From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of Term 2 is fast approaching. As you know, we expect our students to work hard and maintain our high behaviour standards each and every day of school; this certainly includes the last few weeks of term. During the next two weeks, keep an eye on ...

- our Fun Run (Wednesday 13th);
- the Music Concert (Friday 2pm);
- Under 8s Day (Friday in the Prep Yard);
- Whole School Moving Arts Performance (Tuesday 19th - 6pm to 8pm);
- Student Reports go home (Thursday 21st);
- School Disco (Thursday 21st); and
- Friday 22nd – last day of term.

Written School Reports
Reports for every child will go home next Thursday 21 June. All staff take the reporting process very seriously and have spent quite a considerable time throughout this term engaging in assessment tasks, the moderation of these tasks across the year level and comparing the results against nationwide standards. This is very exciting. We are confident that a ‘C’ in our school is the same as a ‘C’ at Annandale SS or a ‘C’ in Brisbane and even a ‘C’ in Sydney.

Your child will receive an achievement rating from A – E on the aspects of learning covered this semester. I need to remind all parents and carers that a ‘C’ is the year level standard by the END of the year. If your child receives a ‘C’, this means your child is achieving well and operating at the expected year level standard (compared to all students across Australia). A ‘High’ or ‘Very High’ means they are operating well above the expected year level standard.

Most importantly, really celebrate the ‘effort’ rating. Working to the very best of their ability and putting in a consistently great effort is a goal we have for all students across the school.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures
Our school is now using electronic roll marking to monitor student absences. All staff mark the roll electronically in the morning when school commences and in the afternoon. We take all student absences very seriously. Please remember that if your child is arriving at school after 8:50am they need to come to the office to collect a ‘late arrival’ slip. All ‘early departures’ must go through the office. This means that if your child is departing early please come to the office to collect and sign out your child.

Moving Arts Performance Evening
Next Tuesday (19th) all year levels will perform on stage in front of our parents and school mates commencing at 6:00pm. During the year classes have been involved in structured movement lessons which culminate in a class performance. It is our plan to share all these performances with our entire school community. A flyer will come out this week. It is the first time for this event …. should be fun. I am sure the kids will enjoy themselves. See you there.

Parking – Afternoon Pick-Up
Pick-ups in the afternoon seem to be running smoothly. On behalf of our students and staff, thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and cooperation during this busy time.

One issue has come to my attention of late. Parent and carers … please refrain from parking in the ABC Child Care car park in the afternoons. This is not our car park and for the safety of the little ones that use the ABC facility, please do not park there during our school pick-up time. Thank you. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Yours in Education
John Kratzmann – Acting Principal
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

COLES Sport for Schools

We have registered for the COLES Sport for Schools program which starts tomorrow 13th June and runs until 4th August. For those of you who shop at Coles Supermarkets, Bi-Lo, Pick’n’Pay and Coles Online, collect the vouchers and bring them to the office and put them into the box provided. At the end of the promotion, the school will be able to choose sports equipment which will reflect the number of vouchers collected.

Earn and Learn Double Stickers Week

The Woolworths promotion is still running for the families who shop at this supermarket. Completed cards of stickers may be deposited in the Kirwan SS marked boxes at The Willows, Parkside and The Avenues. This program runs now to the extended date of 12 August. There is a ‘Double Stickers’ promotion kicking off this week. From Monday 11th June until Tuesday 19th June, all customers who buy specially marked products will be eligible for double stickers on their total shop. New sticker cards can be collected from the school office or from the supermarket.

Kirwan Kapers

The next two weeks will see plenty of happenings in the school.

- Fun Run – Wednesday morning (tomorrow morning) starting at 9am for Years 4-7 and at 11.30am for Prep – Year 3 students. (See further information regarding the Fun Run elsewhere in this newsletter.) Come along and support the students.
- Musical Concert – Friday 15th June at 2pm. Our music program will be presenting samples of the semester of learning.
- Dance Concert – Tuesday 19th June. All year levels are performing the routines taught this semester by Mrs Brodie. This will take place on our main oval at 6.00pm. (Please bring along a chair or a blanket.) Drinks, nibbles and glow products will be on sale from our St C’s P&C. This has been a wonderful program and has been included in our end-of-year reports under “The Arts”.
- School Disco – Thursday 21st June - our end of term disco; Juniors 4 – 6 pm and Seniors 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Drinks, nibbles and glow products will be on sale.

Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

Under 8s

This Friday our Under 8 students will be participating in a wonderful morning of organised activities. It would be great if you could come along and support your child by either contacting your class teacher for a specific time slot to help out or by simply coming along on the day. Your child would love to see you there!

Lost Property

Each day, we get additions to the lost property bins which are located at the side of E Block. Now with winter upon us, a number of jackets/jumpers have already appeared in the lost property bins. Please ensure your child brings home their jacket/jumper each afternoon. We put the contents of these bins out at least twice a term to ensure owners have the opportunity to retrieve their property and it would also help immensely if each jumper/jacket was named.

Donna Cockrem (Acting Deputy Principal)

Position Vacant

AO2 AAEPE 15 HOURS PER WEEK

Applications are invited for the position of AO2 AAEPE at Kirwan State Primary commencing 16 July 2012. The hours of duty will be worked Monday to Friday for 3 hours per day.

The position description and work profile are available at the school office, Kirwan State Primary School, 21 Burnda Street, Kirwan.

Applicants are required to submit a brief resume, contact details for 2 referees and a maximum 1 page written response addressing ‘HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED’ listed in the role description. The successful applicant must have a current First Aid Certificate and a current Working with Children Blue Card. Applicants should have some knowledge of the OneSchool program.

Address applications to:-

Business Services Manager
Kirwan State Primary School
PO Box 1047
Thuringowa Central QLD 4817

Any enquiries should be directed to Karen Finnigan on 4799.1888.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3:00pm Friday 22 June 2012.

Kirwan Fun Run Tomorrow!

Years 4–7

9.00am - Year levels will go to their house colour tents.
11.30pm - Races begin with Year 4 Boys ... Year 4 Girls ... etc.

Prep – Year 3

11.30am Year levels will go to their house coloured tents.
11.50am Races with Prep Boys ... Prep Girls ... etc.

Please Note:

- Students must bring SHOES (must be worn in Fun Run), HAT, SUNSCREEN, WATER BOTTLE and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- Starting times are approximate.
- Children are to race in their year levels as this is a Fun Run and not a race for selection.
- Ribbons will be given out on the day to 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- All students who compete in the Fun Run will receive points for completing the course.

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who are the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class this week.

Prep A
Sophie Howard 1E/2E Cameron Miller
Prep B
Bokisa Tapu 2A Cobey Sawyer
Prep C
Kuing Tahanah Buchanan 2B Stephanie Abrahams
Prep D
Keely Laffin 2C Dakota Verhaaf
Prep E
Laura Shaw 2D Abbey Carr
1A
Cecil Milton 3A Kye Venning
1B
Brooklyn Acres 3B Kyrah Craigie
1C
Benthany Gorman 3C Angel Barry
1D
Connor Jones 3D Stefania Noble

Semester 1 Student Reports

All Semester 1 Written Reports will be sent home with students on Thursday 21st June. There can be no early issuance of reports. If you are leaving the school early, (either on transfer or on early holidays), please leave a forwarding address with our office staff so that the report can be mailed to you. If you do not want the report mailed, please discuss other suitable arrangements with the office staff.

As you read your child’s report card, please keep in mind the following message. In the subject areas of English, Maths and Science, for the first time teachers are now reporting against National Achievement Standards. These standards are written for the end of the school year and a grade of a ‘C’ reflects what a solidly achieving student would be expected to demonstrate. If it appears that your child’s grades are not what they have been previously, it may reflect this sharper focus on standards, and it does not necessarily mean your child is not progressing well.

Should you have any queries regarding any reporting processes, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s teacher.

Trish McEvoy (Acting Head of Curriculum)

Student Council Disco

Date: Thursday 21 June
Prep – Year 3: 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 4–7: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

$5 tickets will go on sale for the disco TODAY from Mrs Taylor’s room – C Block. Preps children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. All children attending MUST be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.

Lorraine Taylor – Student Council Coordinator

P&C Pieces

There is no June P&C Meeting. The next meeting will be in July.

Uniform Shop is open from 8.00am – 9.00am Thursday mornings in P Block.

Keep the donations coming for the Fun Run – so far we had an excellent response. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Fete Craft Group

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to paint items for our fete stall; tomorrow, Wednesday 13 June, from 9:30am–12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. This week we are planning to paint various student council items. 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!
School Fun Run – 13 June
Everyday Hero Fundraising Page
EVERYDAY HERO FUNDRAISING PAGE – DO YOU HAVE ONE??
Go online to http://www.schoolfunrun.com.au and set it up by clicking on the mi adzone tab!
WHY? You go in to draw for a Wii Fit Plus gaming system and it allows family and friends who live all over Australia or the world to get behind you and support you and our school.
HOW? They can use credit card, direct deposit, pay at Australia Post or even use Paypal.
REMEMBER – HIGHEST FUNDRAISER IN THE SCHOOL WINS A 16GB IPOD NANO!

Kirwan State School

Saturday 27 October

Join in the Fun

Shop for Our School

♦ Earn and Learn
We have boxes at The Avenues, Parkside and The Willows for completed cards of stickers from Woolworths. If you require another card, either ask at the service counters or the school has a small supply available from the office.

♦ School Dollars
Our school is 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!! 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!!

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

SWPBS
At Kirwan, developing a safe and supportive learning environment is taken very seriously. We are engaged in developing a School Wide Positive Behaviour process where we target the behaviours that require the most attention and reward students who are displaying the skills and behaviours we are teaching and expecting. Early in the term our SWPBS committee conducted a ‘bullying audit’ of our entire school. We are taking the results of this ground-breaking survey very seriously. The results from this survey will assist the school to develop and implement targeted plans to reduce all incidents of inappropriate behaviour in our school.

Thank you …
Our SWPBS Team
Responsible, Respectful and Safe….. that’s us.

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