Welcome
We extend a warm welcome to Mrs King who is completing a three week teaching prac through USQ at McIlwraith. Mrs King will be working with all grade levels throughout her Prac and we look forward to having her in our classroom.

ANZAC Parade
Lest we Forget. I was very proud to be marching with our students on ANZAC Day and in the way that our students honoured those who gave their life and those who are serving today. Students were involved in meaningful discussions about the relevance of ANZAC Day, the meaning behind the symbols and customs and stories from the battlefields. On Thursday afternoon students honoured the ANZACs with a remembrance and wreath laying ceremony, before ending the day on a lighter note by enjoying the very yummy ANZAC biscuits, kindly baked by Mrs Carseldine. Students are to be commended on their respectful behaviour throughout the ANZAC Parade and ceremony. Thank you also to parents for your support of such an important day and keeping the ANZAC spirit alive in our younger generation.

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.

Amina Banda: Counting to 30 perfectly!
Brodie Jenner: Packing away all sport equipment.
Lathyn Kuskey: Beautiful writing of letter 'q'.
Anna Moore: Great work with sight words.
Elim Moore: Quietly reading.

Tuckshop Update
Please ensure that each child has their own tuckshop bag for both 1st & 2nd Lunch. This means each child should have two bags to hand in every Wednesday.

There will be no tuckshop next week, Friday 09th May due to the High School Musical. Ships Ahoy special will now be available the following week.

Thank you for all the interest shown in the new menu!
Gin Gin District Cross Country Results

Congratulations to Moselle Findlay, Bree Wallace, Emily Jenner, Genevieve Dean and Jordan Maloney who flew the McIlwraith flag high and proud at the recent interschool cross country carnival. The track was testing but I’m proud to report that our school was well represented by our small but dedicated cross country team. It was a great lead up to the Small School Cross Country event on **Monday 19th May**. Special mention must go to Moselle Findlay who came third in her race. Well done Moselle and well done team!!! Final results for the Percentage shield were:

1st Booyal Central, 2nd Elliott, 3rd Wallaville, 4th Bullyard, 5th Maroondan, 6th McIlwraith, 7th Kolan South, 8th Fraser, 9th Musgrave, 10th Sharon, 11th Mt Perry.

Active After School Sport

Active After School sport commencing tomorrow morning at **8:00am** SHARP. Students will be participating in Bowling. Athletics commences this **Friday 02nd May** at **8:00am** SHARP. Please ensure all permission forms have been returned by tomorrow morning. Attendance prizes will be awarded to students arriving before **8:15am** who attend 12 out of the possible 14 Active After School Sessions.

Small School Cross Country

Please ensure all permission forms and lunch orders have been returned to the office by **Friday 09th May** for ordering purposes. Students not wishing to order lunch must bring their own from home.
GGSHS Musical

Students are invited to attend the High School matinee performance of their musical – ‘A Space Idiocy’ on Friday May 09th. This year’s show again has many contemporary songs like ‘Working 9 to 5’, ‘Secret Agent Man’, ‘Thriller’ and ‘Another One Bites the Dust’ to name a few. The year is 2061. The setting of the play is aboard a starship bound for the distant planet Zenos. Its major passenger is an Earth Princess whose marriage to an alien prince cements a shaky alliance, and prevents intergalactic war. Of course things go horribly wrong as the antics of the captain's bungling son (who is first officer of the ship) exacerbate the problems caused by sinister forces aboard the ship, who are attempting to prevent the wedding. A mystery stranger is rescued during the journey and his presence further complicates the mission. The tension heightens as the voyage progresses, and the story reaches its climax in the grand cathedral on the planet Zenos.

The matinee will commence at 10:45am, with a short lunch interval between 12:00 – 12:30pm. The show will finish at approximately 1:45pm. All children will need to take their lunch to the performance. Miss Hillyard, Mrs Barnes, Mrs McCotter and Mrs King will be accompanying the students. Attached is a permission form to be completed and returned to school to enable your child to attend.

School Photos

School Photo Day is next Friday 09th May.

Order envelopes are attached to the newsletter. The following items are available to purchase.
- Class Photo Only $15.00
- Photo Pack including Class Photo $25.00
- Siblings Pack $20.00
- 3 extra Bookmarks with Photo Pack $3.00

Each student must have their own envelope. The school will not be handling any of the money so please ensure the correct amount has been placed in the payment envelope. Payments can be sent to school between now and next Friday however late orders will not be accepted.

Students must wear full school uniform on this day. Female students must wear their formal dress. White socks are to be worn by ALL students and school leaders must wear their badges. Please also remember to wear a SMILE!

There will be no Active After School Sport on this day to ensure all students remain in a clean and tidy manner before their photo is taken.

Curriculum

Prep Phonics: This week’s sound is ‘ai’ as in snail.

English

This week students have commenced the new English unit. Prep and year 1 unit focuses on enjoying and retelling stories. In this unit students will listen to and engage with a range of literary and non-literary texts with a focus on exploring how language is used to entertain through retelling events. Students will sequence events from a range of texts and select a favourite story to retell to a small group of classmates. Students will prepare for their spoken retelling by drawing events in sequence and writing simple sentences.

Year 3 – 7: have commenced a short unit on writing persuasive expositions. Students are revising the structure of an exposition, which includes an introduction that clearly states their opinion/argument, followed by at least three clear reasons for their argument, backed up and justified with explanations and evidence. The exposition should conclude with a paragraph, again clearly stating the author's opinion and include a call for action or a suggestion for improvement. Students are working towards using catch titles, high modality, emotive words and rhetorical questions to persuade the reader to change their opinion. Expositions have been the chosen genre for the NAPLAN writing task for the past three years. This year the genre is unknown but we have been told that it will be either a narrative or a persuasive text.

Maths

Prep: Patterns and concepts of length.

Year 1&2: Placing numerals on a number line, counting on and back in tens, working out number patterns, features of triangles and quadrilaterals.

Year 3&4: Partitioning and working with numbers up to 9999, placing numbers on a number line, worded multiplication problems, types of quadrilaterals.

Year 5,6,7: Algebraic expressions, recognising algebraic relationships, number patterns, using the split strategy, checking answers using rounding and estimation.

Maths

Geography & History

Geography continues this term for students in year 2-7, as it is a semester unit. Students in Prep and grade 1 completed their geography unit last term and commence their history unit, ‘At this moment in time’. In this unit, students will investigate the following question: How do we describe the sequence of time?’ by developing an understanding of terms indicating the passing of time which are frequently used in stories and conversations about the past and how these terms are used to describe dates and changes that have personal significance. Students will be working towards an assessment where they have to identify and collect sources of key personal milestones and events to include in a time capsule box. Students will use the sources to create a timeline and present an oral historical narrative.
**Golf Clinic**
Mr Doug Gardiner from the Greg Norman Golf Foundation will be back at McIlwraith on Thursday afternoon to facilitate a skills and drills clinic with all students. We look forward to hosting Mr Gardiner again, who will also return in term 3 & 4.

**Kindy Fun Page**
The kindy section of the department’s website is now home to fun activities, resources and events for kindy aged children and their families. The fun and games page features a pdf version of the ‘Monster Match’ game. A life-sized version of this game was premiered at National Playgroup Day and proved an exciting fun activity for young children and 35,000 copies were sent to families in rural and remote Queensland. Families can also download and access other resources that involve play-based learning.

**Student Council Update**
**Jakes Candy Easter Drive:** The Student Council will be holding a disco this **Friday night, 02nd May.** A sausage sizzle will be on sale from 6pm and the disco will commence at 6:30pm. Students are invited to bring along friends, cousins or neighbours for a great night of entertainment. Please see flyer attached for more information.

**P&C Update**
**P&C Meeting:** Tonight’s P&C Meeting has been postponed until this **Friday 02nd May** commencing at **8:00am** at the school. Mothers’ Day items will be addressed.
**Tuckshop:** There will be **no** tuckshop available next **Friday 09th May** due to the high school musical. Please ensure all children have a packed lunch from home on this day.
**Mothers’ Day Stall:** Each year McIlwraith holds a stall selling flowers and home baking. We will be situated in the middle of the main street opposite the IGA entrance and Gin Gin Quality Meats. This has proven to be a very successful fundraiser for our P&C and we ask that all families donate home baking for the stall. Any baking be dropped off at school on Friday morning or down the main street on Saturday morning. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to work on the stall on **Saturday the 10th May.** We still require volunteers for mid-morning if you are available.

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_Yours in Education_

_Felicity Wallace_