent staff are absent. If children have any concerns they are to see Mrs R or Mrs Manderson on the day. McIlwraith will be sharing a tent with Maroondan State School. Please return all permission notes by tomorrow, thank you to the students who have already returned theirs.

Congratulations to **Anna Moore** who receives Student of the Week for fitting back into McIlwraith and picking up like she had never been gone.

**Well Done Anna!**

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.

- **Hannah Johnson**: Fantastic effort in English
- **Lukas Milburn**: Following instructions
- **Elly Pearson**: Working hard in Maths
- **Silvana Silvestro**: Working quietly
- **Oakley Wagenknecht**: Awesome effort during history.

Small School Sports Day
Please mark your calendars and save the date. It will be held on **Friday 29th July**.

Tuckshop orders due tomorrow.
RACQ CareFlight Visit

It is with great pleasure that I share the exciting news that our School has won a visit to the RACQ CareFlight Rescue Helicopter base as part of this year’s Ring Road Run. Calculations for this competition were based on the size of school and participants to ensure that all schools big or small had a chance to win. Participants could nominate a school when registering for this year’s Ring Road event.

Our school will get an exclusive behind the scenes tour and have morning tea with the crew based at the Bundaberg Airport. The Rotary Club of Bundaberg West have also offered to pay for a bus to allow our students and teachers to travel to and from the morning tea.

A date is yet to be arranged for this event, however we are hoping it can take place during the last week of Term 3. Please keep posted for more information regarding this school excursion.

Our school would like to thank RACQ CareFlight, The Rotary Club of Bundaberg West and all Ring Road participants who nominated our school.

Small School Athletics Carnival

Next Friday 29th July, we will host the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Gin Gin Primary School. All students are involved in this and participate in a range of activities including sprints, relays, long jump, ball-games and for the older students, shot put.

This year our P&C is running the canteen which will be a great opportunity to raise funds for our school. As such we are calling for volunteers to assist in the canteen. Many hands make light work. A package deal lunch is available for students, as well as other tuckshop items throughout the day. Should you wish to order a package deal lunch please return the order form by tomorrow Thursday 21st July 2016.

Homework

All homework activities commence this week. There have been a large number of students not completing homework activities. Please ensure spelling words are written out each night (4 times in total), sentences for the week are completed, homework sheets and sound waves are completed, reading is undertaken EVERY night and sight words are viewed EVERY night. Homework must be presented neatly! Students who do not wish to complete homework or reading will not be granted the privilege of school camp.

Prep students also have spelling words this term. This week’s words are: hot, lot, not, cot, pot. Attached are the Prep spelling words and letter of the week for the remainder of term.

Student Report Cards

Report Cards were issued last week. Please ensure you have received these.
Religious Education
Religious Education classes commence **tomorrow, Thursday 21st July**. Students from Grade 1 – Grade 6 Participate in 30 minutes of Religious Education each week during Semester 2. This year Mrs Bengtson will be taking our RE lessons as a whole school. If you do not wish for your child to participate please see me.

School Opinion Survey
Attached to last week’s newsletter all parents would have received a **SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY PAMPHLET** providing a Web Address to visit together with codes to log in and complete the survey. This survey will provide parents with an opportunity to respond to a range of statements on the general management and operation of the school. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Results from the survey are provided to the school later in the year.

Phonic Focus
The sounds that be have been consolidating this week are ‘ir’ as is bird, ‘ur’ as in curl and ‘er’ as in flower

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Keep reading! 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 on their reading log.

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 **16th May – 26th August**. Happy Reading Everyone!

Book Club
If you wish to make a purchase please ensure orders and money have been returned to Mrs M in the office by **Thursday 28th July 2016**.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will be held **tomorrow, Thursday 21st July** instead of Friday due to the District Athletics Carnival. Please ensure Prep – Year 2 have a packed lunch on Friday. There will be no tuckshop next week due to the Small School Athletics Carnival.

Second Hand Uniforms
We have a variety of second hand uniforms for sale. These can be purchased from the school office. If you are interested please see Mrs M or myself. Below are sizes and prices that are available.

- Girls Dress Size 5 …. $5.00
- Zip Front Jumper (Slammers Brand) Size 4 …. $5.00
- 2 x School Polo’s Size 5 …. $2.00
- School Polo Size 6 …. $2.00
- Girls Skorts Size 6 (Scags Brand) …. $2.00
- Girls Skorts (Stubbies Brand) Size 6 …. $2.00
- Girls Leggings Pants Size 4 …. $2.00
- Fleece Tracksuit Pants Size 6 … $3.00

Student Council Update
**Radish for Sale**: Our students have been busy tending the vegetable garden over the past few weeks and on Monday harvested their little crop which yielded over 60 radish! As such we have an abundance of fresh radish that the Student Council is selling at the bargain price of 50c per radish or $2.50/kg.

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace