01 May 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our school is very much a fantastic community asset. All parents and carers can be very proud of Kirwan State School and all that happens here each and every day. I say this a lot, because it is true. I encourage all of our community members to read the newsletter and to know what is going on in the school and to know what your children are doing, each and every day.

Staff Commitment at Every Level

If some of our staff were allowed to sleep here at night, I bet they would. Our teachers and support staff have risen to the challenges this year of the Australian Curriculum and continually cater for the complex range of needs of our students. Each week our teachers, teacher aides, specialist staff and support staff scaffold learning for all students in their care.

One way of saying thank you to your child’s teacher and to publicly recognise, encourage and treat our teachers to a well-deserved pat on the back is to nominate a staff member for a ‘National Teaching Award’. The National Excellence in Teaching Awards is an independent national awards program where individual parents, school councils, P&Cs and community organisations can publicly acknowledge and reward inspirational teachers; and YES, we do have many.

Nominations can be downloaded or completed online at: www.neita.com.au or requested from the NEITA Secretariat by phoning free call 1800 624 487. Nominations close on the 31st of July.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Each week in every classroom, for every student, our teachers will be explicitly teaching the skills of ‘playing games well’ and ‘cooperation’. These include being good winners and losers, negotiating, sharing, making decisions and respecting others. Every child will experience, through role playing, these skills and as a school, we are going to practise them. As you will agree, they are wonderful life skills. To reward the students who practise these skills in the playground, all staff will hand out ‘Green Gotchas’. A Green Gotcha means your child is practising what they have been taught and, ‘playing games well’. Your support is appreciated.

NAPLAN Testing Time Again

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing next month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our staff and whole school continually prepare for these tests by exposing our students to quality teaching in every classroom, every day. We also do practice tests and test preparedness. Our students will be ready. Keep reading the Kirnews for NAPLAN advice. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

Policy and Procedures

Our school has many effective policies and procedures that promote the safety and wellbeing of each and every child. From roll marking two times a day, movement around the school, to first aid and health procedures, we take student safety and welfare very seriously. If you have a specific requirement for your child or concerns about a particular issue your child has, please come and see your child’s teacher or school administration.

Yours in Education
John Kratzmann (for Mrs Jackson)
**Kirwan State School**

**SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

**Join in the Fun**

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**From our Deputy – Helen Yench**

**School Attendance**

As we move into Term 2, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: [www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts).

**ANZAC Day**

We had a great turn out for the Thuringowa ANZAC Day march last Wednesday. We had the largest representation of any state school. Seven staff, 10 parents and 74 students took part. Well done Kirwan. Here are a few pics from the Thuringowa March and the School Service.

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**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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**“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 their school to allocate their points to – each dollar spent equals 1 “School Dollar” point.

**GO KIRWAN!!**

**School Fees**

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 Tuesday May 02 from 10am – 2pm at the Kirwan Community Centre. Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. At our first gathering, we are planning to make assorted flowers. 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:

- Cotton cord, wool, crochet cotton, string/twine

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

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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


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).

Hermit Park School Bus Name Changes

Following is information received from Townsville Sunbus...

...“Hello Schools

Please be advised that there has been changes to the current system of identifying Hermit Park School bus services. Hermit Park School bus will have a new number in the front windscreens. This number will indicate the school bus route. The current names will no longer apply. There are no changes to the current bus routes or times.

Coming soon in May 2012, Townsville Sunbus will have a new web based journey planner available on www.sunbus.com.au

Please see below a list of the name changes:

Rollingstone – Bus 1
Tooalaka – Bus 3
McKinnon Road – Bus 6
Jensen – Bus 8
Rollingstone State School only – Bus 10
Alligator Ck – Bus 12
Woodstock – Bus 14
Oak Valley Secondary – Bus 16
Grammar City – Bus 22
Grammar Alligator Creek - Bus 24
Burdell – Bus 27
Willow Gardens – Bus 29
AM Bushland Beach – Bus 162
AM Kelso – 161
AM Rasmussen – 163
AM Upper Ross – 168
AM Pallarenda – 166
AM Annandale – 169

Kind Regards, TOWNSVILLE SUNBUS”

P&C Pieces

A big thanks to all our volunteers and bakers who helped with our combined sausage sizzle/cake stall at the election on Saturday. We raised just over $1,200.00! I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Kim Murdock, Tuckshop Convener, for donating the sausages and her time. Kim was at the sizzle ALL day and we really appreciate her dedication.

Fete Meeting: Don’t forget our next fete meeting on Thursday 10 May at 7:00pm in the staff room.

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 be able to 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

Book Fair is on This Week!!

The fair is open for purchases at the Resource Centre!
Opening times are:
8:00am-4:00pm Tuesday
8:00am-4:00 Wednesday
8:00am-4:00 Thursday
8:00am – 1:30pm Friday

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

Resource Centre Staff

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

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Kirwan Kalendar

30 April – 04 May ......................... Book Fair in the Resource Centre
02 May ............ Fete Craft Group – 9:30-12:00 @ 19 Daytona Drive Kirwan
04 May .............. Extended closing date for payment ICAS tests
07 May ........................................ May Day Public Holiday
08 May ............. Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
10 May ................ Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
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

Music News

Music Uniforms
• There are no more size 8, 10 or 12 long black pants to purchase through the school for our 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.

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

Defence News

• Hi everyone. Our next Parent Chat Group will be next Tuesday 08 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 – DST:As

Tuckshop Talk

May 02 Sandra
May 03 Rayleen, Leanne
May 04 Rayleen, Carley (5 day)
May 07 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
May 08 Carley

• Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency.
• Congratulations to 1A for winning the Slushy Party.

Environmental Message

Our Environmental Message this week is about watering. Only water the roots and soil around the plants. Watering flowers and leaves only damages them and we want them to look great.

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