From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tomorrow, of course, is ANZAC Day. Our school, proudly having one of the largest contingents of defence families in Townsville, will be well represented in the Thuringowa ANZAC Day march tomorrow. Staff and students are requested to attend this march, details of which are:

- Marshal behind the Shell Service Station on Thuringowa Drive near the Willows bus terminal at 10.15am sharp.
- Parade commences at 10:30 am marching to the cenotaph on Thuringowa Drive.
- Service commences at 11:00am at the cenotaph.

If children are marching as part of Kirwan State School:

- Full school uniform including a broad brimmed hat and enclosed shoes will be needed.
- A water bottle is required.
- Children may wear Rosemary or Poppies for remembrance.
- Staff will be on hand to supervise and march with the children.
- At the conclusion of the ceremony, children will be dismissed from their area behind the Council buildings in Thuringowa Drive. Parents will need to be there to collect them at the conclusion of the ceremony.
- Parents and family members are more than welcome to march with the school.

I would like to commend Mrs Yench, the DSTAs Jenny Sheehan and Leigh Reid and the school leaders for the organisation of our ceremony today which allowed the entire school to remember the legend of the ANZACs in a formal and dignified way. Acknowledging our past ANZACs with dignity and recognizing that many of our current families are affected by overseas deployments is a reminder to all of us of the sacrifice of our servicemen and women. Lest we forget.

School Upgrades – Painting and Data Projectors

The school is undergoing some facelifts this term. These include:

- Installation of data projectors in every classroom.
- External Painting of B Block (Year 7), C Block (Year 6 and 4), Prep Block at the front of the school and the undercover area/tuckshop.
- Some classes may be evacuated briefly during some of these works. It is our intention to have the work done as quickly as possible to minimize disruption to classes.

Parking Protocol

Please be advised that, if you use the Overton circuit area to drop off and pick up your children, normal road rules apply. Please pull in to the kerb to let your children out or let them enter the vehicle. Don’t pull up in the middle of the road blocking the flow of traffic. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

School Code of Behaviour

I have been made aware of the concern of some parents about inappropriate language used by other parents and caregivers within the school grounds. Please be aware that our school is a place for children. Colourful language is not welcome within earshot of our school. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

Until next week. I look forward to seeing many of you at the ANZAC Ceremony tomorrow.

Kind regards...

[Signature]
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

ANZAC DAY

We had a wonderful turn out for the ANZAC Service at the school this morning. The area was decorated in white mice to accompany the story of Nancy Wake, the most decorated woman in World War II. She spent her childhood and her later years in Australia.

Services such as these don’t happen without input from many people. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Sheehan and Mrs Leigh Reid for their excellent contribution to making it a success. Sgt Tim Blad, one of our serving fathers gave an inspirational speech on the meaning of ANZAC and we appreciate his commitment to our school.

Kevin Blackford from the Thuringowa Brass Band was the bugler. We are forming a wonderful association with this band. They played at our Carols night in 2010. We also appreciate the input from Mrs Ransom and the choir and Mr Ransom singing the NZ anthem.

The staff and students made this service memorable with their mice and arrangements and the school captains’ contribution showed the calibre of our young people.

ANZAC MARCH

A reminder that our school is marching in the Thuringowa ANZAC march tomorrow, meeting behind the Shell service station in the Willows carpark near the bus shelters at 10.15am. The march begins at 10.30am to the Thuringowa cenotaph at the old council chambers where a service will occur for up to an hour. Hats are absolutely necessary, and a water bottle.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder that as primary students, care should be taken with presentation. Nail polish is not a part of our uniform in any way. I would also like to see the girls wearing school colours in head bands if they have long hair. Recently I have seen flowers, feathers and large bows. Please help us to keep up our public image of being a school who wears the uniform well.

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal

From our Deputy – John Kratzmann

Positive Behaviour Support

Our school is very responsive in meeting the needs of each and every student. Every day our teachers deliver a quality curriculum and learning program to each and every child and at the same time, encourage, support, guide and nurture a respectful, safe and responsible learning environment.

This term every teacher in every classroom will focus on explicitly teaching our Kirwan students the skills they need to play fairly, be good winners and losers, involve others, cooperate, negotiate, make decisions and respect other people’s opinions. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) committee are driving a whole school approach to the development of these important skills. Every teacher is on board.

Students who are ‘caught’ by their teachers demonstrating these skills will receive special ‘green gotchas’. If your child comes home and says they got a ‘green gotcha’ today, that means they are using the skills they have learned out in the playground. Watch this space...

ANZAC Day March

I’ll see you there proudly marching for Kirwan.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

Class Assembly Items

Students will be presenting class items on assembly this year and we encourage our parents and family members to attend on the following dates.

14 May 6C
21 May 6A
30 May Prep A/B
04 June 6B

Year Prep – 3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm.

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently.

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Book Fair is on Next Week!!

The fair is open for purchases at the Resource Centre!

Opening times are:
8:00am–4:00pm Tuesday
8:00am–4:00pm Wednesday
8:00am–4:00pm Thursday
8:00am – 1:30pm Friday

Credit card facilities are available and additional viewing times are available for parents by request. Please call Mr Colwell to organise an alternate time.

Resource Centre Staff

Please pay all outstanding School Fees as soon as possible!

School supplied resources:
- Prep – LEM Phonics/numeracy Book.......................... $5.00
- Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder.......................... $1.00
- Year 4 – School produced planner diary..................... $2.00
- Year 5 – School produced planner diary..................... $2.00
- Year 6 – School supplied diary.................................. $3.00
- Year 7 – School supplied diary................................. $3.00
- Religious Education (for Religious Education Books)...... $7.00
- Moving Arts (per student)........................................ $10.00
- Voluntary Contribution Scheme (per student).............. $30.00

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Fete Craft Group

Come along for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall, starting next Wednesday 02 May from 9:30am-12:00noon at Daytona Drive, Kirwan. Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. At our first gathering, we are planning to make assorted fabric and ribbon flowers. Please contact Leanne (Ph 4723.8278) or Lindah (Ph 4723.9450) if you have any queries. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you!!

Can you help?

Each week we will be asking for donations of various items to help our fete craft stalls. Please help if you can! This week we are looking for:
- (New) hand towels or face washers
- Ric rac, ribbons, lace, buttons & embellishments

If you can help with any of these items, please leave them with the lovely admin ladies. Thanks!

School Fees

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.
This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
Curriculum Corner

2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Extended closing date for payment – Now May 04 2012.

With the exception of the computer skills test which has now closed, we have extended the closing date for payment until 04 May 2012. There has been a very pleasing response to this assessment program and we currently have over 60 students from Years 3-7 participating. This clearly indicates a growing enthusiasm for both students and parents to access measures of individual student achievement in an external testing situation. ICAS also provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student and sitting dates are as follows:
- Science – 06 June 2012 ($7.70 GST inclusive)
- Spelling – 19 June 2012 ($11.00 GST inclusive)
- Writing – 18 June 2012 to 22 June 2012 ($16.50 GST inclusive)
- English – 31 July 2012 ($7.70 GST inclusive)
- Mathematics – 14 August 2012 ($7.70 GST inclusive)
- All of the above ($50.80 GST inclusive)

If you require another permission slip please have your child ask their classroom teacher or at the front office.

For any further information on these or other curriculum matters, please contact Trish McEvey, Head of Curriculum (Acting).

P&C Pieces

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall** - This Saturday is our next fundraising event. PLEASE register to help on the day. Currently we do not have enough volunteers and will be forced to cancel if we can’t get more. This is a great way to support the P&C and help raise some much needed funds. Please email us on pand@kirwans.eq.edu.au. Donations of baked goodies can be left at the tuckshop after 2nd break on Friday. Ingredients must be listed.

**Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting** is tonight at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome. Senior shirts are now being made and no more orders can be accepted. Thank you to those parents who ordered a shirt.

**Fete Meeting** - The next meeting is on Thursday 10 May at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Please come along and find out how preparations are going for our fete.

**Fun Run** - We will be holding the Fun Run on Wednesday 13 June. Students will soon receive a sponsorship form from their class teachers. Stay tuned for more information.

**Uniform Shop** - Don’t forget that the Used Uniform Shop is open each Thursday morning from 8:00am – 8:45am in F Block.

**Recipe Book** - Please keep recipes coming in. We would like to sell our recipe book at the fete, but don’t have enough recipes yet. Please email us at pand@kirwans.eq.edu.au or drop your recipe into the office. Which one of your favourites will you share?

**Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President**

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**Music News**

- **Performances**
  - Concert Band and String Orchestra will be competing in the regional Fanfare Competition on 01 May. Please pay your bus money of $10 ASAP to the office. **Please note: The bus cost is $10 not $8 as advertised in last week’s Kirwens. My apologies.**
  - Yr 4,5,6,7 Glee Club sang at our Kirwan ANZAC Day Ceremony this morning - thank you.
  - Yr 4,5,6,7 Glee Club will be singing at the Thuringowa RSL Sunday 06 May at 5:15pm.

- **Music Uniforms**
  - There are no more size 8, 10 or 12 long black pants to purchase through the school for your music uniform. If you are requiring long black pants in the smaller sizes, you will need to purchase them yourself from Lowes, Big W or Best and Less, or some reputable 2nd hand clothing store.
  - If a music student does not have the full music uniform they are unable to attend performances. Please be diligent to keep our standard high.

- **School Instrument Hire Fee**
  - As per the information given to you at the music information night, your music contract and Kirwan Information Booklet, if you are using a school instrument this year you will be invoiced $30 per semester to cover maintenance and repair costs.

- **Classroom Music Trophy**
  - Congratulations to all of the classes who have received the MUSIC trophy for SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour in music over the last few weeks. Keep up the high Kirwan Primary standard!!!

**Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher**

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**Defence News**

- Hi everyone. We will be meeting between 9:30-9:45am at the carpark behind the Shell Service Station at Willows for the ANZAC Day March tomorrow 25 April. All welcome.
- Our next Parent Chat Group will be Tuesday 08 May. It will be starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- See you all out and about!
- LEST WE FORGET

**Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs**

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**Kirwan Calendar**

24 April .......... Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting - 6:30pm in the Staffroom
25 April .......... ................................................................. ANZAC Day Public Holiday
27 April .......... Uniform Free Day – please remember Kirwan dress code
28 April .......... ................................................................. P&C Election Day Sausage Sizzle/BBQ/Cake Stall
30 April – 04 May .................... Book Fair in the Resource Centre
02 May .................... Fete Craft Group – 9:30-12:00 @ 19 Davytona Drive Kirwan
04 May .................... Extended closing date for payment ICAS tests
07 May .......... ................................................................. May Day Public Holiday
08 May .......... ................................................................. May Day Public Holiday
10 May ............ Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
15-18 May .......... ................................................................. NAPLAN Testing
04-07 June ....................... ................................................................. Year 7 Camp
11 June .......... ................................................................. Queens Birthday Diamond Jubilee Public Holiday
13 June .......... ................................................................. School Fun Run
27 October ....... ................................................................. School Fete

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**Tuckshop Talk**

Apr 25 ............ CLOSED – ANZAC DAY
Apr 26 ............ Rayleen, Leanne
Apr 27 ............ Rayleen, Carley (½ day), Kaitlyn
Apr 30 ............ Rayleen, Brett
May 01 ............ Carley

**Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency.**
**Tuckshop bags cost 10c each.**

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**Environmental Message**

Don’t throw rubbish in the street.
Give our waterways and oceans a treat.
Stormwater drains are not for rubbish.
Crystal clean water is what we can accomplish.

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**Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm**

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