19 June 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers

It is important that we continue to work hard together as a school community (parents, carers, teachers, students, family members, friends, community businesses, etc.) to develop the necessary partnerships that really do benefit our students. The primary partnership is between parents/carers/family and the school. This partnership is built by communicating regularly with each other, resolving any issues quickly, planning together, celebrating successes, attending (where possible) school events and importantly, by knowing what your child is learning and what is happening at school. I am confident that our whole school community values these partnerships. At Kirwan we value each and every child and each and every family. Well done Kirwan.

Report Cards

Over the past several weeks in Kirnews you will have read about the National Curriculum, the C2Cs, Assessment, Australia-wide standards, etc. With all said and done, reports go home on Thursday. When you receive your child’s report card, good or so-so, find the positives to celebrate. If your child gets a ‘D’ in a learning area, make plans with them to get them to a ‘C’ for the next reporting period. If they get a ‘C’ set some goals to achieve a ‘B’. Celebrate the ‘B’s and ‘A’s in the effort column. Read the behaviour report and celebrate this. Rest assured, it is the goal of every member of our school to get each and every child performing to the best of their ability; this is academically, socially and physically.

Moving Arts Concert

Tonight is the very first ‘Moving Arts Concert’. I am sure your children will have a blast dancing with their friends for your entertainment. I look forward to seeing you there. Please keep in mind that there was a small cost for this program. If you have not paid, please see your child’s teacher. Monies from this payment also go toward the stage and the concert. Thank you.

Music Concert

It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and family members at our school concert last Friday afternoon. Well done to Mrs Ransom, our instrumental music teachers and, of course, our talented bunch of ‘stars’. Great job…

School Disco

This Thursday, the school disco will be on for Prep – Year 3 students from 4-6pm and for Years 4 – 7 students from 6:30 – 8:30pm. What a great way to celebrate a great term with friends. Enjoy the music from our very own DJ – ‘Mr Browne’. Look forward to seeing you there as well…

School Grounds

Our school grounds are looking fantastic. A huge thank you to groundsman (Mr Clarrie) and our cleaning team who do work tirelessly to make sure your children come to school to a clean, green, safe and well-presented environment. Great job…

Meetings

Please be aware that all school staff are busy – most of the time. If you require a meeting it is a great idea to phone ahead and make a suitable time so we can schedule some time without interruptions. Your time is important to us.

Holidays

Have a wonderful mid-year break. Enjoy the beautiful Townsville weather and all this great city has to offer. We will see you bright and early on the 5th of July.

Yours in Education

John Kratzmann

Principal (Acting)
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

Fete Entertainment
We are slowly filling our spaces for Fete entertainment but would love more community involvement with demonstrations. I have a Zumba and Cheer Leaders display already, but I am still after others; so if you know of anyone who may be available or you or your children attend activities that lend themselves to displays, please contact me at admin@kirwans.eq.edu.au.

Holidays Coming Up
I have reminded the students on assembly that the school is an out-of-bounds area during non-school terms, including holidays. If you are passing and see anything occurring of an unusual nature, please call School Watch on 131788.

NAIDOC Week
NAIDOC Week is coming up next term for us. We are in the planning phase but if you have contacts with groups who can donate their time or craft, again, please make contact with the school.

Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

❤️ UNDER 8s
What a fun day! Last Friday our Under 8 students at Kirwan enjoyed a fun-filled, action-packed day of activities. I think the hit of the day was definitely the hair colouring. The line was always very long. Well done teachers and aides for organizing such an exhilarating day. Also thanks to our parent helpers who also contributed to the successful day.

❤️ MOVING ARTS
I’m getting very excited!! We are only hours away from holding our very first Moving Arts Performance at Kirwan. Stage is up, lights are on and our students are fully prepared to give their very best! Can’t wait to see you TONIGHT!!

P.S. Who spotted the intentional error on the flyer which went home last Thursday? I had a prize waiting for the first person who found the error.

❤️ FUN RUN
Congratulations to the ribbon winners last week. Another beautiful day in paradise Kirwan was had by all our staff, students and supporters. Thanks for coming and supporting our students.

Donna Cockrem (Deputy Acting Principal)

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 Ther Lawler 4B Connor Campbell
Prep A Jazmine Sampson 4B Nilib Yasserие
Prep B Amelia Overy 4C Madison Noseda
Prep C Bridie Marshall 4C Demica Targett
Prep D Beau Reynolds 4D Byron Austin
Prep D Lily-Rose Krieger 4D Brooke Stanek
Prep E Oscar Thomas 5A Madison Venning
1A Shayanne Bartlett 5A Nikita Tyrell
1B Tia Dunn 5A John Nawara
1C Shaelor Julian-Iva 5A Kiana Ward
1D Lochlan Percival 5D Dean Paterson
1E/2 Ella McCarthy 5/6/7 Taye Blackman
2A Alanah Hansen 6A Liam Watt
2B Liam Aller 6B Veronica McConkey
2C Braiden Driscoll 6C Isaac Stankovich
2D Joshua Henderson 7A Shakra Craige
3A Jazmyn Ruddle 7A Charlyn Hemken
3B Ryan Blagg 7A Abbey Caris
3C Talia Denney 7A Ipi Jones
3D Reynaldo Garcia 7B Jasmin Boulton

School Fees
Please pay all outstanding school fees as soon as possible.

- School supplied resources:
  - Prep – LEM Phonics/Numercy Book.......................... $5.00
  - Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder........................ $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 (for students)..................................... $10.00
- Voluntary Contribution Scheme (for student)............... $30.00

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Semester 1 Student Reports

All Semester 1 Written Reports will be sent home with students this Thursday, June 24. 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 McEvey (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
Where: Multipurpose Hall
$5 tickets are on sale for the disco each morning (before school) from Mrs Taylor’s room – C Block – 8:30am to 8:50am.
Prep 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 8:30am to 9:00am Thursday mornings in F Block.
- Keep the donations coming for the Run Fun – so far we have had an excellent response. KEEP UP THE GReAT WORK!

Lynndal Humphreys – P&C President

Fete Craft Group

There will be no Craft Group this week. Thank you to our regular crafters for your help during this term. We look forward to ‘crafting’ with you again after the holidays!

Kirwan Fun Run Results 2012

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Year 1
1st: Alex Trueman
2nd: Blay Buchanan
3rd: Taj May

Year 2
1st: Jake Thompson
2nd: Braiden Driscoll
3rd: Flynn Berry

Year 3
1st: Harley Taylor
2nd: Mathew Weldon
3rd: Owen Szynszki

Year 4
1st: T MtAustrum
2nd: Aiden Simkin
3rd: Heath Jones

Year 5
1st: Marcus Cowan
2nd: John Nawara
3rd: Keana Nant

Year 6
1st: Tomas Chester
2nd: James Aldridge
3rd: Ethan Targett

Year 7
1st: Jacon Lott
2nd: Luke Christian
3rd: Cody Purkis-Arthur

Please note: All Fun Run money is due back by Friday 13 July. And remember ... the highest fundraiser wins an iPod Nano.

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
**C&K Kirwan Community Kindergarten Open Day**

**Date:** Saturday 14 July 2012  
**Time:** 10am – 1pm  
**Where:** C&K Kirwan Community Kindergarten  
21 Burnda Street, Kirwan  
(located next to Kirwan State School)

**Email:** info@ckdk.asn.au  
**Website:** www.ckdk.asn.au

You’re invited to come along and see what C&K Kirwan Community Kindergarten is all about.

- Meet our teachers and assistants;  
- Learn about C&K Building Waterfalls teaching and learning guideline;  
- Explore our beautiful new kindergarten;  
- Enjoy meeting other families;  

**Defence News**

Hi everyone! We hope that you and your family have a happy and safe holiday. See you all next term.

**Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs**

**Lost Property**

Please check our collection of lost property before Friday afternoon. Any items remaining after this time will be donated to Lifeline.

**Free Parent Workshops**

Workshops are being offered by SPED 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.

**Tuckshop Talk**

Jun 20 Sandra, Michelle  
Jun 21 Rayleen  
Jun 22 Rayleen

- **TUCKSHOP WILL ONLY BE OPEN FOR FIRST BREAK OTHERS - ON FRIDAY ON TUCKSHOP WILL NOT BE OPERATING AT SECOND BREAK.**
- **There are currently no 300ml milk or poppers.**
- **There are no potato bakes.**
- **No foreign currency please!!**
- **Please order food on the correct days as per the menu or orders will be substituted.**
- **A big THANK YOU to all our tuckshop volunteers!**
- **Have a great holiday!**

**Kirwan Calendar**

19 June .......................... Moving Arts Dance Concert – 6:00pm on the Oval  
21 June .................................. Semester 1 Student Reports Issued  
21 June .................................. Student Council Disco  
22 June .................................. First Day of Term 3  
22 June .................................. Last day of Term 2  
09 July .................................. First day of Term 2  
14 July .......................... C&K Kirwan Community Kindergarten Open Day  
27 July .................................. Interhouse Athletics Day  
27 October .......................... School Fete

**School Watch**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**Environmental Message**

Group your plants according to watering needs, and you’ll find they need less feeds!

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

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Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au  
Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888