From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Author in Residence

In week 6 of this term, we will play host to “Author in Residence” Boori Monty Pryor. Boori will conduct whole school storytelling and dance on Monday 6th August. He will then work specifically with Years 2, 3 and 4 over the next 3 days in an intensive workshop.

I have included below a biography of Boori Pryor. I am truly looking forward to having an author of such a high calibre in our school. I know that your children will thoroughly enjoy Boori and his insightful writing.

Boori Pryor was born in Townsville, North Queensland. His father is from the Birrigubba of the Bowen region and his mother from Yarrabah (near Cairns), a descendant of the Kungganji and Kukuimudji. Boori is a multi-talented performer and basketball player who has worked in film, television, modelling, sport, music and theatre-in-education. He is a recognised speaker on Aboriginal issues.

Boori is also an accomplished didgeridoo player who has performed solo with the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra and conducted a didgeridoo workshop for Yamaha, which was broadcast nationally on ABC Radio. He has performed in many schools throughout Australia, Europe and Asia.

In 1993 he received an award for 'the promotion of Indigenous culture', awarded by the National Aboriginal and Islander Observance Committee and in 1994 Boori performed for the ‘Musikantenstadl’ TV show. Televised from Austria it had a viewing audience of sixty million. In 1995 he performed in Sydney before Pope John Paul II during the beatification ceremonies for Mother Mary McKillop.

Boori has written several award-winning children’s books with Meme McDonald. These include MY GIRRAGUNDJI, THE BINNA BINNA MAN and NJUNJUL THE SUN.

Boori’s latest picture book is SHAKE A LEG, published by Allen & Unwin and winner of the 2011 Prime Minister’s Literary Award for Children’s Fiction.

Boori was named the inaugural Australian Children’s Laureate in 2012, together with Alison Lester.

Boori lives in Melbourne, but spends much of the year on the road. His stories are about finding strength within to deal with the challenges without, and his skill is to create positive visions of the future for both Indigenous and white people.

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson
Principal
**From our Deputy – Helen Yench**

**DROP ZONE**

We are receiving complaints on a regular basis from drivers who are attempting to use the drop zone correctly. Quite a number of parents are double parking, waiting for their children to appear and therefore heading traffic. If your child is not present when you drive through then you must keep driving and go round again. Double parking and waiting causes a traffic jam and prevents other parents from leaving the zone.

The correct procedure is **stop in the 2 minute zone BUT don’t leave your car** or park up further near the Kindy where you may leave your car. The drive through area means that you must keep moving at all times.

Under no circumstances should the staff car park or the Administration keyhole driveway be used as pick up points by parents.

Police will be patrolling the area and handing out fines to those who persist in double parking in the zone.

**WOOLWORTHS AND COLES**

Thank you to Lyndal Humphreys (and children) for counting all the cards and vouchers received to date. We have thousands of filled cards and bundles of vouchers. Keep depositing them and thank you for supporting us.

**JAPANESE VISITORS**

We were visited by the Principal and Head of English of the Kokugakuin High School, a Japanese Tour Guide and 2 Australian Guides last Wednesday. The school is one of the most prestigious private schools in Japan with about 1700 students. The aim was to see our school and meet the Admin team as well as talk about the short half day program we are presenting for 20 students on 02 August. An email on Friday confirmed that they were very impressed with the school and will now consider sending a group to Kirwan SS as a Home Stay group. We are unsure when this will occur, possibly next year, but it is a wonderful cultural experience for families who take one of these students into their home for 2 weeks. Stay tuned for more information when we know more.

Meanwhile, the Year 7s will assist in the entertaining of the group next month, and 20 students will apply to be a buddy for the half day.

**2013 ENROLMENTS BEING TAKEN NOW**

We are now accepting enrolments for all Prep students beginning in 2013. If you have family and friends or know of people with Prep aged children (ie. born 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008) please pass on this information.

An **Information Day on 16 August at 9:30am and again at 6:00pm** will be held to meet parents and explain how Prep works. Other year level enrolments are also being taken. Interviews with parents and new students will begin the following week. An appointment time may be made through the Admin office.

**Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)**

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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:

**Prep A**
- Peta-Jane Bogdanek 3B
- Brodi Currey

**Prep C**
- Kacie Didden 4B
- Nibbi Yasserke

**Prep D**
- Lilly Glaister 4C
- Ben Henderson

**Prep E**
- Max Cook 4D
- Brooke Stanek

**1A**
- Lucy Duncan 5A
- Jerome Vekusko

**1B**
- Crystal Emlor 5B
- Zachary Thomson

**1C**
- Luke Bennett 5D
- Joseph Lawag

**1D**
- Raphael Tucker 6A
- Jessica Shaw

**1E/2E**
- Morgan Cameron 6B
- Stephanie McDougall

**2A**
- Jessica Rokokey 6C
- Jake Bennie

**2B**
- Latoya Carroll 7C
- Caleb Allen

**2D**
- Ashlyn Lott 7D
- Jason Bautier

**2D**
- Lanesha Gea-Hure 7D
- Sophie Shepherd

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**Kirwan Prep Year 2013**

Enrolments 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 an enrolment form. (All additional paperwork will be available at a later date.)

Information sessions for our new Prep parents will be held on Thursday 16 August and will include information about the school and the enrolment procedure for Prep and all other year levels. The morning session, (but not the evening session), will also include a student-led tour of the school.

**Location:** ICT Room 1 in the Resource Centre

**Session Times:**
- 9:30am – 10:30am; and
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**P&C Pieces**

**P&C MEETING**

Come along to our P&C Meeting which will be held in the staffroom **TONIGHT** - Tuesday 17 July commencing at 7:00pm.

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**YEAR 7 COMMITTEE**

- A final reminder that the flat fee payment of $50 is due THIS FRIDAY 20 JULY. This payment will cover yearbook and graduation expenses so please get your payments in so you don’t miss out.
- The next parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 July 2012 from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the staffroom. This meeting will be a quick meeting to discuss sports day icy cUPS and a few graduation night ideas.

**FETE COMMITTEE**

The next fete meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 July 2012 at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

Over the next couple of weeks, all children will receive a donation request letter specific to their class stall. Please keep a look out for this as every donation will help make our fete a huge success.

Our first drop off day will be this Thursday 19 July between 8:00am and 9:00am. We will accept any items for our White Elephant stall, book stall and any other donations you may have. Please no electrical items.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

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**Fete Craft Group**

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall tomorrow, Wednesday 18 July, from 9:30am – 12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. **This week you can choose your activity!**

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 much to cater for. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you!
**Indigenous News**

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. Our NAIDOC Day celebrations are fast approaching; as yet to be confirmed, but most likely to be in Week 5 of this term. We need parents/helpers for this event to happen and be successful. We will be having a meeting in our Indigenous Room on Wednesday 18 July (tomorrow) at 2:00pm so please come along so we can discuss any ideas for our NAIDOC Day. If anyone can’t make the meeting, but has some ideas or can help out in any way, please contact us at the school.

Debbie and Lorna – Indigenous Aides

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**Tuckshop Talk**

Jul 15 Sandra, Michelle
Jul 19 Rayleen, Leanne
Jul 20 Rayleen, Carley (am)
Jul 23 Rayleen, Brett
Jul 24 Carley

* NO FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCEPTED AT TUCKSHOP!
* Parents – please do not send children to the tuckshop at break times to cut or peel fruit.

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**Year 5s Need Shoe Boxes**

In Year 5 this term, the unit’s assessment requires every child to have a shoe box. If you could send in any shoe boxes that you do not need it would be most appreciated. Thank you…

**Year 5 Teachers**

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Kirwan team of the U12 Western Lions JRL Team, Adam Partridge-Wregg, Jacon Lott, Mika Nant and Luke Christian on their win at the Jason Hetherington Cup in Gladstone on 08 July. They won in style, undefeated in all nine games, taking the cup from a Cairns team 24-4 in the grand final. Well done boys!!

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**Defence News**

Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 31 July commencing at 2:00pm in the defence room. Babies and toddlers most welcome. See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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**Environment Message**

Turn off sprinklers while it is raining.
Keeping them on means the dams are draining.

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**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:

- Shoe boxes or any type of container with an attached lid – we need 35 of these.
- Tattoos

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

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**Music News**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2013 INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS** are now open. The process to apply for or continue in our school instrumental program has changed. The steps you need to take are as follows:

1. Make an appointment to personally meet with Mrs Ransom on srans3@eq.edu.au or 4799.1888 BEFORE Week 8 of Term 3.
2. Fill out and submit the relevant expression of interest form to apply or continue lessons, including your preferred instrument of choice.
3. Classroom teacher’s report will be considered.
4. Students will be tested on chosen instrument for suitability by the instrumental teacher.
5. Confirmation of Acceptance letters will be given out by Week 4 of Term 4.
6. A compulsory meeting for all continuing and new parents of students entering our instrumental program in 2013 will be held in Week 7 Term 4. Parents/Caregivers are expected to hand in their music contract at this important meeting.

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**School Fun Run Money & Sponsorship Forms OVERDUE**

All Fun Run money and sponsorship forms were due back by last Friday 13 July. Please note that if you have done an online sponsorship you will still need to hand the form in to be able to claim your prize.

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**Free Parent Workshops**

Workshops are being offered by SPELD for parents who have a child with a learning difficulty or a learning disability.

Where: The Salvos @ Riverway 41 – 69 Beck Drive, Nth Condon, Townsville
When: Wednesday 25 July 2012 Time: 9:45am – 12:30pm
For more information, contact Hanne (at school) on 4799 1826, phone the organisers on (07) 3394 2566 or email the organisers at admin@speld.org.au.

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**School Fees**

Please pay all outstanding school fees as soon as possible.

School supplied resources:

- Prep – ELM Phonics/Numeracy Book
- Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder
- Year 2 – School produced planner diary
- Year 3 – School produced planner diary
- Year 4 – School produced planner diary
- Year 5 – School supplied diary
- Year 7 – School supplied diary

Religious Education (for Religious Education Books)
Moving Arts (per student)
Voluntary Contribution Scheme (per student)

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

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**Kirwan Calendar**

13 July – Fun Run Money & Sponsorship Forms OVERDUE – Please return ASAP
17 July – TONIGHT – P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in Staffroom
18 July – NAIDOC Day Meeting – 2:00pm in the Indigenous Room
20 July – $50 Flat Fee Payment Due – Year 7 Students
24 July – Year 7 Committee Meeting – 6:00pm in Staffroom
24 July – Fete Committee Meeting – 7:00pm in Staffroom
27 July – Interhouse Athletics Day
31 July – Defence Parent Chat Group – 2pm in Defence Room
02 August – Japanese Student Visit
16 August – Information Sessions – Prep 2013 – 9:30am and 6:00pm
20 August – Beginning of Prep Interviews
27 October – School Fete

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**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.

15 August – 3A
22 August – 1A
29 August – 2B
05 September – 1CD
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.

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**Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm**