**McIlwraith News**

**Principal:** Felicity Wallace

**Our School Vision:** “That everyone is treated with respect and dignity, allowing them to participate in an environment where they feel safe, supported and valued.”

**2016 School Priorities:** Improvement in Reading with particular focus on comprehension and Numeracy Skills

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**2016 School Improvement Focus:**

**Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills**

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**Welcome**

Yesterday we welcomed Hayley and Raymond as two new enrolments for our school. We trust that Hayley, Raymond and their family will enjoy their time as part of the McIlwraith State School community.

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**Thank you & Welcome Back**

On Monday we welcomed Nora Reeve, our cleaner back from her Long Service Leave. We hope Nora had a lovely holiday.

A huge thank you to Marg Carseldine who replaced Nora for the first five weeks of term. Marg always does a fantastic job cleaning the school when we have her.

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**Bowling Clinic**

Members of the Gin Gin Lawn Bowls Club will now be visiting our school this Friday 19th August to facilitate a mobile bowls clinic to expose children to the fun and skills of Lawn Bowls.

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**Head Lice**

A case of Head Lice was reported last week. Please ensure you have checked your child/ren's hair and the correct treatment process has been used. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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**Upcoming Events!**

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**S T U D E N T  O F  T H E  W E E K**

Congratulations to **Lukas Milburn** who receives Student of the Week for an outstanding improvement in his handwriting and bookwork neatness, staying focused in class and putting in extra effort with his homework.

**Well Done Lukas!**

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**Gotcha Awards!**

It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the “Gotcha Box” again this week. Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

**Grace Adams:** Wonderful effort during Maths.

**Grace Adams:** Awesome job sequencing Months of the Year.

**Lukas Milburn:** Awesome job correctly sequencing Days of the Week with no help.

**Lukas Milburn:** Lovely neat handwriting.

**Oakley Wagenknecht:** Fantastic rhyming.
**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
One week to go! Keep reading! The Premier’s Reading Challenge concludes next Friday 26th August 2016. So far we have had five McIlwraith students complete the challenge by reading the age required amount of books. If you have not reached this amount yet, please keep reading. All reading logs must be handed in by next Friday 26th August 2016.

**Education Experience Fundraising**
Attached to the newsletter last week was the Educational Experience Fundraising Catalogue for 2016. With every purchase from the fundraising range, families can nominate our school to receive 20% of their purchase in valuable learning resource vouchers to spend with Educational Experience. Our school will also have the chance to win a fantastic $10,000 shopping spree with Education Experience by receiving one entry into the competition for every five unique fundraising nominations we receive. Ordering can be completed online by yourself at [www.edex.com.au/fundraising](http://www.edex.com.au/fundraising) or simply send the Order Form into the school office with the money enclosed and Mrs M will place the order on your behalf. Please have all orders completed online or handed into Mrs M by Wednesday 01st September to ensure delivery is made on time.

**Classroom Catch Up**

**Maths:**
*Year 1, 2 and Prep* are looking at days of the week, months of the year, seasons, o’clock, half past and quarter past. Asking your child each morning what day it is will help their recognition of days.

**English:**
*Year 1, 2 and Prep* have just come to the end of their poetry unit. All students must be commended on their fantastic recognition of nouns, verbs, adjectives, rhyming words, alliteration and repetition. Students will commence their assessment this Friday where they are required to reconstruct a poem.

**History:**
*Year 1, 2 and Prep* will be commencing their History assessment this Friday. Students are required to research a significate site in our local community by answering three main questions related to this sight. Students will then write a narrative using this information and are required to include pictures and diagrams.

**Phonic Focus:**
The sounds that we be have been consolidating this week are ‘oo’ as in book, and ‘u’ as in bull, Prep students have been focusing on the letter ‘uU’ as in Umbrellas Up.

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**The Weekly Tip**
Did you know…Children who learn two languages before age five present with a different brain structure to those with only one language.
Homework
Prep students also have spelling words this term. This week’s words are: me, we, he, be, see

Books to Cover
We have purchased some new books for our library which need to be covered. If anyone has an hour to spare to cover some books we’d appreciate your help. We can also send books and covering contact home if it suits better.

P&C Update
Meeting: **Tonight**! **Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 6:30pm**. All welcome. We would love to see some new smiling faces.
Waltzing Matilda

The Swagman camped at the Billabong. He sat down under the shade. He sang a good song. The sheep came and he caught the sheep. He put him in his bag.

“What's in your bag?” said the Policeman. The swagman jumped in the water and he drowned.

By Grace Dams Yr1

Waltzing Matilda

The Swagman was camped near a Billabong. He was singing. A sheep came to have a drink at the Billabong. The Swagman put the sheep in his tucker-bag. Three Policemen tried to catch him. The Swagman jumped into the Billabong then he drowned. His ghost sings Waltzing Matilda.

By Elly Pearson Yr2

Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace