From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**

A recent review of our financial position for this point in the year has revealed that there are still a number of outstanding payments. Each year we strive to keep costs to a minimum while still providing the best possible curriculum and materials for your child.

The Kirwan State School contribution of $30.00 per annum is one of the cheapest contributions in Townsville. We really need your support so that we can continue to provide quality extras for your child.

There are also a number of outstanding fees for the following items:

- Religious Instruction ($7.00 for the book which is an integral part of the program);
- Dance Program ($10.00 to cover teaching costs). If you enjoyed watching your child perform on stage last term then you will understand the quality of this program.

Your support for your child’s education is very much appreciated at Kirwan State School. Payments can be made at the front counter of the office. EFTPOS is available. We also accept cheque and cash payments.

**SUPPORT OUR CHAPPY!!**

This week, tickets are available from the school office for the movie Madagascar 3. All proceeds will go towards supporting the involvement of our Chappy, Mrs Trudy Godwin into the 2013 school year. Details of the movie are:

- **Venue:** Reading Cinemas
- **Date/Time:** Monday 17th September at 6.30pm
- **Cost:** Adult $13.00  Child $11.00
- **Movie:** Madagascar 3

So come along to enjoy a great family movie knowing that your patronage is helping a very worthwhile cause. We would love to see you there.

**PREP COME AND TRY**

Don’t forget our first Prep Come and Try this Friday from 9:30am until 10:50am. If you haven’t booked and you DO intend to come along, please ring to let the office know so that we can be prepared for you.

**ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM**

I have received very positive feedback about our anti-bullying program from parents, children and staff. Recently I fielded a query from a new family who had heard that (and I quote) “we are very strong on anti-bullying at Kirwan”.

This week, children in all classes will be covering the following topics:

- The difference between conflict and bullying (remember that bullying involves an imbalance of power).
- Fairness and Self-Discipline.
- Tolerance and Responsibility.

We have not eliminated bullying from our school but we are taking very positive steps towards ensuring that all children feel supported and safe. We have also taken positive steps towards encouraging children to recognise bullying, how it affects them and others and how to prevent and minimize it.

**FETE PREPARATIONS**

Don’t forget the fete meeting this Wednesday night!! All welcome. Starts at 7:00pm in the staff room. I hope to see you there.

Until next week … kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From our Deputy - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

This week our teachers in classrooms are focusing on the difference between ‘conflict’ and ‘bullying’. In every classroom teachers will be explicitly focusing on building tolerance, responsibility and self-discipline in our students. The plan is to teach our students how to manage and handle conflict and realise ‘bullying’ when they see it. ‘Bullying’ is unacceptable here at Kirwan — we are Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners. Believe me when I say I can see our students making decisions, playing fairly, negotiating and solving problems at lunchtimes. We have 818 kids playing in the yard with little drama most days.

GOTCHAS

At Kirwan all staff focus on catching our students doing the right things → then we reward this with a range of positive strategies including a ‘Gotcha’. Ask your kids how many Gotchas they have and what they need to get one. Focusing on the positive behaviours really works. In every classroom we consciously try to focus on 4 positives to every 1 negative. Try it; it works.

WORLD TEACHERS AIDAY

On Friday (last week) we celebrated World Teacher Aidays Day and deservedly so. On behalf of our school community a huge thank you to our hard-working Teacher Aides who work enthusiastically and passionately on supporting our students, teachers and administration. That is one thing special about our school — ALL STAFF know their jobs, do them well and work together as a team and every student in our school.

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.

PrePA Sarah Mitchell 3C Charlie Gander
PrePB Gokisa Tapau 3D Dylan Haynes
PrePC Cloes Manning 4A Krystal Davis
PrePD Matthew Graham 4A Shinae Bloye
PrePE Lorlai Mazzoni 4B Laos Hamilton
1A Dana Andlaw 4C Sophie Jones
1B Zachary Taylor 4C Madison Noseda
1C Shaun Plinns 4C Leilani Kirke
1D Tehya Hulet 4D Jake Cameron
1E/2E Quinata Te Whata-Daniels 4D Tysun Stankovich
2A Nicholas Johansson 6A Shakira Jones
2B Kayden Nelson 6C Cody Harris
2C Holly Russell 6C Jake Rennie
2D Jack Humphreys 5/6/7 Kaleb Collier
3A Apryl Noseda 7C Brett Radley
3B Seraph Treffers 7D Josh Fitzgerald

Regional Athletics

Congratulations goes to Jayda Blackman, Chelsea Rowan and Holly Doran who had a successful weekend at the Regional Athletic Championships held recently in Townsville. Well done!!

Defence News

• Hi everyone! Here is the link to the 2012 ADF Families Survey; www.defence.gov.au/dco and you have a chance to win a $300 Coles or Woolies gift card.

• Teenage Rampage is on again this Saturday 15 September. Tweens (8-11 years) are on from 1600-1900 hrs. Cost is $5 per Tween and Teens are on from 1930-2300 hrs (12-16 years). Cost is $10 per Teen. RSVP to Geckos ☎️ 4411 7031 by 13 September.

Kirwan Idol

Well done to all competitors of the very first Kirwan Idol! Over the past weeks we have had over 80 performers entertaining us with dancing, singing, instruments and comedy. We are now up to the semi-final stage. Next term (Week 2) will see the first of our semi-finals. The four semi-finals will be contested at first and second breaks in the hall Thursday and Friday. Spectators will be invited to come along and support the acts for an entry fee of $1. Students may bring their lunch and best audience manners.

SEMI I (Thursday 1st Break – Week 2)
1. Rachel Pritchard
2. Abbie Cook
3. Chumane Botha
4. Madison Craig
5. Sharla Campbell

SEMI 2 (Thursday 2nd Break – Week 2)
1. Molly-Beth Campbell
2. Jessica Price
3. Sophie Boyce
4. Sarah Friend
5. Jennifer & Antonia

SEMI 3 (Friday 1st Break – Week 2)
1. Marcus Cowan
2. Peyton, Molly-Beth, Chelsea, Emily and Sophie
3. Brooke Stander
4. Briana Bingham
5. Bridget Botha

SEMI 4 (Friday 2nd Break – Week 2)
1. The Cowans
2. Ameya Ransom
3. Aggie Vateitei
4. Molly Everett-Matthew
5. Cookies & Cream

Donna Cockrem – Kirwan Idol Co-ordinator

Congratulations to our Red Track Team

Congratulations to all the Kirwan students who competed at the Red Track, on 31 August. The school finished in 5th place. A big congratulations to Holly Doran who broke the Red Track record for 10 Year old Girls 200m sprint. The following students will be trialling for the NQ Athletics team today at the Sports Reserve.

Jason Lott (Long Jump, 100m, 200m), Charlyn Hemken (High Jump), Madison Noseda (Shot Put, 100m, High Jump, 200m), Tyler Cope (100m), Hannah Pearson (100m, 200m), Holly Doran (100m, High Jump, Long Jump, 200m) Tomas Chester Stwoods (200m), John Nawara (High Jump), Aggie Vateitei (200m), Chelsea Rowan (800m)

Yours in sport…

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Weeks 10-11 - Years Prep-7

Teachers sent a parent letter home on Monday 27 August advising you of their available times and dates for interviews. Please see your class teacher if you have not received that letter and would like to make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress.

Fete Craft Group

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall; tomorrow, Wednesday 12 September, from 9:30am-12:00noon at 19 Dayton Drive, Kirwan.

This week is about fairy secrets and things to remember! Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Please register your interest with Leanne (☎️ 4723 8278) or Lindah (☎️ 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!

Any crafty donations for our stall are very welcome and can be dropped off on Thursday mornings to the Fete Coordinators (where show bag pre-orders and ride wristbands are being sold). We thank you in advance for your valuable contribution!

Kirwan Prep Year 2013

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

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwan.qld.edu.au

SafeST Committee Email Address
Enrollments are now open for the 2013 Prep Year. Please contact our office staff to put your child’s name down for the Preparatory Year and to collect enrolment paperwork.

**Interviews of Prep students and their families have commenced.** (Please note that it is mandatory for your prep child to attend the interview with you.)

## P&C Pieces

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

- Don’t forget our next general meeting, next Tuesday 18 September at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

**FETE COMMITTEE**

- **The countdown is on!** There are only 46 days until the Kirwan Carnivale!!
- The next fete meeting will be held **tomorrow night WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER** at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there.
- Over the last couple of weeks the following notes/information should have been received.
  - **D Dodger Tickets** – all sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to the P&C box in the office by Wednesday 19 September.
  - **Rides and Slides Unlimited Rides Wristband Flyer** – if you pre-purchase your wristbands prior to the fete they will only cost you $23.00 each - a saving of $5.00 per band.
  - Showbag Pre-Purchase Flyer – 6 different showbags to choose from and if you pre-order at school, they will only cost $8.00 each - a saving of $2.00 per bag.
- **Get in early so you can save!!** Showbags will be available to pre-purchase for a limited time only. They will now be on sale Wednesday afternoons from 2:15pm-3:00pm and Thursday mornings from 8:15am-9:00am until end of term. Make sure you get the showbag you want by ordering now!!
  - $2.00 Donation Request Letter – Letters will be going home in the next couple of days so please keep your eyes out.
- Every Thursday until the end of term, we will be taking any donations of pre-loved books, dvds, cds, board games and general bric-a-brac. The fete committee will also have extra dodger tickets if you require them and will be pre-selling ride wristbands and showbags.

**CAN YOU HELP? - This week we need beads (glass, wooden, plastic – all shapes and sizes) and SMALL glass jars (suitable for bottling jam).**

## FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

**Warrina Shopping Centre**
Currajong

**4759 1777**

## YOUR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE

- Our next parent committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 September at 5:00pm in the hall. We will be discussing graduation layout and design ideas. Everyone welcome.
- Senior Shirts - A second run of senior shirts will go ahead and it is hoped all those who have placed an order will be fitted before Wednesday 12 September. Payments for these shirts will be $45.00 and will need to be paid for ASAP as shirts will not be ordered until all money has been collected. Please note no arrangements can be made.

**KEEPSAKE TEA TOWELS – PREP & YEAR 1**

At just $12 each, you can remember your child’s early school years forever! Each child will draw a picture of themselves with their name. These drawings will be grouped into classes and included in a tea towel design for that year level (one tea towel for all Prep students and one tea towel for all Year 1 students). Simply complete the order form your child brings home and place with payment in the P&C box in the office no later than Wednesday 19 September. As the drawings will be done at school, your class teacher may like some assistance, so please ask if there is any way you can help.

**PICTURE PLATES AND CLOCKS – SECOND CHANCE!!**

**SECOND CHANCE!** We have a limited number of templates still available so rush in to secure yours today. Show your creativity with a durable, practical plate or clock. Great gift idea with Christmas fast approaching! Plates or clocks can be decorated at home with almost anything you like, including photos! Be sure to grab a spare order form from the P&C folder outside admin to pass on to friends and family. Plates are $25each, 2 @ $24each or 3+ @ $23each. Clocks are $30each. Please call Lindah Surgeon (Ph 47239450) after school hours if you have any queries. **Place your order with payment in an envelope in the P&C box in the office and start thinking about what you will draw!**

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

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## Kirwan’s email address:

admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

**Kirwan School Phone Number** - 4799.1888

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## Our 20 Musica Annie

**Do you want to be in the musical?**

Things to think about:
- You will be required to attend before school, after school and some weekend rehearsals.
- You will need to pay $50 per week for your bus travel and shirt costs in Week One of 2013.
- You will be at the Theatre from 3rd – 5th June day and evening.
- Auditions for lead roles will be held every lunchtime during the first week of 2013.
- Permission slips and cast payment forms will be available for all students to join the musical cast during the first week of 2013. Full cast musical rehearsals will start Week 2 of 2013.

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## Kirwan Kalendar

**MARK THIS DATE**

12 September..........................Fete Committee Meeting - 7:00pm in Staffroom
10–21 September........................................Parent-Teacher Interviews
14 September...............................Prep Come and Try Session 9:30 – 10:50am
17 September...............................Chappy Movie Fundraiser – Madagascar 3
18 September...............................P&C Meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom
19 September...............................Sold/Unsold Dodger Tickets Due Back
19 September...............................Tea Towel Keepsake Orders Due
19 September...............................Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting – 9:30pm in Hall
21 September...............................Last day of Term 3
08 October.................................First day of Term 4
24 October.................................Music Information Night (postponed from 17 October)
27 October.................................School Fete – 5:00pm-9:00pm

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## Music Information Night Postponed

Please be advised that the Music Information Night previously scheduled for 17 October is now postponed until Wednesday 24 October. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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## Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Madagascar 3!! Europe’s Most Wanted!

**When:** Monday 17 September- next Monday night!

**Where:** Reading Cinemas

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Cost:** Adults $13 and Children $11

This is your last chance to come and buy tickets for this great fundraising event! Please come in and buy your tickets at the school office this week.

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## Class Assembly Items

### September

- 12 Sandra
- 13 Rayleen
- 14 Rayleen
- 17 Brett, Rayleen
- 18 Carley

**• NO FOREIGN CURRENCY PLEASE!**

**• Vanilla Malt Milk is no longer available. Please cross this off your price list.**

**• A BIG thank you to Mrs Newman for her help at Tuckshop.**

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## Tuckshop Talk

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To view the full page, please visit the source website or use the provided links.
Students will be presenting class items on assembly this year and we encourage our parents and family members to attend on the following dates.

12 September - 1B  19 September - Prep C

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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