04 December 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Friday we welcome several new staff and many new students to our school for our morning transition program. I would like to stress once again that classes for 2013 are based on DAY 8 numbers next year and that there may be unavoidable changes if our enrolments change significantly between now and then. Thank you to those families who have notified us of their intention to move for 2013. This helps us to be as accurate as possible.

As this is the second to last newsletter for the year, I would like to notify you of new staff for the start of 2013 and their roles for 2013. I am pleased to note that, amongst our new staff, we have teachers who have filled the following roles in their careers – Head of Curriculum, Deputy Principal and Principal. I look forward to working with some new colleagues in 2013 and beyond.

Ms Brooke Wallis - Prep
Miss Caroline Hallam - One
Miss Emma Batkin - One
Miss Kerri Jackson - Two
Miss Kylie Devenish - Two/Three
Mrs Stacey Steffen - Three (0.6 fraction)
Mrs Natalie Bond - Three (0.4 fraction)
Ms Kimberley Petersen – Four (0.5 fraction)
Ms Sarah Dugdell – Four (0.5 fraction)
Mrs Tracey O’Connor - Five
Mr Alan Hunt - Six
Mrs Leanne Moore - Reading (Literacy) Coach

I would also like to say farewell to some “old” colleagues who are leaving us for greener pastures and wish them every success in 2013 and beyond.

Mrs Kathryn Rieck (on leave)
Mrs Klara Christensen (on leave)
Mrs Meegan Gatehouse
Ms Rachela James
Ms Lyn Court
Mr Ross Inglis
Mrs Fiona Alderson
Miss Kristy Bailey
Mr Dane Newman
Miss Rebecca Gorman
Mrs Helen Yench (on leave)
Mrs Hazel Wilton (on leave)

REPORT CARDS
Your child’s report card will be issued to them personally next Thursday 13 December at the close of the school day. Please remember to check your child’s bag!

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
A huge well done to Riley Davis from 5D and Raven McDonald from 5A who have achieved 150 Gotchas – fantastic effort Riley and Raven. Congratulations to Chloe Marshall from 2D, Rebecca Ellis from 1C, Koe Rose Na from Prep E, Shelby Sellen from Prep E, Jessica Harrison from Prep A, Belle Stanek from Prep A, Emily Harper from 7D and Sophie Shepherd from 7D who have all achieved their 100 Gotchas.

Over the last week these students have achieved their Gotchas:

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SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

On the way to and from school, over the dinner table, while playing or doing homework, please reinforce with your children that there are very high expectations of their behaviour over the last 2 weeks of school. All staff will expect to see our kids playing fairly, cooperating, negotiating with their classmates, lining up before school and moving sensibly around the grounds and definitely following school rules and classroom instructions. Our staff will be rewarding students who are ‘caught doing the right things.

DROPING OFF AND COLLECTING FROM SCHOOL

A huge thank you for your support in having your children here at school on time in the mornings, ready for a good day of learning, and for your prompt collection in the afternoon – this is appreciated. Lately I have noticed some families bringing dogs to school in the afternoons while collecting family members. I love pets, however, not at school. For a variety of reasons around student safety and school management, please do not bring your family pet to school in the afternoon. There are signs on the front fence. Your cooperation here is appreciated.

COMMUNITY ASSET

Around the dinner table at night times, the BBQ gatherings on the weekend, street parties and even when out to dinner with friends, remember to speak highly of your school. At heart is the targeted, data-driven teaching and learning for each student every day, an engaging relevant curriculum, wonderful extra-curricula opportunities, professional staff, great facilities, motivated P and C and a supportive school community.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

From our Deputy Helen Yench

CELEBRATIONS TO COME

Only 8 days to go until the end of the year but so much is still to come. Today we said “Thank You” to all those volunteers who selflessly gave their time to the school. Most are parents of students attending the school, but not all. It is heartening to know that so many people value our school and are willing to give their time to us. In fact, in this region, we have been recognised as one of two schools who have excellent community relationships and our Principal has been invited to present the Kirwan story at a State Principals’ Conference early next year.

Our presentation afternoon next Tuesday will see students identified by their teachers as those who have “Strived to Excel”. This doesn’t necessarily mean they are the top academic student; just that they have been noticed as one who tries their very best.

YEAR 7s

The Year 7 students who are attending Kirwan State High School next year will be attending a transition day there THIS FRIDAY. Students MUST MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO KIRWAN HIGH on Friday morning. Those students who are attending other high schools next year are to attend Kirwan SS where they will assist with our own transition day, then move back into their classrooms for a normal school day.

All our Year 7 students are preparing to leave and go on to further their education at high schools nearby. They get their chance to shine next Wednesday morning and celebrate on Wednesday night. Another chapter opens for each of them, and I wish them all the best as they move on to bigger things.

FAREWELL

I am also moving on to other things. I am taking long service leave for all of first term, and then will be retiring. This is not a sudden decision; I have thought about it for quite some time. I have been blessed to spend the past three years here at Kirwan SS. I honestly believe this is an excellent school. I have met so many lovely people, some of whom will remain friends forever – both staff and community.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you all well in the coming years and hope the coming festive season brings good health and happiness to you and your families.

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal

Kirwan’s Achievers

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

| PrepA Jamaica Henderson-Jones 2D | Kaitlyn Stewart               |
| PrepA Jessica Harrison          | Zane Prince                   |
| PrepB Juélz Iva-Julian          | Tyrone Songogan              |
| PrepC Isaac Voysey              | Caleb McGregor                |
| PrepD Tianwa-Aroha Lenoy        | Jazmin Corbet                |
| PrepE Ezekiel Barnes            | Abby Wilmott                 |
| 1C Mackenzie-Gullison           | Dylan West                   |
| 1B Cody Oliver                  | Meah Johnson                 |
| 1C Luke Bennie                 | Nikki Comtesse (Hughes)      |
| 1D Raphael Tucker              | Matt Morris                  |
| 1E/2E Isabelle Wyllie           | Kiana Ward                   |
| 2A Ella Chisholm               | Jennifer Hepburn             |
| 2B Andrea Scarfield            | Charlyn Hemken               |
| 2C Jayde Brown                 |                                 |

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
Information for Parents of Year 7 Students

Year 7 students should have received their invitations to the Dance Party by now. Thank you to the Shepherd Family for designing and donating the invitations; they look fantastic. Please advise the committee by Monday 10 December 2012 at the latest, if your child has any special medical dietary requirements. If we do not hear from anyone, we will assume that there are no students with individual needs.

Our next meeting will be held this Thursday, 6 December 2012, at 6:30pm in the staffroom. Don’t forget your sticky tape and scissors ladies!

2012 Prep Year Reminder

Friday 07 December
Transition Day
9:00am – 10:50am

Are You Transferring?

It’s that time of the year again! The end of the school year is in sight and many of our students will be transferring to new locations. If you happen to be one of those families who know that you will be relocating at the end of the year, (or think you may be), we would love to hear from you. We ask that you advise any one of our office staff of your intentions. This will help in the smooth running of the office and with the great load of paperwork at this very hectic time of the year. Thank you.

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06 December ……… Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting - 6:30pm Staffroom
07 December ……………………………………… Whole School Transition
07 December …………… Kirwan High Transition Day for Year 7 students
10 December ………………………………………… Christmas Services
11 December ………………….. Awards Ceremony (Years 3-6)
11 December ……….. Final Defence Chat Group for the year @ Kirwan Tavern
12 December ……………………………………… Year 7 Graduation
13 December ……………………………………… Rock, Pop, Mime – 9:00am
13 December …………………….. Report Cards Issued
14 December ……………………………………… Last Day of Term 4 2012
29 January 2013 …………………………………… First Day of Term 1 2013

Defence News

♦ Hi everyone! Our last Parent Chat Group for the year will be on next Tuesday 11 December at the Kirwan Tavern starting at 12 noon. Please note the change of venue from the Avenues Tavern to the Kirwan Tavern. Please RSVP to us (Jenny & Leigh) in the Defence Room.
♦ See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

Dec 05 Michelle, Sandra
Dec 06 Leanne, Rayleen
Dec 07 Rayleen, Carley (½ day), Summer
Dec 10 Brett, Rayleen
Dec 11 Carley

* Tuckshop will be closed from 12 Dec until next year.
* Tuckshop is running down stock. $5 Pot Luck days start on Wed 05 Dec until Tues 11 Dec. Pot Luck is a hot food item + drink for $5.
* There are no vanilla malt milks – please cross this off your tuckshop list.
* There will be a sausage sizzle on Rock Pop Mime morning in front of the tuckshop.

2013 Book Lists

2013 book lists have been distributed to all students via the classrooms. If you did not receive the relevant book list for next year, you can collect one from the office or you can request for it to be emailed to you.
SEP Update
Autism Queensland Outreach Services will be visiting Townsville during the week of 11 March 2013. If you would like to request their services, please complete the forms that will be coming home with your child today and return them to the school before the end of the year.

In case you missed it in the last newsletter...PCYC is hosting its Annual Children’s Movie Day on 8 December, at 9:30am at Event Cinemas, Sturt Street the city. If you are able to attend on that day (there is only one day and one movie time!) please contact me to get your free tickets. I have a limited number so be quick to avoid disappointment. You can e-mail your request if you prefer or call 47 991 826.

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Chairs for Sale
$5 each - available by arrangement with school office. Different sizes and colours available.

Congratulations
✓ Congratulations to Holly Doran who competed in the National Track & Field Championships. Holly came 4th in the 200m Final, missing out by 0.03 of a second for a place. Holly also competed in various relay events. Holly enjoyed herself and made lots of new friends from all over Australia. Well done Holly!
✓ Best wishes to Emma Nolan who will represent Queensland at the National St John Ambulance first aid competitions in Tasmania in January after beating teams from across Queensland at the State Competitions in September. Emma was also awarded the Most Improved Cadet of the Year at the recent St John Ambulance Presentation Night. Congratulations Emma!

Pictureproducts & Tea Towels Update...
♦ Tea Towels have arrived! They look fantastic and will be distributed in the next day or so. Thanks goes to Katrina Smart who helped with sorting, and the wonderful courier from TNT who went out of her way to make sure our parcels arrived yesterday!
♦ Pictureproducts are still not able to confirm dates but our Pictureproducts are expected in their warehouse this week to be collated and forwarded to us. Cutting it very fine, but they will be distributed the moment they arrive. An update will be in the next KIRNEWS.
♦ Please direct any queries or concerns to Lindah Surgeon, not to the school office (ph 47239450 or email lmsurgeon@bigpond.com). All items will be distributed via the children at school unless other arrangements are made by contacting Lindah. Thanks for your patience. I’m sure they will be worth the wait!!!

Music News
♦ Musical tickets are now on sale from the Civic Theatre!
♦ There will be no Concert Band, Senior & Junior Orchestra, and Kirwan Talent Time rehearsals now for the rest of this term.
♦ There will be normal instrumental lessons every week up until the end of week nine. There will be no lessons in the last week in order to examine Kirwan instruments for possible repair and maintenance requirements.
♦ There will be Glee Club rehearsals every Tuesday in preparation for our Year 7 Graduation.

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

Our 201 Musical Annie Jr

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