2016 School Improvement Focus:
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Colour Fun Run
Wear your WHITES to school this Friday, 04th November as we partake in the Student Council Colour Run. A fun experience is guaranteed for all, as students complete an obstacle course consisting of various challenges. Each year we are impressed by the efforts that the students put in to complete as many laps as they can within the time limit.
All students who have fundraised money will be rewarded with a prize from the Golden Circle Fun Run. The value of the prize is determined by how much money each individual raises. Prizes will be ordered this week and will be distributed to students as soon as they arrive. All students who participate will be rewarded with a frozen ice-block and also the chance to get coloured! Please come to school in clothes that you are prepared to get coloured! The coloured powder will show up best on white but any light coloured clothing can be worn. Students may also like to bring along sunglasses or safety glasses to wear whilst the powder is being thrown around. (Please note that the powder is non-toxic.) Students may also bring along a spare set of clothes to change into once the Colour Fun Run has concluded.
Parents are welcome to stay and watch, we hope to commence the Fun Run at approximately 9:15am, culminating with the colour fun at the end.

Congratulations to Silvana Silvestro who receives Student of the Week for her fantastic effort and noted improvement during all English lessons this term.

Well Done Silvana!

READERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ray Walsh and Hayley Willis who receive Readers of the Month for October for reading their home readers every night and having their log signed.

Well Done Ray & Hayley!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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Tuckshop Day
Schools across Queensland are encouraged to give a special thank you to their tuckshop workers and volunteers on Tuckshop Day, the first Friday in November. In 2016 the date is **Friday 04th November**. Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role that tuckshops play in school life. Providing nutritious food and drinks means families can have one less task to worry about at the start of their day and helps students to concentrate and learn well in class. We are very appreciative of our Tuckshop volunteers giving generously of their precious time. Thank you to all our volunteers and to our convener Jayme Jenner. I know the parents and students appreciate the opportunity to have tuckshop running on a weekly basis.

Prep Orientation
The follow up visit for our 2017 Prep students will be held tomorrow, **Thursday 03rd November**. We trust that they will feel welcome and will enjoy their experience at McIlwraith State School.

Book Fair
The 2016 Book Fair has commenced and will be concluding in conjunction with our Student Council Colour Fun Run on **Friday 04th November**. Our school is trying to raise 20 donated books to our library. This equals one book per child. Purchases can be made from 8:30am-9:00am and from 3:00pm-3:30pm. Thank you kindly to the families who have already made purchased and donated books to our growing library.

Tuckshop Date Change
Please note that next **Friday, 11th November**, our power will be off until noon. As such Tuckshop will be on **Thursday 10th November**.

Homework
For the remainder of the 2016 school year, we will not be issuing homework sheets. Please ensure spelling words are written out each night (4 times in total), sentences for the week are completed, and sound waves are completed, reading is undertaken EVERY night and sight words are viewed EVERY night. Prep spelling words are: fly, flip, flop, flap, flag, fling. Please write out near doubles each night.

Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp
Please return medical form this week to the school office.

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.

**Hunta Adams**: For pushing through your “brain fry” in Maths and doing great work with tenths and hundredths.

**Misty Kevill**: Awesome Friday doubles test results. 11 out of 11.

**Elly Pearson**: Super fantastic effort working on Part-Part-Whole.

**Oakley Wagenknecht**: Awesome Friday doubles test results. 11 out of 11.

**Ray Walsh**: Super fantastic effort working on Part-Part-Whole.

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

Contractions
Contractions are two words shortened and put together. An apostrophe is used to show where there are letters missing. Remember the apostrophe must always replace the missing letter or letters.

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Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Graduation Invitations were issued on Monday to invited guests. Please be reminded that RSVP is next Thursday 10th November. Please be prompt with your RSVP to aide with catering purposes. We trust the evening will be a memorable one.

Digital Technologies

This term students have been busy extending their skills and knowledge of digital technologies and working with computer programming. Senior students in grade 5 and 6 have been using a program called Scratch, which allows students to code their own interactive stories, animations, and games.

Year 5 and 6 will be working towards programming movements using the EV3 Robots.

Year 3 and 4 students have been programming Bee Bots, (Trickier for students than what they first anticipated) which has been a very good learning experience to consolidate the importance of including all necessary information to program movement and direction.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be using the Bee Bot Robots to introduce the concept of programming and will be undertaking tasks where they have to program the robots to follow set paths and travel from one position to another.

Student Council Update

Icy Poles: Student Council are selling icy poles for 50c. These will be available to purchase every day except Fridays.

P&C Update

Raffle: Thank you to Parents who have sent in items for the P&C Christmas Raffle. This has been much appreciated. This will be drawn at our school concert on Wednesday 07th December. P&C are requesting items to make up a big hamper for a Christmas Raffle that will be drawn at concert. Non-perishable Items can be sent into school. We hope to get enough of items to make up a few hampers.

Dried Fruit Drive: Please continue to collect orders! Forms are due back to the school on 21st November and goods will be delivered on 01st December.

Concert RSVP: Concert will be held on Wednesday 7th December. To assist the P&C with catering please let the school know if you will be attending and bringing other family such as grandparents, friends or neighbours. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You Dinner: The final P&C meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Gin Gin Hotel on Monday 21st November. This is the P&C’s way of saying ‘Thanks’ for the support and personal time parents have given throughout the year to assist with fundraising for our school. Mark the date in your diary and please RSVP to school or Tanya if you are able to come along.
*first5 forever*

Parent Information Session

Gin Gin Library
Wednesday November 30th
11:00am - 12:00pm

- The importance of reading to your child from birth
- Development from newborn - 12 months and language growth
- Tips on how to read to your child
- Why rhyme and sing?
- F5F Book pack

*Bookings essential Ph: 4130 4620*

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**Christmas School Holiday Workshops**

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ALL WORKSHOPS $10 AND INCLUDE MORNING OR AFTERNOON TEA

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Take the Plunge Community Cafe

17 Electro Street (opposite) Ph: 0408 895 449

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**Thursday 1 December**

6pm - 9pm

BUNDABERG CBD

- Parade commences at 7:00pm
- Live performances by Bundaberg Vocal Academy, Pilkington Productions and TNT Dance Studio.
- Miss Donna’s Magical Christmas Show
- Turning on the Christmas Lights - Buss Park
- Live entertainment throughout the CBD and Buss Park ALL evening
- Christmas markets & food
- Santa comes to town

*For further information please visit Council’s website or phone the call centre T: 1300 883 899 W: bundabergregionevents.com.au*

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Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace