McIlwraith News

Principal: Felicity Wallace

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.”

2015 School Priorities: Expand and improve student vocabulary, Explicitly teach Inferential Comprehension Skills and Explicitly teach the Literacy of Numeracy

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District Cross Country Success

Congratulations to the students who last week attended the Gin Gin District Cross Country trials. Thanks to their efforts, McIlwraith was awarded 1st Place out of the B Schools (Booyal Central, Maroondan, Bullyard, Givelda, Mt Perry) as well as the Percentage Trophy. A special Congratulations to Hunta Adams who came first in his race and Richard Dean who placed fifth. Good luck to Hunta and Richard who now compete in the Gin Gin District Team at the Bundaberg Zone trials on Tuesday.

School Photographs

School Photo Day will be next Tuesday 05th May. Attached you will find the payment envelope and information sheet from Country School Photos. Envelopes may be handed in early to the office.

Please ensure all students are dressed in their full school uniform, this means female students must wear their formal dress with black shoes. All student leaders must wear their badge on photo day. We kindly ask that students attend school looking their very best on photo day. All students must wear white socks as this is a requirement of the uniform policy.

Absence from School

I will be away next Thursday and Friday. Miss Hillyard will be on class as per usual in my absence. Please direct any queries you have to Miss Hillyard.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Anna Moore who receives Student of the Week for her excellent persuasive writing.

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.

Zac Adams: Beautiful neat writing.
Olivia Anderson: Fantastic effort placing your words in the correct spot on your page.
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Kye Kuskey: Fantastic effort during Maths
Nazareth Mitchell: Working quietly in Maths

Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough.
ANZAC Ceremonies
A special thank you to the parents and grandparents that attended our school ceremony. I was very proud to see how respectful our students were. In the lead up to Anzac Day, it was also very pleasing to watch how interested the students have been learning about our history. Thank you to Mrs McCotter and Mrs Bengtson for supervising the students at the civic service in my absence and to the students for representing our school in the march.

Robotics Club
Robotics Club will commence again on Monday 11th May.

Gin Gin High School Musical
Staff and students have been invited to attend the Gin Gin State High School 2015 Musical Matinee Performance ‘Pens Down’ on Friday 08th May. This year’s show is a juke box musical about high school students who travel from the uncertainty of Year 9 to their graduation milestone of Year 12. Of course there are the knocks and revelry along the way which is brought to life by classics such as ‘We’re Not Going to Take It’, ‘Can’t Help Falling in Love’, ‘What I Like About You’, ‘We’ll Meet Again’ and ‘You Spin Me Round’.

Students will be travelling via bus departing at 9:15am and returning at 2:15pm.

There is no tuckshop on this day. Please ensure students have a packed lunch and water bottle on this day. A permission form was sent home last week, please sign and return to school by Tuesday 05th May. Thank you to the families who have already returned their permission form.

Phonic Focus
The sounds that we have been consolidating this week are ‘hH’ as in helicopter and ‘jJ’ as in jellyfish. Year 1 students are consolidating all short vowel sounds. Please also help your child with these at home.

Tuckshop Update
This week
Friday 01st May
Spaghetti Bolognaise

Next week
No Tuckshop – GGSHS Musical

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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School Dental Service
The School Dental Service will be offering all students at McIlwraith State School from Pre Prep (4 years of age) to Grade 6 the opportunity to have a free dental examination to all consenting students. Please complete the attached Parental Consent and Medical/Dental History Form and return to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 01st May.

Lost Property
Almost every afternoon we are collecting lost property, some items are not named. With winter fast approaching, we will soon have all students in jumpers and warmer clothing. Please ensure all items are named. The students have been reminded about being responsible for their belongings and putting their items away in the bags. Please reinforce this with your child. We currently have a size 8 zip up jumper and a size 6 pull on that no one is claiming. These items are on the block trolley on the veranda waiting for their owners.

P&C Update
Mothers’ Day Flowers & Cake Stall: Next weekend is our P & C’s first fundraiser for the year, which is our annual flower and cake stall held in the main street, opposite IGA. This is a great fundraiser for our school, and as such, we will need as many helpers as we can. Volunteers are required to assist bunching the flowers on Friday. This a huge job which takes about 2 hours, so the more helpers we can have, the quicker it will be. Bunching the flowers will be at Muppi’s place. We will let everyone know a definite time.
Stall: We require all parents to volunteer an hour or two manning the stall. Attached is a roster that we ask you to write when you are available. Parents are kindly asked to bake items such as cakes, slices, patty cakes, biscuits, etc. These need to have the name of the product, ingredients and the date baked on a label, (which can be taped onto the item). These will be priced on the morning. Please drop baking down to the stall as early as you can.
Flowers: The flowers are to be picked up from the Endeavour Foundation in Bundaberg on Wednesday. If anyone is available to do this please let us know. A ute or vehicle with plenty of boot space is required for this. Flower arrangements are also being made if you would like to assist. This will be on Thursday at Muppi’s house. Time to be advised.
Gift Boxes: Please check your cupboards for any suitable boxes or containers that we could use for our flower arrangements.