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Interschool Sport
Last Friday the Year 3 – 7 students travelled to Bullyard State School and joined with Maroondan State School to play Touch Football against Bullyard State School. Small Schools had a win.
WOW! What a game. It was a constant tight battle for the ball. It was very pleasing to see such wonderful sportsmanship displayed by McIlwraith, Maroondan and Bullyard students.
Well done to our Year 3 students Brodie Jenner and Riley Macaulay who played an exceptional game keeping up with the older students. Congratulations to our first try scorer, Bree Wallace who found a gap and ran for it. Tallon Booth and Elim Moore had the correct idea, keeping on Bullyard’s players and getting some quick tags in.
This Friday we play Netball against Mt Perry State School here at McIlwraith. Good Luck students.

Japanese Excursion
On Tuesday 12th August the year 7 students travelled to Bundaberg State High School to go to the Japanese Day of Excellence where they participated in traditional events such as obana (dancing), calligraphy (Japanese writing), drums, tobo, traditional games, bandana making and cooking classes where they made obi (rice triangle).
At recess we observed a traditional martial arts called Kendo, performed by the male LOTE teachers.
Jeremy Anderson said “The day was full of excitement.”
Written by: Year 7 Students

Premier’s Reading Challenge
KEEP READING!!! Three weeks to go!
The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes on Friday 05th September. Please continue to read the required amount of age appropriate books. Once the log has been completed please hand these into the school office. Congratulations to the students who have already handed their reading logs in.

Tuckshop Update
Due to such a busy schedule lately, this week will be a normal tuckshop menu. Please ensure all orders are handed in by Wednesday!

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

Children could be asked any of the following questions when they have finished reading a book.

Q. Did you enjoy the book? Why?
Q. How did you choose it?
Q. Who were the characters?
- Which was your favourite?
- How could you describe this character?
Q. How long did it take you to read?
Q. Was there anything about it you did not like?
Q. Could you read your favourite piece?
Q. Are you going to read any more books by the same author?
Q. Could you make a better ending?
Q. Did you come across any unusual words or words you did not know the meaning of?
Q. Can you give a brief description of what happened in the story?
**Classroom Catch**

**Phonics:**
This week we are all consolidation the following sounds:
- ‘oo’ as in book
- ‘ou’ as in could

**English:**
This week students are commencing assessment pieces for their English units.

- **Year 5/6/7:** are analysing a news report in regard to how subjective or objective it is.
- **Year 3/4:** have written a Traditional Asian Story that delivers a message or moral.
- **Year 1/2:** students are composing an innovation of a poem, focussing on rhythm, rhyme and word patterns. Our next English unit will commence next week.

**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.

**Student Council Update**

**Raffle Tickets:** Student Council Raffle tickets were issued last week. Tickets are $1.00 each. Please ask as many people as possible to purchase a ticket and help support our student council.

**Vegetable Garden:** With the help of Mr Carseldine our students have got the Vegetable Garden back on track and have lettuce, shallots and beetroot growing. If you have any seedlings at home we’d love to add them to our garden. Thank you Mr Carseldine!

**Safe drivers don’t speed**

Speeding is one of the major killers on Queensland roads. It is not safe to speed in any circumstance as it increases stopping distances. Around half of all speed related fatalities happen at just 10km/h or less above the speed limit.

**The faster you drive the longer it takes to stop**

It’s a simple fact. If you’d be driving at 60km/h for example, it takes 56 metres to stop. At 65km/h it takes 63 metres to stop. That could be the difference between life and death.

**Following distance**

You need a ‘safety cushion’ around your vehicle to drive safely. If you follow another vehicle too closely and the driver ahead brakes suddenly, a crash may be difficult to avoid. Two seconds is the recommended minimum following distance when driving a car in ideal driving conditions.

**Driving for the conditions**

Regardless of the speed limit, you may need to drive much slower when driving in wet or foggy weather, into the sun or in congested conditions. Always consider the conditions and adjust your speed to suit. It is generally recommended that you double your following distance in wet or slippery conditions.

**Speeding is expensive**

Speeding can cost you a lot. If you are caught speeding you will be fined and accumulate demerit points. Speeding can cost you your freedom too. Kill someone while speeding and you could end up in jail.

Speeding has significant cost to the community each year in the form of:
- hospital and health care costs
- lost productivity in the workplace and
- the cost of emergency services.

Crashes are caused by deliberate actions of road users. It’s all about choices!

**Young Talent Wanted!**

The Gin Gin Theatrical Society are looking for junior members, both boys and girls, for chorus, sea creatures and dancers to join our cast for our forthcoming pantomime The Little Mermaid to be performed on 12th and 13th December 2014.

Our rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Gin Gin RSL Hall between 6:00pm and 7:00pm commencing on **Tuesday 19th August**.

For more information contact Wendi Guy on 0404 360 174 or (07) 4157 3084.

**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.