Camp Praise
The term and year are fast drawing to a close. With only six weeks left of term we have some exciting events happening in the oncoming weeks. Firstly, a big thank you to Miss Hillyard and Mrs Stephens who were on class while I was away on leave. Knowing that the school was in capable hands and operating smoothly made it very easy to enjoy the time away with my family. As you know, before I left, I received a lovely email from a camper who was also camping at Bargara Beach Caravan Park whilst. I was so pleased to receive the email which commended our students on their respectful behaviour, conduct and attitudes. A busload of excitable young students arriving at a quiet campsite, which was mostly booked out by retirees, must have been a frightening sight for our neighbouring campers. Knowing that a complete stranger took the time to write a glowing letter of praise for the students made me extremely proud. This was not the only compliment that we received throughout the camp. We were also complimented by other campers, the Art Gallery Activities co-ordinator, Bill the artist, Duffy’s Bus drivers, passengers on the city buses and a lady dining at Sizzler Restaurant. The children are all to be commended for their conduct. We continually set high expectations for behaviour at McIlwraith and it is so pleasing to see that the children conduct themselves in such a manner whilst out in the community. This is a credit to you as parents and we thank you for your support in maintaining such a positive culture within the school.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Riley Macauley who receives Student of the Week for the effort he has put into his English/Technology project and to Tallon Booth who has successfully managed to put his toy plane onto every roof and into every tall tree he can find around the school!

Well Done Boys!

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: Improving her mad minutes time.
Anna Moore: For putting in a great effort and finishing her sound waves first.
Olivia Anderson: Amazing effort during Maths.
Olivia Anderson: Setting a good example by moving quietly around the school.
Elly Pearson: Fantastic effort reading her home reader book.

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 05th December - Christmas Fancy Dress Up
Wednesday 10th December - Concert & Awards Night
Thursday 11th December - Bucca Retreat
Friday 12th December - Last day of School Year!
Handwriting Competition

Each year the Bundaberg Masonic Lodge, Burnett Preceptory No. 14, conducts a handwriting competition for Grade four students enrolled in schools within the Bundaberg Regional Council. This year all our year 4 students entered and I am pleased to advise that all our boys were selected as finalist. Elim Moore, impressed the judges with his excellent standard of handwriting, and came a close second behind a boy from Woongarra State School. Elim has been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate for his efforts. Congratulations Elim and also to Tallon Booth and Jordan Maloney who both receive a certificate of Merit.

UNSW Global Testing

Congratulations to the following students who received excellent academic results in the recent International competitions and assessments for schools. This testing is an extra-curricular assessment which is offered to students across Australia, New Zealand, and South East Asia, with bursaries and medallions awarded as prizes for the top achieving students in each grade level. As they are international tests, they are challenging and all students are congratulated for their participation and achievements.

UNSW Mathematics
Richard Dean – Distinction (placed in the top 8% of Year 3 participants in Australia)
Genevieve Dean – Credit
Brodie Jenner – Merit

UNSW English
Riley Macaulay – Credit
Elim Moore – Credit
Genevieve Dean – Merit

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. Please ensure all medical forms have been returned to the school office ASAP.

Mobile Education Trailer (MET)

Next Monday, 10th November, Year 5, 6, & 7 students will have the opportunity to attend the CQUUniversity Mobile Education Trailer, which is a great opportunity for students to see what pathways are available through university study. Students who attended last year may remember facilitator Chris Atanasov-Elliott, who returns to McIlwraith again this year with a new interactive program for students. Please see me if you do not wish for your child to attend.

Tuckshop Day

Friday 7th November is Tuckshop Day and I encourage everyone to recognise and thank Eve Carseldine, our tuckshop convenor, and our many volunteers who donate produce or generously give up their ‘days off’ and personal time to prepare operate the tuckshop. This is yet another example of the wonderful community support that we have at our school. With only 22 student’s and 14 families, providing tuckshop on a weekly basis as well as offering such a broad range of items is an achievement that we should all be very proud of. We all love Fridays and tuckshop makes it even better! The staff and students certainly appreciate the time that our volunteers give. Thank you to all our helpers!

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!
Gin Gin Recreation Area Trivia Night:
When: Friday 14 November 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Where: Gin Gin Primary School Hall
Cost: $10 per person entry fee including nibbles
Contact: Jackie 0429381936/Petra 0428131834
Hosted by Mr David Marland
Bar, Softdrinks, Tea & Coffee will be available to purchase

A Night of Theatre:
The Gin Gin Theatrical Society Inc. will be presenting its first production after a seven year break of 'The Little Mermaid' at the Gin Gin RSL Hall in Milden St, Gin Gin on 12th December at 7pm and the on 13th December at 11am and 7pm. Tickets will be adults $18, High School students and pensioners $15 and primary school from 5 years old $10. Bookings can be made by phoning Wendi Guy on 0404 360 174.

Bingo Night:
The Gin Gin Theatrical Society Inc. are holding a Bingo night on Friday 14th November at the Godfrey Wilson Hall in Milden St, opposite the Gin Gin Primary school, with doors opening at 6.30 and eyes down at 7pm. The following session will be held on 28th November with plans underway for 2015. Come along to this friendly event and join in the fun. For more information phone Wendi Guy on 0404 360 174.

Yours in Education
Felicity Wallace

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