From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

DATE CLAIMER
The week commencing 21 May is Chappy Week. Our wonderful Chaplain, Trudy Godwin, does amazing work in our school to support children and families regardless of their religious affiliation. This valuable service is partially funded by the federal government but we also need to raise funds to support the continuation of this position.

On Tuesday 22 May, we will be hosting RADIO 99.9 LIVE FM Radio station broadcasting from Kirwan State School from 7:00am. A breakfast sausage sizzle will be operating in The Shed from 7:45am onwards. That day will be a free dress day with a gold coin donation requested. I urge you all to support our Chappy at Kirwan State School.

READING NEWS
From 21 May until 26 May, Pat Edgar, educational specialist in the teaching of reading, will be working in our school giving demonstration lessons and mentoring teachers. Pat has already visited our school last year to provide valuable teacher development workshops on a student free day. This is an exciting opportunity which our teachers are very much looking forward to. Her work with our staff will be of great benefit to your children.

NAPLAN
Yes... another reminder that NAPLAN (Years 3, 5 and 7) is on next week commencing 15 May. It is vital that your child is at school promptly, no later than 8:50am on NAPLAN testing days. If your child is sick on a test day, please contact the school office to let us know as quickly as possible. Your child will have the opportunity to make up missed tests up until the close of business on Friday 18 May.

It is very important that your child has a good breakfast before they come to school and also that they have enjoyed a good night’s sleep. Reading a good book for 10 – 15minutes before lights out is a good way to calm down and relax. It goes without saying that computer games before bed time should be “off the menu” especially when NAPLAN tests are on the next day.

If your child is exempt or, if you have elected to withdraw them from the tests, they should still come to school; extra supervision will be available for these children.

We expect that our children will do their very best at their tests. They have been well prepared to achieve maximum results. We ask that you talk about the tests in a positive light to minimize anxiety levels.

If you have any queries or concerns about testing, please speak to your child’s teacher in the first instance.

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson – Principal
Perc Tucker Young Artists Competition

Kirwan has a great wealth of artistic talent. This year a group of Year 4 and Year 7 students entered art work in the annual Perc Tucker Young Artists Competition. The art competition is open to all young artists from Prep to Year 12. Judging took place and Corbyn Purks-Arthur from Year 4C won Section C for Years 3-4 while Travis Keys from Year 7 was runner-up in the Section C for Years 7-8. Both boys received great prizes, however, the best part is that their art works are to be sent and displayed in Iwaki City, Japan, as part of the Townsville City Council sister city exchange program.

From our Deputy - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

1. Parent Guardian Survey
All feedback that our school gathers let us know what we are doing well and what we need to focus on. Maintaining and promoting a supportive and positive learning climate is very important to our school. Parent/carer support is valued and appreciated and as you know, we all work hard every day to make our school a supportive, respectful and safe place for our students to learn and grow. We are currently conducting a random survey of parents and carers to help us assess our progress with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program. If your child brings home a survey envelope, your honest feedback is valued and appreciated. Please return the envelope ASAP.

2. Green Gotcha Focus
As well as promoting reading, writing and numeracy, this week our teachers will be explicitly teaching all students the skills involved in ‘playing fairly’. A person who plays fairly and gets on with the game allows others to enjoy the game. People who play fairly get a reputation as good people to be around. As a school, we are going to teach our students to:
• comment on other player’s good moves;
• take turns;
• pay attention to rules;
• accept ‘bad luck’; and
• allow other players to have a reasonable turn.

When we see students practising these skills in the playground, they will get a ‘Green Gotcha’. Make sure you ask your child about the ‘Green Gotchas’.

KIRWAN vs CRANBROOK

The 2012 ARL Development Cup rugby league challenge is on again. Kirwan defeated Weir 28 to 12 in our opening round game. Our team love to run the ball and have worked hard over the past week on their defence. On Thursday night our team take on Cranbrook SS in what promises to be a tough match. Cranbrook have some fast runners and strong tacklers – then again, so do we. Kick off is at 6:50pm at Brothers Rugby League grounds. Come along, sit on the hill, cheer and enjoy a quality game of junior footy.

CONGRATULATIONS
Jasc Lott and Luke Christian competed in the NQ League Trials last week in Ingham. Both boys were successful in making the North Queensland league team. They now travel to Ipswich to take on the best in the State. Well done.

DOING YOUR BEST
Whether it is in the footy field, in a Tournament of the Minds, on NAPLAN testing or playing fairly at lunchtime, we expect all our students to ‘Do Their Best’ and to ‘be content that they have’. Please encourage your children every day, support their achievements, and prop them up when they need it.

See you out there....

John Kratzmann – 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.

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Congratulations to the following students who are recipients of one of our Bike Safety Awards:

- Lincoln Cowan 1D; Marcus Cowan 5A; Alison Cowan 7B.

N.B. Senior students will receive their certificates on assembly next week.

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

SafeST Committee Email Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
Well Done Kirwan Glee Club

On Sunday at the Thuringowa RSL 28 members from our School Choir sang beautifully at the SAPPER 40th Anniversary. People had travelled from all over Australia to attend a reunion and were thrilled to have young people involved in the service. Sincere thanks to Mrs Sharon Ransom, Mr Paul Ransom, Mrs Liz Bryant, the choir members and their parents and caregivers and families who took time out to support our wonderful singers who looked and sounded professional and made Kirwan Primary very proud!

P&C Pieces

THANKS – I would like to thank Mrs Sandra Sellen who contributed greatly to our BBQ 2 weeks ago. Sandra volunteered all day. I apologise to Sandra for not mentioning her in our last Kirnews.

FETE MEETING: Come along to our fete meeting this Thursday 10 May at 7:00pm in the Staffroom to share your ideas.

FREE DRESS DAY: Thank you for your support. We raised $675-75. This money will go towards fete expenses.

P&C MEETING: Our next general meeting is on Tuesday 15 May in the Staffroom. Our meetings are very casual and friendly so please come along and contribute.

SCHOOL FUN RUN: The Fun Run this year is on Wednesday 13 June (times TBA). All are welcome to come and cheer on the students for this event. Money raised will go towards the school’s sports department. There are great prizes this year and every student who raises $10 or more can enter the draw for a FAMILY HOLIDAY TO DISNEYLAND. We also have an online fundraising site set up so family and friends around Australia and even the world can still support your child in their efforts to raise funds. The highest fundraiser at Kirwan State School this year will win an iPod Nano 16GB. Emma Talbot & Rayleen Currey are your Fun Run Co-ordinators.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Fete Craft Group

Come along for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall - tomorrow Wednesday 09 May from 9:30am-12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Heaps of fun was had last week, so we are planning to have another session of fabric flower making. Please register your interest with Leanne (Ph 4723.8278) or Lindah (Ph 4723.9450) so we know how many to cater for. 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 class stalls. Please help if you can! This week we are looking for:

- Mini alligator clips; craft bobby pins / hair clips; Velcro

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

Vacation Times for 2012 and 2013

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“School Dollars”

Our school will be participating in the Willows Shopping Centre’s “School Dollars” which runs from 24 May to 21 July 2012. When you shop at Willows Shopping Centre you can allocate every dollar you spend as points towards our school. The local school with the most points wins!!

Prizes for winning schools are:
1st Prize $10,000
2nd Prize $7,000
3rd Prize $5,000
4th Prize $3,000
5th Prize $1,000

Customers are asked to present their shopping receipts to the Customer Service Desk and select our school to allocate their points to – each dollar spent equals 1 “School Dollar” point.

GO KIRWAN!!

Indigenous Meeting

There will be an Indigenous Meeting on tomorrow Wednesday 09 May in the Indigenous Room of the Multipurpose Hall starting at 2:00pm.

Defence News

- Hi everyone. Our next Parent Chat Group will be held Tuesday 22 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- If you have any school related defence questions, please come in and see us or ring us here at school.
- Teenage Riot/Teenage Rampage is on again!! Saturday 26 May at Geckos Family Centre, Lavarack Barracks.

Times: Ages 8-11 - 4:00-7:00pm, then 12-16 year olds - 7:30-11:00pm.
Heaps of activities, movies and food and drink to buy.
Please RSVP to Geckos by 18 May.
Cost is $5 for Tweens and $10 for Teens.
- See you all out and about!

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan Calendar

09 May .......... Fete Craft Group – 9:30-12:00 @ 19 Daytona Drive Kirwan
09 May .......... Indigenous Meeting – 2:00pm in the Multipurpose Hall
10 May .......... Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
15 May .......... P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
15-18 May .......... NAPLAN Testing
21-25 May .......... Chappy Week
22 May .......... Breakfast Sausage Sizzle – 7.45am onwards in the Shed
22 May .......... Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
04-07 June .......... Year 7 Camp
11 June .......... Queens Birthday Diamond Jubilee Public Holiday
13 June .......... School Fun Run
27 October .......... School Fete

Tuckshop Talk

May 09 Sandra, Michelle
May 10 Rayleen, Leanne
May 11 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
May 14 Rayleen
May 15 Carley

* Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency.

Environment Message

Turn off fans and aircons when not in use
Save some money and avoid environmental abuse.

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 .......... Prep – 3 – 6C
21 May .......... Prep – 3 – 6A
30 May .......... Prep – 3 – 6B
04 June .......... Prep – 3 – 6B

Year 4–7 Assemblies are held each Monday afternoon at 2:00pm.
Year Prep – 3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

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Kirwan School Phone Number – 4799.1888