Dear Parents and Caregivers

Firstly, let me extend a warm welcome to our many new students from near and far. As I welcomed our new students at senior parade yesterday, I asked the senior students what they thought I looked for most keenly on a new student’s report card. Their responses showed a level of maturity and thoughtfulness – Safe, Respectful and Responsible, Behaviour, etc. These things are all important, but the one thing I am very keen to see is EFFORT. Consistent and persistent application to work is not only a key driver in school performance; it is also a life skill. Kids who work hard get along with their teachers and their peers. They are respected. They don’t give up. They aren’t stressed the night before homework is due because they’ve worked hard to get it done at the appropriate time. They are the kids who enjoy life and have high participation rates in things like sports and clubs.

Given that all children will receive their first semester report cards at the end of this term, your child’s rating for effort would be a good starting point for discussion. Rather than picking up all the negative things first, look for how much effort your child is putting in.

P&C Executive

I am very pleased to be able to congratulate a full complement of executive members of the Kirwan State School P&C for 2012. The positions were filled as follows at the last meeting:

President: Mrs Lyndal Humphreys
Vice President: Mr Ken Ellis
Treasurer: Mrs Rayleen Currey
Secretary: Ms Carly Merrett

I would like to acknowledge both Lyndal and Rayleen who have taken on board a second year in the executive and I would like to thank both Ken and Carly for accepting positions this year. I look forward to a productive and positive year – with our fete in the not too distant future, we have lots to look forward to.

Our first meeting for this term will be held TONIGHT AT 7:00PM IN THE STAFFROOM. All parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend. New families are particularly welcome. This is a very tangible way to show your support and make a difference to your child’s school.

Term Two is a very busy one with Cross Country Trials this Friday, Fanfare in two week’s time, Year 7 Camp, NAPLAN testing for our 3, 5 and 7 students, and election sausage sizzle with the P&C. Our Preppies are also starting to take home readers as I write. The joy they experience when they realise that they “can read” for the first time, is a milestone enjoyed by teachers and parents alike.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you throughout this busy term.

Kind regards...

Melissa Jackson – Principal
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break and are ready to face another term of helping with homework and reading with your child/children. These are great bonding activities and provide the message that you are interested in your child’s schooling.

ANZAC DAY

Our school ANZAC Day service will take place in the Shed area at 10:15am next Tuesday. We have a guest speaker and visiting dignitaries to make this a memorable service. There will be wreath-laying by guests, staff, P&C and classes. If you wish to lay a wreath, could you please contact me to let me know. The service is expected to last about 30 minutes.

DROP OFF ZONE

Just a reminder that the drop off zone at the front of the school is just that – a place to drop and drive off. If you are walking into the school, then alternate parking must be sought. Also check the times and speed restrictions, as the police are out in force to deter speeding drivers.

I look forward to another busy but productive term. Please call me if you need to discuss your child’s concerns or if you feel the school should be informed of any changes that may affect your child’s schooling. We are here to help.

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal

School Fees

- School supplied resources:
  - Prep – LEM Phonics/Numeracy Book ........................................ $5.00
  - Year 1 – Student Assessment folio ............................................................ $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 Finigan – Acting Business Services Manager

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 Prep–3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Vacation Times for 2012 and 2013

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School Photographs – 19/20 April

MSP Photography will be visiting the school on Thursday/Friday 19/20 April to photograph our students. Each student should have brought home his/her own envelope with their name, class and ID number on it.

Envelopes with your student’s order are to be returned to the photographer on the day of photographs.

Family photographs are also being offered by the photographer and order envelopes are available from the school office.

Please Note: MSP Photography is allowing 10 working days after the photo days to make late payments. After this time, a $20 late fee will be added to each order. If you are wishing to order photos after this time, please contact MSP Photography on 4729 2900, and they will be able to arrange such for you.

School Photo Timetable

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PLEASE NOTE: THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE – THEY MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY OF PHOTOS.

School Hours

Hours of School:

- All year levels: 8:00am – 3:30pm
- All students should be at school no later than 8:45am.

Sessions:

- Morning Session: 8:00am – 10:50am
- Middle Session: 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 2:50pm

Classes are dismissed at 2:50pm.

OFFICE HOURS STRICTLY – 8:00am – 3:30pm

Medication at School

At times it is necessary for children to take medication during school hours. We are aware of this need and are willing to assist you in this situation. However, due to directives from Education Queensland, and in conjunction with current regulations, prescription medicine only can be administered by school staff and under doctor’s instructions. This means that all medication must come to school in a container, which is clearly labelled by the pharmacist with the child’s name, dosage and instructions for dispensing, together with the doctor’s name. If the medication is not prescribed by a medical practitioner, we are unable to administer this during school hours to him/her. Parents are very welcome to come along to the school and administer the medication at the appointed time, or alternatively, seek medical advice from their doctor re a prescription for the required medication. We appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

Using a Supervised Crossing

Stop
Wait
Listen
Walk
Be Alert

Guide your children so they understand the five steps to crossing safely with a Supervisor.

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

2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Once again we are eager to offer ALL students an opportunity to participate in the 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Further information and a student permission slip to participate were sent home with students last term. This is optional testing though it is a great opportunity for students to measure their achievements in an external testing situation across a range of curriculum areas. This type of testing also assists in preparing students for formal assessment and builds confidence in examination conditions. Permission slips and money are to be placed in an envelope with the student’s name, class and the competition name on the front by this Friday 20 April 2012. This is then to be deposited through the barred window into the cash receipt box in the Admin Block. A receipt will be issued in due course. All entry fees are non-refundable.

For any further information on these or other curriculum matters, please contact Trish McEvy, Head of Curriculum (Acting).

Milo Tins Needed!!!
2A requires milo tins for their fete stall. All sizes appreciated!!

P&C Pieces
I would like to congratulate and welcome the newest members of our P&C Executive, Mr Ken Ellis (vice president) and Ms Carley Merrett (secretary). Thank you for volunteering your valuable time. We now have a full executive, with Ken and Carley joining myself, Mrs Rayleen Currey (treasurer) and our fantastic sub-committees [Tuckshop, KOSHC, Year 7 Parents & Fete] to make this a fantastic year for the P&C and our school. We have a number of events planned for the year, including the fete and the fun run.

P&C Meeting: Our general meeting is on tonight at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Please come along and become a member, which entitles you to vote at all meetings this year. It’s a great way to be involved in your children’s education. Everyone is welcome.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle/Cake Stall: We have another election coming up on Saturday 28 April, and will be running a BBQ. This is a great fundraiser, so PLEASE get involved. If you can help on the day, please email pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au or call into the office to give your details. Even 30 minutes of your time would be very valuable and greatly appreciated. Can’t make it on the day? Perhaps you can donate cakes and other baked goodies for our cake stall. We haven’t had a cake stall in a long time, so please help to make this a success. Donations can be left at the tuckshop on Friday and need to be accompanied by a list of ingredients. If you have enquiries please email the P&C or call me on 0488.079.999.

Fete Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Staffroom on Thursday 10 May. Please support our fete; we need many hands to make this a success.

Used Uniform Shop: Our Uniform Shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8:00am – 8:45am in F Block. Prices are $5 for bottoms and $10 for tops/dresses; CASH ONLY. We are still collecting pre-loved uniforms for our shop if you have any that are no longer needed. Thank you!

Year 7 Parent Committee: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 April at 6:30pm in the Staffroom.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Environmental Message
Dirty stormwater makes sea creatures sick, So give littering our grounds the flick!

Fun Run and Cross Country News
Due to the short time frame for fundraising we will be postponing the whole school fun run to later in the year, however we will be holding a cross country trial still for students in Years 4-7 on 20 April 9:00am (this Friday) on the oval. This is a trial for selection for the school team to compete at the interschool cross country to be held on 08 May at Bicentennial Park.

Music News
• Fanfare Competition - Tuesday 01 May for Concert Band and String Orchestra. A note with details and $8 bus payment form will be given out on Thursday.
• Senior Glee Club - Tuesday 2nd Break
• Junior Glee Club - Thursday 2nd Break
• Kirwan Talent Time - Friday 2nd Break
• Attend all rehearsals for your music groups as this term is full of performances.
• All music uniform orders should have already been paid to the office.

School Favourites Recipe Book
Do you have a favourite recipe you’d love to share? Send it in to your P&C and have it included (with your name) in our Recipe Book. Each child can have their favourite recipe entered, or it can be a family favourite. Maybe you have some nifty cooking tips that we could include? Recipes can be dropped in to the P&C box or emailed. At this stage recipe books will not be available before Mother's Day. We are still keen to collect recipes so please keep sending them in and perhaps purchase one at our fete in October. Thanks!

Congratulations
Congratulations to Luke Christian for making the Thuringowa Rugby League team to compete in the North Queensland Trials in Ingham.

Can you help?
The Fete Committee needs jars! If you have Dolmio, Moccona or other good sized jars, please bring them in to the office. No small jam jars please.

Kirwan calendar
17 April .................. P&C Meeting TONIGHT – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
19/20 April .............. Cross Country Trial for Years 4-7 9:00am on the Oval
20 April .................. Permission slips due 2012 International Competitions
24 April .................. ANZAC Day School Service – 10:15am
24 April ...........Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting – 6:30pm in the Staffroom
25 April .................. ANZAC Day Public Holiday
28 April .............. P&C Election Day Sausage Sizzle/BBQ/Cake Stall
07 May .................. May Public Holiday
10 May .................... Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
15-18 May .................. NAPLAN Testing
04-07 June .................. School Photos
27 October .................. School Fete

Tuckshop Talk
Apr 18 Sandra, Michelle
Apr 19 Rayleen, Leanne
Apr 20 Rayleen
Apr 23 Rayleen, Brett
Apr 24 Carley

Defence News
• Hi everyone and welcome back! Our first Parent Chat Group for the term will be on next Tuesday 24 April commencing at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
• On Tuesday 24 April our school will be having a service for ANZAC Day. The service will commence at 10:15am. Please come along and support ANZAC Day and our school.
• This year our school will be marching at the Thuringowa March on 25 April for ANZAC Day. Please note it will not be at the Strand, but along Thuringowa Drive. We will be forming up behind the Shell Service Station at Willows Shopping Centre between 9:30am and 9:45am for a 10:00am start. A letter will be sent home shortly with more details.
• See you all out and about!

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs