Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Community Christmas Carols

The festive season starts at 6pm tonight. Grab your camping chairs or a picnic blanket and come and join us for some festive cheer! I look forward to seeing you there.

Defence Family Stars

My congratulations to Jenny Sheehan, Leigh Reid and the wonderful mums who were part of the Remembrance Day Today Show story on Channel Nine.

I must also congratulate Mrs Yench and the entire school community for a beautiful and moving ceremony last Friday to commemorate Remembrance Day. I was very proud of our students who sat so solemnly and with much reverence. Well done to all.

Leadership

It is that time of the year when we are closely scrutinising our current Year 6 group for leadership potential. This year in particular has been characterised by outstanding leadership from our current Year 7s. As I said to the current year six students, THEY HAVE BIG BOOTS TO FILL! This week I have included the Kirwan State School “Leadership Qualities” which we espouse. I have also included a list of the types of duties a leader will be expected to fill.

Qualities of a Leader at Kirwan State School

- self-reliance and self-discipline
- tolerance of others
- good moral character
- a bright and cheerful disposition
- respect for other students and staff members
- co-operation both inside and outside the classroom
- active participation in school activities
- the ability to interact with the school community
- dedication and commitment to the values and beliefs of Kirwan Primary School
- leadership skills
- the ability to fulfil short and long term commitments
- the wearing of correct school uniform

Duties of a Leader at Kirwan State School

- represent Kirwan Primary School at official functions
- member of Kirwan’s Student Council
- offer and provide peer support
- assist in organisation of school functions
- assist in developing a supportive school environment

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
Carols by Candlelight

Kirwan Carols by Candlelight is on TONIGHT on the oval. Every year level will be performing so bring everyone you know. Performances start at 6:00pm.

Carols by Candlelight Tuckshop Menu
Sausage Sizzle ..................... $2.00 Softdrinks ............................ $2.00
Sausage Rolls ....................... $2.50 Water .................................. $1.50
Shark Pies ......................... $2.50 Poppers ................................. $1.50
Apple Pies ...................... $2.50 Killer Pythons ....................... $1.00
Hamburgers (lettuce, tomato) ...... $4.00
(Only 100 hamburgers available - first in, first served)

From our Deputy John Kratzmann
Caught Out – Doing the Right Things
A special well done to Bethany Gorman from 1C, Tahnee Marshall from 2A, Jack Kenny from 2B, Raven McDonald from 5A and Hamari Nawara from 2C who achieved their 100 Gotcha certificates. Over the last week these students have achieved their 50 Gotchas.

Junior School
Hayley Newsome 2B
Alannah Cowley 2B
Geordatay Bara 1C
Isabellie Johnson-Briggs 2B
Kayla Walker 2B
Nathaniel Kimber Prep E
Brooklyn Acres 1B
Jet Smalley 1A
Emily Greenalsh 1A
Jael Milne 1A
Samantha Smart 2C
Jett Newman 2C
Zachery Candy 2D
Sharla Campbell 2D
Diesel Taylor Prep D
Cameron Braby Prep D
Cooper Hovasapian Prep D
Jyspi Trefehrers 1/2E
Ashley Nolan Prep A
Matthew Surgeon Prep A
Brodie Streeter Prep E
Paige Carlaw 1A
Kai Milne 1A
Daisy Tree 1C
Austin Wood Prep B
Chelsea-Lee Stroud 1B
Sophie Howard Prep A

School Wide Positive Behaviour in Action
Last Friday during our Special Remembrance Day Service I watched with great pride each and every student respecting itself and using whole-body listening with all eyes focused on the speaker. Each and every student was amazing during the service.

I am equally proud at lunchtime when I walk around and see all students playing fairly and solving problems. All staff members here at Kirwan will continue to catch our kids doing the right things, reward students showing the desired behaviours; they will focus on the positives and celebrate the great choices our kids make. I can guarantee that every single staff member is working hard to create a safe, supportive and responsible school climate. Of course we will have our ups and downs – we do have 840 students. However, focusing on the positives is working – we all saw that on Friday.

November
As we meet around the school during the month of November you might find me sprouting some rather interesting facial hair. It is not that I like it itching, or the way it makes me look; it is however (as you may realise) for Movember to raise vital funds and awareness for men’s health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health. I am in a private ‘No Mo’ team (name given to all no growers) called the “Stuff Upper Lips” – note the play on words. At school here I have some “No Sisters” (the name given to ladies who support the Mo Growers) who are going to hold a staff morning tea for a fundraiser. Seriously folks – I’m in it for men’s health. Grow the mo … check out ‘movember.com’.

Prep Come and Try Day
Today we welcomed our 2013 Preparatory Year students and their parents into our school for a ‘Prep Year’ come and try day. We have over 140 Prep students enrolled for 2013. This proves we have a fantastic reputation in the community and people are coming from all over to attend our wonderful school.

Afterschool Procedures
Please remember that school finishes at 2:50pm. We have a teacher on duty at the Bus Zone outside the music block and a teacher at the bike shed. Bikes are not to be ridden on the basketball courts and students are to leave the school grounds sensibly and in a timely manner. Any students in the grounds at 3:10pm will be directed to CPA 1 (undercover area near the tuckshop) where all students will sit and wait to be collected. Please collect your children within a reasonable timeframe.

From our Deputy Helen Yench
CAROLS NIGHT
Tonight, beginning at 6:00pm, we will be celebrating our Community Carol event on the oval. All students will be performing on stage that night in their classes, as well as the instrumental music sections and the choirs. The Thuringowa Brass Band will be playing and a couple of surprise guests will make appearances – some singing and some just visiting (with a Ho! Ho! Ho!). The P&C will be selling food on the night, Glo products and candles will be on sale and a few stalls with left-overs from the Fete will be operating.

Please invite Neighbours, Friends and relatives to this annual community event.

Keep smiling…

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal

Kirwan Dance Program – Moving Arts
At the beginning of 2012, Kirwan State School students were all involved in a Dance program as part of the Arts curriculum. Every student was given lessons over the first semester which then culminated in an evening Dance display on the oval. Parents were asked to make a minimal compulsory payment of $10 per student towards this program. To date, over 70% of students have paid. This is a small way our students and their families can support their school and at the same time, provide an opportunity for the school to balance the accounts, we require this small amount to be paid by Tuesday 13 November. Please make this a priority.

7E Technology Assignment
Mr Vetter’s 7E class had a technology assignment to make a gift box this term. These are two of the final products made by Chelsea and Molly-Beth.

P&C Pieces
FETE: The Fete Committee and the P&C are very pleased to announce that a profit of $32,594.00 was made from the fete. Congratulations and thank you to every single person involved in making the fete such a great success!

FETE DODGER SELLERS: Last week and this week we presented prizes to our Highest Dodger Sellers. Congratulations and thanks to the following students for all their hard work:

Dana Andlaw - 1A  Jamayne Saunders - 4D
Eva Shields – PrepE

There were also a number of other raffles and draws held at the fete. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 4A Dressed Doll raffle
- DCD Lolly Jar
- Indigenous footy jersey raffle
- 1/2E Baby Photo contest
- Cent sale random draw spit roster
- 7G Guess Lolly winners

- 1st & 2nd place
- 3rd & 4th place

We would also like to thank Mrs Melanie Channell and Mrs Sandra Sellars whose tireless efforts in counting money, collating dodger tickets and notes, setting up, making lolly bags, sorting prizes and arranging all our fabulous outside stalls made our jobs much easier. Thank you ladies; we are very grateful for your contribution.

P&C General Meeting: Our last meeting for the year will be held in the staffroom at 7pm next Tuesday 20 November 2012. Please bring a plate to share while we tie up some loose ends and celebrate all our hard work this year.

Year 7 Parent Committee: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 November 2012 at 6pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 20 November
7:00pm in the Staffroom

Chairs for Sale - $5.00
The school has a number of chairs, surplus to our requirements, for sale to parents for the sum of $5 per chair. These would make ideal study chairs for students or extra chairs for children in a BBQ area. Next Friday afternoon, 23 November, in the Shed area, parents may come and purchase with CASH only. You may buy as many as you like or just one. They must be taken on the day. All money will be put towards other furniture for student use throughout the 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  Chloe Mackay  3C  Zoe Cornish
PrepB  Kaleb Tanner  3C  Tahlia Davis
PrepC  Ashton Bellert  3C  Madison Lourie
PrepD  Tyler Denham  3D  Ashlee Partridge-Wregg
PrepE  Lenita Williams  3D  Kamau James
1A  Bella Morley  4A  Shinae Bloye
1B  Tearla Kemp  4B  Natasha Van Antwerp
1C  Tshana Steen  4C  Corbyn Purkis-Arthur
1D  Madeleine O’Neill  4D  Mason Winter
1/2E  Jayde McGlynn  5A  Katie Gillham
2A  Aiesha Mohideen  5A  John Nawara
2B  Isabelle Johnson-Briggs  5D  Tiarna Elliott
2C  Medini Star  6A  Naoki Strain
2D  Zachary Candy  6B  Ziah Hulet
3A  Nadia Bowen  6B  Abbie Cook
3B  Sammi Cheadle  7D  Sian Maha

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Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day Service was held last Friday when we were honoured to have Sgt Mark Humphreys give the Remembrance Day address and Greg and Rachel Pritchard pipe in the official party as well as play during the wreath laying. Our students are so lucky to have so many opportunities to hear and listen to such people and be reminded of how significant these days are to Australians … LEST WE FORGET.

Music News

All Junior and Senior String Orchestra, Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble will be performing at our Carols by Candlelight tonight. Arrive in your Christmas clothes, with your instrument, at 5:30pm and assemble in the music block to begin playing on stage at 6:00pm.

Reminder to All Concert Band and Senior / Junior String Orchestra - There are a lot of students missing morning rehearsals without any communication to their conductors. Parents, could you please email the conductor of your ensemble directly (see below) if your child misses morning ensemble rehearsals.

Junior & Senior String Orchestra - Miss Lloyd-Doolan - clov28@eq.edu.au
Concert Band - Miss Hanschen - nhans103@eq.edu.au

Instruments Audit - All school instruments need to be returned to the school on Tuesday 13 November (after Carols) for the audit. There will be no musical lessons this Thursday 15th or Friday 16th November because of the audit. School instruments will stay at school, however lessons will resume for all instrumental students next week (November 19).

SEP Update

Questacon Science Circus was a real hit, especially the fire bubbles part of the show! We did have a few worried faces when the balloons came out, but nothing serious.

Year 7 transition program to Kirwan State High School went off without a hitch and I know students are looking forward to the next day – tomorrow – 14 November.

The Aquatic Fun Day at Kodoka Pool made a big splash with the children. Everyone had an absolutely fabulous day and many who were initially hesitant to get in the pool found that they had so much fun they were reluctant to get out at the end of the day!

Hanne © … Acting HOSES

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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Environmental Message

Males can save water this November
Give the razor a miss … it’s Mo-vement!

Defence News

Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 20 November starting at 2.00pm in the Defence Room.

Leaving? Posting out? If you are, please notify the office as the lovely admin ladies need to finalise paperwork.

See you all out and about…

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

No Dance Troupe Practice

Please be advised that there will be no dance troupe practice with Mrs Brodie this Wednesday afternoon (November 14th).

Tuckshop Talk

Nov 14  Michelle
Nov 15  Leanne
Nov 16  Kaitlyn, Carley (½ day)
Nov 19  Rayleen
Nov 20  Carley

Please note that there is NO VANILLA MALT MILK available for sale. Please cross this item off your tuckshop list.

The Tuckshop Team would like to wish Sandra Sellen a speedy recovery after her operation.

Book Fair

The fair is open for purchases at the Resource Centre!

Opening times are:
8:00am-4:00pm Tuesday
8:00am-4:00pm Wednesday
8:00am-4:00pm Thursday
8:00am – 1:30pm Friday

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

Resource Centre Staff

Remembrance Day 2012
Kirwan State School
Master of Ceremonies
Helen Yench
Official Address
Sgt Mark Humphreys
Bagpipe Players
Mr Pritchard
Rachel Pritchard
Bugler
Aiden Barker

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Give the razor a miss … it’s Mo-vember!

13 November …………..Community Christmas Carols on the Oval – 6pm
13-16 November ………………………………..Book Fair
14 November ……………………..Dance Troupe Practice Cancelled
20 November ……………………..Defence Parent Chat Group – 2.00pm in the Defence Room
20 November ……………………..P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
23 November ………………………………..Chairs for Sale – Shed Area
07 December ……………………..Whole School Transition
07 December ……………………..Kirwan High Transition Day for Year 7 students
11 December ………………………………..Awards Ceremony (Years 3-6)
13 December ………………………………..Report Cards Issued
12 December ………………………………..Year 7 Graduation
14 December ………………………………..Last Day of Term 4 2012
29 January 2013 ………………………………..First Day of Term 1 2013

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