2016 School Improvement Focus: Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Small School Athletics Carnival

**Tomorrow Friday, 29th July**

A warm invitation is extended to all families to attend to attend the annual Small Schools Athletic Carnival, which will be contested **tomorrow, Friday, 29th July**, at Gin Gin Primary School Oval. The day will be **commencing at 9:00am**. All students are asked to ensure that they check into the McIlwraith tent by **8:45am** at the latest. We will be the tent right on the finish line. Students must be in sports uniform, wear their hat when they are not competing, and arrive in shoes and socks for the march past. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunscreen and that any items of clothing such as jumpers and hats are clearly labelled.

All students will compete in a sprint race, throw, long jump, ballgames and relays. A program of the day’s events will be sent home. Please note that students compete in combined age groups: minors, juniors and seniors, similar to the cross country.

Best of luck to all our students for tomorrow. Go McIlwraith!!

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to **Hannah Johnson** who receives Student of the Week for always displaying a positive attitude towards school, always completing her homework neatly and reading every night of the week.

Well Done Hannah!

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**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**: Productively working in Maths
- **Zac Adams**: Fantastic Effort in Maths & participating in Poetry
- **Hannah Johnson**: Quietly working
- **Misty Kevill**: Working quietly
- **Oakley Wagenknecht**: Awesome effort during Maths.

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**Upcoming Events!**

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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**Small School Sports Day**

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Canteen Helpers for Tomorrow!!
This year it is McIlwraith’s turn to run the canteen, which in past years has been a very successful fundraising venture for our P&C. With over 120 students participating as well as teachers and parents, it is a very busy day feeding the hungry hoards. As such, **we require all parents** to assist in the canteen at some stage throughout the day. Please let Jayme Jenner or Tanya Anderson know when you can assist ASAP. Parents can also see Jayme or Tanya on arrival at Gin Gin oval, to allocate a time throughout the day. If everyone helps out, parents should only have to be in the canteen for an hour or so, however we do appreciate those who are able to help out longer. Whilst in the canteen there is always the chance to pop out and watch your child compete throughout the day. All help very much appreciated. Thank you to our P&C for running the canteen on the day.

Gin Gin District Athletics Results
Congratulations to all our Year 3-6 students who competed at the district carnival last Friday. The students put in a tremendous effort, and I am very proud to say that their efforts resulted in McIlwraith winning both the B Schools Trophy and the overall percentage trophy. Our school came 5th out of all the schools, which is a fantastic effort considering that we had a team of only ten students. Congratulations to Tallon Booth who came 1st in the 100m sprint, Richard Dean 1st Long Jump and Elim Moore 2nd Long Jump. The boys will now compete at the Bundaberg Zone trials on Thursday or Friday, 5th/6th August. Below are the final results from the day:

'A' Schools Winner - Kolan South
'A' Schools Runner-up - Sharon
'B' Schools Winner - McIlwraith
'B' Schools Runner-up - Mt Perry
Percentage Trophy – McIlwraith

**Overall total points for the day:**
1st Kolan South: 360
2nd Sharon: 249
3rd Wallaville: 129
4th Musgrave: 122
5th McIlwraith: 64
6th Elliott: 53
7th Mt Perry: 43
8th Bullyard: 42
9th Maroondan: 10
10th Bullyard: 8

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

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**The Weekly Tip**
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**Suggested activities to assist learning how to spell words from your word list**

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<td>Find a word or words within the word.</td>
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<td>Write the word in a sentence.</td>
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<td>Break the word into syllables.</td>
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<td>Make an acrostic using the letters of your word.</td>
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<td>Underline the tricky part of the word.</td>
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<td>(Refer to page 30-33) Underline the letter combination and sounds. Make up some other words with the same letter combination and sound.</td>
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Homework
There have been a large number of students still not completing homework activities. Please ensure spelling words are written out each night (4 times in total), 5 sentences for the week are completed, homework sheets and sound waves are completed, times tables are written out each night, 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: hit, bit, sit, fit, pit.

School Opinion Survey
Attached to the newsletter two weeks ago, 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. Please ensure you have completed this online survey by tomorrow, Friday 29th July.
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.

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!
Congratulations to Misty Kevill who has now completed the challenge.

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