Zone Athletics Trials

Congratulations to the students who represented McIlwraith at the recent Zone Athletics Trials held in Bundaberg last Thursday and Friday. Our students placed the following:
- Jeremy Anderson: 5th Shot Put
- Moselle Findlay: 3rd Long Jump
- Bree Wallace: 2nd Shot Put & Discuss

Bree Wallace has successfully made the Bundaberg Athletics Team and will now compete at Maryborough. Well done to all students who participated in the events. It was very pleasing to hear of such success from our school.

LOTE Excursion

Today our Year 7 students joined with other Year 7 students from Wallaville, Maroondan and Bullyard State to attend a ‘Day of Excellence’ for students of Japanese at Bundaberg State High School. Students will start the day with a Taiko Drum performance and then rotate through a range of workshops. These workshops include Kendo (Japanese martial art), Obon dancing whilst wearing a Yukata, a Trivia quiz, Manga drawing, making a hachimaki (traditional bandana), playing with Japanese toys, Shodo (calligraphy) and also making some onigiri (rice cakes).

It promises to be an exciting day for all those involved and we look forward to reading reports about the day from our students.

Robotics Trip

We wish our senior robotic students Good Luck as they travel to Brisbane this weekend for the State Robotic Titles held on Saturday. This year we are entering in a different category, so we are excited to see how we will go against the best in the state. A letter is attached for students in the Madagascar team with further details about the excursion.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kye Kuskey who receives Student of the Week for trying his best and making an effort in the classroom.

Well Done Kye.

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.

- Genevieve Dean: Great independent working.
- Genevieve Dean: Great work during Maths.
- Emily Jenner: Great independent working.
- Trent Savage: Great independent working.
- Trent Savage: Great work during Maths!

Upcoming Events!

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar:

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Good Luck!
Interschool Sport
This Friday will see our first round of inter school sport. Year 3 – 7 students excluding the robotics students will be travelling to Bullyard State School to compete in a game of either netball or touch football against Bullyard State School. Students will be travelling via a seat belted bus departing McIlwraith State School at 12:15pm and arriving back at approximately 2:15pm. Good luck students! All students must bring their own lunch, a large water bottle and a hat.

Year 7/8 Enrolment Forms
Gin Gin High School has requested that enrolment forms are returned to either the school office or here to McIlwraith at your earliest convenience. If you are considering sending your child to Gin Gin High school next year, please complete enrolment forms. Your child will then be entered as a ‘future enrolment’. This will assist the high school in finalising their staff. Students can be enrolled as future enrolments at more than one school if you are still deciding what school your child will attend.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Our apologies the Premiers Reading Challenge did not end last Tuesday. It does however end on Friday 05th September. KEEP READING!!! Please continue to read the required amount of age appropriate books. Congratulations to the students who have already handed their reading logs in.

Book Week
Children’s Book Week starts next week and students of all ages can find a good read on the 2014 Book of the Year shortlist. This year’s theme is ‘Connect to reading – reading to connect’ and highlight’s the benefits of exploring other people’s stories. Why not take this opportunity to share a book with your children, or even take some time for yourself and grab a great book. Remember, children who read become adults who think.

The reading period for the Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on 05th September. All registered students — make sure you are on track to meet your reading target before the deadline. http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm

Tuckshop Update
There will be NO tuckshop this Friday 15th August due to robotics students departing for Brisbane. Please ensure all students have a packed lunch and a water bottle.

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

Classroom Catch
Phonics:
This week we are all consolidation the following sounds:
• ‘v’ as in vase
• ‘ve’ as in sleeve
• ‘w’ as in web
• ‘wh’ as in whale
• ‘u’ as in queen

Reading Tips for Parents
Praise every effort in reading, especially if your child’s confidence is low.

Don’t compare a child’s performance with that of friends or relatives.

Involve your child in the selection of a story or a book. Ask your child to tell you about something that interests him/her. Use this information when selecting reading material for your child.

We as adults seldom read something that we don’t want to so why force young children to read something they are not interested in?

This is not to say that there is not a time and place for compulsory selection and reading of books. You must balance that yourself.
P&C Update
Trivia Night: The annual P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching. Make sure you mark Saturday 13th September on your calendar. Doors open at 6:00pm with eyes down at 6:30pm. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the school office or from Jayme Jenner at Marcell’s Hair Care Gin Gin.

Lamington Drive Success: Our lamington drive has been another very successful fundraiser this year. We still have a small amount of money to collect but we have counted and calculated our profits and losses. I am very excited to announce that we made an amazing $1645.00 profit. Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who helped make or sell our delicious lamingtons. I would also like to say thank you to our past students who gave up their Sunday to roll lamingtons. All of these profits go back to our P&C which benefits all students at McIlwraith State School.

P&C Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 25th August commencing at 6:30pm sharp in the library to discuss the Trivia Night.

Tuckshop Roster: It seems there has been some confusion in regards to the tuckshop roster for this term. Please be aware that there have been two volunteers rostered on each Friday for BOTH lunch breaks. Should you only be available to help out in the tuckshop for one lunch this is understandable and the second person will continue on for the remainder of the day. This is to make it easier on the volunteers and to ensure that all students receive their meals and do not have to wait as long. All meals should be prepared for the commencement of lunch.

Student Council Update
Raffle Tickets: Attached are the Student Council Raffle tickets. This is the next fundraising venture for our Student Council. Tickets are $1.00 each. Please ask neighbours, friends, relatives, work colleagues etc to support the student council.