Welcome Back: Welcome to the start of Term 2 (and our never ending summer!). The beginning of this term means we have 156 school days remaining in 2016 to make a difference to the lives of our students. We hope that all families had a very happy Easter and enjoyed time with family and friends. Term 2 is an 11 week term and promises to be a busy one. Please check the upcoming dates and mark these on your calendar.

Congratulations: A very special congratulations goes to Miss Carseldine, now Mrs Mittelheuser, who was married on the weekend in a simply stunning wedding. Miss Carseldine looked amazing and it was a beautiful wedding. We wish Miss Carseldine and Krys all the very best as they begin their married life and leave for their honeymoon to America on Thursday.

Welcome: This week we welcome Mrs Wood who is filling in for Miss Carseldine as admin officer whilst on leave. We also welcome our two new Grade one students, Silvania and Gypsy, and trust that their association with McIlwraith will be long and rewarding.

Miss Carseldine’s Shower Tea: On the second last day of term we managed to pull off a Surprise Wedding Shower for Miss Carseldine. Thank you everyone for keeping it a secret and for sending in a plate to share. We had a great afternoon of games and food and gave Miss Carseldine a lovely send off to married life.

Mrs Wallace will be away from school Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th – In her absence Mrs Black will be teaching.

Homework: Full homework will commence next week. This week students have spelling words to learn, reading every night, and Soundwaves to complete if it wasn’t finished in class.

Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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Gotcha Awards! Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

Olivia Anderson – Always willing to help others & For Setting a good example
Richard Dean – For excellent paragraph work
Brodie Jenner – Good manners & Working well
Summer Kevill – For excellent Art work

Well done students!
Small Schools’ Cross Country

Cross Country: This Friday is our Small Schools Cross Country Carnival. It will be held at Maroondan School and promises to be a wonderful day. The day will commence at 9:30am with a walk through of the course. Please note that we are not hiring a bus and will be travelling by private transport. Please return the slip attached if your child will require transport. Students who are travelling with their parents do not need to come to McIlwraith first, but can arrive at Maroondan, any time after 9am. Thank you to parents who have indicated that they are available to assist with transport. I will contact those parents to let you know which students require transport. Please return this slip tomorrow so transport can be finalised. Good luck to all students! Below is an approximate timetable for the day’s events.

Timings (approx.):
Visiting schools are welcome to arrive and set-up from 9.00am.
Course walk-through: 9.30pm
Events start: 9.45am
Events finish: Approx 12 noon, followed by lunch
Presentations: 12.30pm-12.45pm
Pack and Tidy up: 12.45pm-1.00pm

Events & Age-groups
Minis: Students born 2010/11 (Distance: 500m)
Minors: Students born 2008/09 (Distance: 1km)
Juniors: Students born 2006/07 (Distance: 2km)
Seniors: Students born 2003/04/05 (Distance: 3km)

On the day we will start with the mini-boys event, progressing through to the seniors.

Cross Country Tuckshop: Please return forms. Orders will be placed tomorrow.

Student Council
Icy Poles: Student Council is selling Zooper Dooper Icy Poles at lunch from Monday – Thursday for $0.50 each.

Easter Raffle:
Thank you everyone for your support of our recent fundraiser. Congratulations to the following winners of our Easter Raffle: 1st: Chantelle Johnson
2nd: Helen Jensen
3rd: Kath Rodgers

Mothers’ Day Stall: Our first fundraiser, which is the Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Saturday 07th May 2016 and is well supported by the Gin Gin community. Our stall is situated in the main street of Gin Gin and we are becoming quite well known for the beautiful flower arrangements, delicious home baking and pretty bunches of chrysanthemums that we sell, grown locally by the Endeavour Foundation in Bundaberg. Each year we rely on our parents to make this stall a success. Volunteers are required to bunch flowers on the day before to sell at the stall. This usually starts about 2:00pm, is very easy and with many hands is generally completed in approximately an hour. Many hands make light work, so if you are available, we would certainly appreciate your help.

On the day of the stall we ask each family to volunteer an hour to sell the flowers, arrangements and baked items. It is usually all sold out by lunch and is a great fundraiser for our school. Please mark this date on your calendar as we will require volunteers and home baking such as cakes, slices, pikelets, cupcakes, etc.

Flower Boxes Wanted: Please keep an eye out for any containers that would be suitable for flower arrangements. Small and medium sized gift boxes are ideal as are pretty coffee mugs, jars, canisters, pots and larger yoghurt containers. If you think you may have containers that would be suitable, we would love to have them to use for our flower arrangements.

Letter Focus: U and A as in umbrella.

Yours in Education

Felicity Wallace