**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

We are nearing the end of what has been a very successful term for the school. Our curriculum units are wrapping up and we have been very excited to see the improvements within the students learning. Over the following week we will be having conversations with students about their improvements and assisting them to set personal goals ready for next term.

**Touch Carnival**

Congratulations to our students who played in the cluster carnival on Friday. With no reserves our team did extremely well, winning 3 games, losing no games and drawing 3. Well done students. Thanks also to Mrs M who accompanied students and umpired.

**Upcoming Events!**

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to **Brodie Jenner** who receives Student of the Week for showing a good understanding when working with area and perimeter in Maths.  
**Well Done Brodie!**

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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.

- **Hunta Adams:** Great sportsmanship at touch carnival.
- **Richard Dean:** Great sportsmanship at touch carnival.
- **Isabella Gatti:** Quietly completing spelling activities.
- **Lukas Milburn:** Fast finishing spelling activities.
- **Silvana Silvestro:** Showing an improvement with money and making amounts.

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**You have BRAINS in your HEAD.**  
**You have FEET in your SHOES.**  
**You can STEER yourself any DIRECTION you CHOOSE.**

~Dr. Seuss
**Head Lice**
Head Lice is back again. All parents are asked to check your child’s hair and treat any eggs or insects that you may find. Hair must be treated before they return to school.

**Reading Eggs Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who received Term 3 Reading Eggs Awards. These awards are issued to the three highest achieving percentages received during the term.
Oakley Wagenknecht: 100%
Grace Adams: 98%
Elly Pearson: 92%
A special mention must go to Lukas Milburn who was closely following the above students on 90%.
Congratulations students!

**Absent From School**
A reminder that all absences from school must be explained. Please contact the school on the morning that your child is absent, either by phone call (07) 4157 2371 or text to the school mobile phone 0455 052 940.

**Cricket Representative**
Congratulations to Richard Dean who was recently selected in the Bundaberg U12 Boy’s Cricket Team which will compete at the upcoming Wide Bay selection trials in Maryborough. Well done Richard! Good luck at the trials.

**Teacher Aide Day**
Last week was School Support Staff Recognition Week which is an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work our support staffs do in our school. This includes staff in the administration office, Learning Support Teacher, Guidance Officers, Speech Therapists and our IT support staff. Teacher Aide Day was also celebrated on Friday. On this day our wonderful teacher aides are recognised for they great work they do in our classrooms, assisting administration and various subject areas and providing support to students in a variety of ways.
At McIlwraith we are extremely lucky to have teacher aides who are passionate about their work and who go beyond their role descriptors. A massive thank you to Mrs M, Mrs Barnes and Mrs R for all that you do. We certainly appreciate it!

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

**The Weekly Tip**
Reading is like running.
The more you do, the better you get!

**Plurals... more than one**
Below are a few guidelines for forming plurals.
N.B. Sometimes these guidelines do not work.

A lot of words can be made into plural by adding s.
animal - animals  chair - chairs  computer - computers
cupboard - cupboards pencil - pencils  plate - plates
table - tables  video - videos

Nouns that end in ch, s, sh, x need es added to them to make them plural.
ash - ashes  bench - branches  box - boxes
bus - buses  bush - bushes  buzz - buzzes
cross - crosses  dish - dishes  dress - dresses
fizz - fizzes  fox - foxes  glass - glasses
match - matches  patch - patches  watch - watches
wish - wishes

Nouns that end with a consonant and then a y need the y changed to an i before adding es.
baby - babies  city - cities  cry - cries
diary - diaries  lady - ladies  library - libraries
mystery - mysteries  story - stories
spoke - softly, loudly, gently, hesitantly, authoritatively
Classroom Catch Up
Phonic Focus:
The sound that we have been consolidating this week is ‘z’ as in zip, ‘zz’ as in fizz, ‘ze’ as in sneeze, ‘s’ as in laser, ‘se’ as in cheese, and ‘s’ as in treasure. Prep students have also been focusing on the letter ‘ZZ’ as in Zane the Zig Zag Zebra.

P/1/2 Science: This Friday our Prep, 1 2 Science lesson will be focusing on sound and light toys. If students have a toy at home that produces either light or sound (or both) please have these bought to school for our lesson. Toys will be placed in the classroom and kept safe.

3/4 Science:

5/6 Science:

Homework
Prep students also have spelling words this term. This week’s words are: fun, sun, run, bun, gun

Student Council Update
Pyjama Day: Student Council will be hosting a Pyjama Day on the last day of school, next Friday 16th September. Everyone should have some form of pyjamas at home so we hope to see 100% participation from our students. A gold coin donation is required if students wish to participate in this event.

P&C Update
Raffle: Our P&C will be holding a raffle which will be drawn on concert night in the last week of term 4. As such, we are looking for donations of items that will be suitable for prizes. If you have family or friends that have a business and may be interested in donating items, vouchers or goods, please approach them on behalf of our P&C or let our P&C know. All donations much appreciated.

R U OK Day
In Australia suicide is the leading cause of death in males and females of 15-44 years. In one year 2500 people will die by suicide. This day is about addressing this massive cause for concern and asking the question R U OK? R U OK? day is a national day of action held annually to encourage all people to regularly and meaningfully ask ‘RU OK?’ and listen to the answer. We don’t have to be an expert to do this, just a willingness to connect and really listen to the other person. The aim is to raise awareness and increase connectedness in communities. This is an issue that impacts on people from all walks of life. If you notice someone you know seems not to be themselves, by asking the question it can make a big difference.

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting
Parenting 0-13yrs Positive Discipline helps parents nurture their children’s healthy development and learning through warmth and firmness. The program will help you to build a mutual respectful relationship with your child.

When: Wednesday 12 October 2016 (5 week duration) 9.00am to 10.30am
Contact: UnitingCare Community on (07) 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace Bundaberg
Cost: Free

Stress Connection Program
For Primary School Students A program for young people that uses art to talk about stress. We talk about how stress and worry affects the body, what we can do to reduce its effect on us and where to go for help if we need it.

When: Wednesday 26 October 2016 (3 week duration) 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on (07) 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)
**Term 4 Date Claimers**

3rd October: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  
14th October: Soccer Carnival  
17th October: Pupil Free Day  
18th – 21st October: Camp  
27th October: Prep Orientation & Parent Session  
28th October: Day for Daniel – Wear Red  
28th October: Teachers’ Day  
31st October – 04th November: Book Fair  
03rd November: Prep Orientation & Parent Session  
04th November: Colour Fun Run  
22nd November: A Frosty Christmas Fame Production  
24th November: Year 6 Graduation Evening  
28th November – 02nd December: Year 6 Tallebudgera Camp  
02nd December: Christmas Dress Up  
07th December: Concert & Awards Evening  
09th December: Break Up Day

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*Yours in Education*

*Felicity Wallace*