Camp
We had a wonderful time last week on our annual school camp. Students enjoyed the easy paced structure of activities during our four days away.
Day 1: After we had to delay our departure time due to an early morning storm we arrived at Bargara Caravan Park and with the help of Mrs Bengtson, Mr Dean and the Year 4 – 7 students we set up our tents and camp site. The afternoon saw us scootering down the esplanade of Bargara beach and having a refreshing walk on the beach where some girls (Olivia, Anna and Elly) just “accidently” fell in the water.
Day 2: After a short walk we caught the city bus into Bundaberg and attended the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery (BRAG). This was the most wonderful experience for the students who undertook a “hide & seek” game finding different items in the ‘Collectamania’ display. Students then had the chance to meet with an artist Bill who currently has his work on display. Bill was so delighted by our students that he donated an art piece to the school. Thank you Bill. Following our Brag visit we participated in a game of ten pin bowling. Trent showed us his inner hidden talent amazing us with his high score. It was an early night to bed.
Day 3: Beach day! The day everyone had been asking for. Our first activity was a presentation by the Bargara Life Saving Club. The lifesavers explained the dangers of the water, the creatures that can be found in the water and what to do if we ever get in trouble while visiting the beach. Thanks Brodie for helping display the lifesaver costume as we dressed you up piece by piece. Students then participated in a number of beach activities run by the lifesavers.
Day 4: Rise & shine nice and early. We quickly ate breakfast and then the pack up began. Thank you to Mr Dean again and Mr Jenner who drove down early and helped us pack up. We may still have been there if you didn’t come to our rescue. After we packed up we departed Bargara Beach Caravan Park and headed to Beach 360. Here the students were involved in a number of beach volley ball drills used in a game against each other.
Overall the staff were very impressed by the behaviour displayed by our students. We received a lot of positive feedback from community members who were amazed by our students.
Thank you Mr Stanley for staying with us on Wednesday night and attending the beach activities on Thursday.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Amina Banda who receives Student of the Week for her impressive commitment & ability during school camp
Well Done Amina.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 29th November - Prep Orientation & Information Session
Friday 28th November - ‘Where in the World is Christmas’ Moncrieff Theatre Performance
Wednesday 03rd December - Year 6/7 Graduation
Thursday 07th December - Prep Orientation
Friday 08th December - Christmas Fancy Dress Up
Wednesday 10th December - Concert & Awards Night
Thursday 11th December - Bucca Retreat
Friday 12th December - Last day of School Year!

Upcoming Events!

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A Camp Warm Fuzzy
The following email was received on the weekend from two patrons of the Bargara Beach Caravan Park. Receiving comments such as these make our school staff very proud and the children should be very proud of themselves.

Dear Principal
My husband and I are staying in our caravan at Bargara Beach Caravan Park until the 27th October 2015. We have come up from Brisbane for a relaxing break.
Last Tuesday 14th October, we watched in amazement as children assisted adults to unload personal luggage, camping equipment, and Esky's of food.
The children were keen to help out, they were helping each other carry things, and they were in control of their manners and voice volume.
To be honest, when we saw the arrival, we thought "Oh no! There goes our peace and quiet." Within no time, tents were set up, tables organised, marquee erected and even party lights!
That evening my husband went across to ask if they were using the Camp Kitchen and if so, what time would they be wanting to cook. He was told that yes, they would be cooking about 6pm. So we went across at 5.30 and cooked our steak so that we wouldn't be in their way, we were already impressed with this group: teachers and or parents, and the students.
What I can add to this email is just to say Thank You to the entire group who were here sharing this lovely caravan park with us and others.
We asked for your details from the park office because we love to compliment where it is deserved. You all deserve this compliment. The children's behaviour is obviously the result of respectful leadership by the teachers. We saw this each day and evening. Good on you all!
We often hear people knocking our youth of today and we are quick to remind people of all the positives about the majority of our youth of today. Your school is a great example of well-behaved children and inspirational team work.
Keep up your good work children, teachers, and parents.
In Caring and Sharing
Warm Regards
Joan and Will de Jong

Principal Absence
Please be reminded that Mrs Wallace is on Long Service Leave for the next two weeks. Miss Hillyard will be on class in her replacement. We also welcome Mrs Stephens as our class teacher. Mrs Stephens will be here every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you Miss Hillyard for stepping up to this role and Thank you Mrs Stephens for joining us during these two week.

Book Fair
The library will be open for purchases from 8:30am daily. Students, parents and community members are welcome to purchase a book donation for our library. We are expecting to receive 22 book donations equalling the current number of activate enrolments here at McIlwraith State School.
Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book/novel character this Friday 24th October.
A fashion parade, morning tea and chance to browse our books will be held on the morning of Friday 24th October. Please arrive by 9:15am for a 9:30am fashion parade. Morning Tea will be served after the fashion parade and prizes have been awarded. There will be no Tuckshop on this day.

Tuckshop Update
Tuckshop will commence on Friday 31st October. Please be aware there will be no tuckshop until this day. New summer menu and roster attached.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
**Active After School Sport**
Active After School Sports will commence tomorrow **Wednesday 22nd October** from 2:30pm – 3:30pm with Ms Carseldine. Students will be participating in dance lessons leading up to our end of year school concert performance.

Body Balance will continue again this term, commencing this **Friday 25th October** from 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Active After School Sports runs for a total of seven weeks for each activity.

Please complete and return the attached permission form by **Friday 25th October**.

Students who are dressing up this Friday may wish to pack a spare pair of clothes for Body Balance.

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**Year 6/7 Tallebudgera Camp**
The final cost of the year 6/7 Tallebudgera Camp is $150.00. Please ensure payment has been received by the school office by **Friday 07th November**.

Attached you will find an information package. Please ensure the medical form is returned to the school office ASAP. We trust students will have an enjoyable time during this educational camp.

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**School Swimming**
School Swimming commenced today. Students will be travelling via bus to Gin Gin Swimming Pool departing at **11:15am** and returning at approximately **1:00pm**. Please ensure students arrive at school every Tuesday with the required swimming items.

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**Thank You**
This week is Mr Stanley’s last week of prac at Mcllwraith. We have thoroughly enjoyed having Mr Stanley and wish him the best of luck for his future. Thank You Mr Stanley.

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**Grandparents Day**
Grandparents Day will be celebrated in Queensland this **Sunday 26th October**. This special day is an ideal opportunity for Grandchildren to thank their Grandparents for their love, guidance and support. It is also an occasion to acknowledge the effort and devotion of the Grandparents who are full time carers for their Grandchildren.

Parents can support Grandparents day by encouraging their children to get involved in the celebrations.

Attached is a post card should students wish to write to their Grandparents. You will also find a sticker attached.

Thank you to all the Grandparents who are actively involved in Mcllwraith State School. We sure do appreciate all the hard work you put in for your Grandchildren’s education.

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**2014 School Year Photo USB**
We are in the process of making a Memories USB of photos for each family that have been taken throughout the year. These will be available to purchase from the office for $10.00 and contain photos from numerous events and happenings of 2014.

Attached is an order form if you would like to order a USB of 2014 memories. Please return the order form by **Tuesday 28th October** so we know which families are interested. A great keepsake for all students!

Please return the attached slip if you are interested in purchasing a USB.

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**Wallaville State School**
**Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon**
- **Sweeps**
- **Raffles**
- **Lucky Door**
- **Novelty Events**
- **Fashions of the Field**

**Bookings essential**
Phone: Wallaville State School on 4133 6333

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**Yours in Education**
Megan Hillyard