Dear Parents and Caregivers

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
A huge thank you must go to the staff and students who worked hard to make last Tuesday night such a special occasion. It was certainly fulfilling to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and assorted family members joining in with the wonderful array of Christmas Carols. The weather did not disappoint and Santa was a welcome addition also. Well done!

P&C MEETING
Tonight marks the last P&C meeting for the year. There is certainly a lot to celebrate in reflection of the 2012 school year; our enormously successful fete being the “jewel in the crown” so to speak. I look forward to seeing you there for a final wrap up of the year. The evening commences at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

AWARDS CEREMONY
Our annual school awards ceremony for students from Years 3 – 6 will be held in the hall on Tuesday 11 December at 2:00pm. Winners in all categories (Academic, The ARTS, Sports, Principal’s and School Spirit Awards) will be announced.

Please note that, if your child is to receive an award, you will receive an invitation in the post. Bursting with pride though you undoubtedly will be, PLEASE DON’T TELL YOUR CHILD!!! We like to keep the mystery right up until the last minute.

VOLUNTEERS
This year marks an unprecedented number of outstanding volunteers who have contributed widely to school activities. A volunteer afternoon tea will be held on Tuesday 04 December in the hall. Please watch out for your invitation in the post. We look forward to a cuppa with you and having the opportunity to say thank you.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
FROM OUR DEPUTY JOHN KRATZMANN

CAUGHT OUT – DOING THE RIGHT THINGS

A special well done done to Cody Purkis-Arthur who has earned 150 Gotchas and James Sheehan and Cameron Smith who achieved their 100 Gotchas certificates.

Over the last week these students have achieved their 50 Gotchas.

Junior School
- Georgia Watt 2A
- Maddison Mitchell 3B
- Jahmai Mabo 3C
- Kaitlyn Stewart 2D
- Cage Streeter 1C
- Alisha Spratt 2C
- Claire Tindall Prep B
- Cameron Smith 2C 100 Gotchas
- Hope Nolan 2A
- Alannah Hansen 2A
- Leena Wallis Prep A
- Ben O’Connor 1B
- Lou-Sharn Waterman Prep A
- Zach Omar Prep A
- Lachlan McCulloch 3C
- Elyse Franklin 1/2E
- Ella Chisholm 2A
- Jack Cotter 1C
- Linsay Blizzard 3D
- Clara Burgoyne Prep B
- Hirani Steven Prep B
- Gokisa Tapau Prep B
- Grace Saker Prep B
- Kassandra Craigie Prep C
- Weston Orme-Giemann Prep C
- Kacie Didmon Prep C
- CJ Milton 1A
- Keely Laffin Prep D

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services for the school will be held in the Multipurpose Hall on Monday 10 December.

Prep to Year 2.............................................................. 9:00am
Years 3, 4 and 5.......................................................... 10:00am
Years 6 and 7............................................................. 11:30am

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as we celebrate the Christmas Season together.

Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain

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
- Lou-Sharn Waterman 3B
- Jett Lawrence 3C
- Ella-Paige Rizos 3C
- Diesel Taylor 3C
- Adelaide Steele 3D
- Dakotah Aleo 4C
- Danika Poole 4C
- Abbie-Rose Williams 4D
- Lochlann Percival 5A
- Damon Langley 5B
- Olivia Little 5B
- Kayla Walker 5D
- Alisha Spratt 6B
- Sharla Campbell 6C
- Jordan Smiley 7A

Prepb
- Danyon McDougall 3B
- Chloe Alloway 3C
- Lachlan McCulloch 4C
- Jack Murdock 4C
- Kirra Reeves 5D
- Zoe Royan 5C
- Madison Nosed 5C
- Ethan Smith 5C
- Franki Yates 5C
- Hayley Fraser 5D
- Raequan Ke Whata-Daniels 5D
- Taleesha Laws 6B
- Zack Blad 6C
- Pierce Gebran 6C

Our 2013 Musical is

Do you want to be in the musical?

Things to think about:
- You will be required to attend before school, after school and some weekend rehearsals.
- You will need to pay $50 to cover your bus travel and tshirt costs in Week One of 2013.
- You will be at the Theatre from 3rd – 5th June during the afternoon.

Auditions for lead roles will be held every lunchtime during the first week of 2013.

Permission slips and cast payment forms will be available for all students to join the musical cast during the first week of 2013. Full cast musical rehearsals will start Week 2 of 2013.

CHILDREN RETURNING LATE IN 2013

If your child/ren is/are not returning on Day One 2013 (29 January), please advise the school office of details and expected return date. Advising of your late return ensures a place is reserved for your child/ren.

P&C PIECES

P&C GENERAL MEETING: Our last meeting for the year will be held in the staffroom at 7:00pm TONIGHT (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 6:00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Religious Education, Moving Arts, etc) by FRIDAY 23 November. Thank you!

VACATION TIMES FOR 2012 AND 2013

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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. This 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.

Finalisation of Student Accounts

As we commence to prepare for 2013 classes, it will be necessary to close each student’s account. We ask that all outstanding monies be forwarded to the school office (Resource Levies, Peach, Irrigation, etc).

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

SafeST Committee Email Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwan.vic.edu.au
2012 Prep Year Reminder

Friday 07 December
Transition Day
9:00am – 10:50am
**SEF Update**

- Remember Year 7 transition program to Kirwan State High School this Wednesday 21 November. This is the second last session....
- I also have Free Movie Tickets to “Rise of the Guardians” to give away to SWDs.
- PCYC is hosting its Annual Children’s Movie Day on 08 December, at 9:30am at Event Cinemas, Sturt Street in the City. If you are able to attend on that day (there is only one day and one movie time!) please contact me to get your free tickets. I have a limited number so be quick to avoid disappointment.
- You can e-mail your request if you prefer or call 47 991 826.
  
  *Hanne*  🕺  *Acting HOSES*

**Defence News**

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 04 December starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- We will be having our final Chat Group for the year on Tuesday 11 December at the Avenues Hotel. Please RSVP to us here in the Defence Room by Monday 10 December.
- See you all out and about...

  *Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs*

**Tuckshop Talk**

Nov 21  Michelle, Summer  
Nov 22  Leanne, Brett, Rayleen  
Nov 23  Rayleen, Summer, Kylah, Carley (½ day)  
Nov 26  Brett, Rayleen  
Nov 27  Carley

- Toasting is 50c extra.  
- There are no vanilla milk - please cross this off your tuckshop list.  
- FRIDAY SPECIAL – Callippos and Cyclones $1  
- Tuckshop will be closed from 12 December and will not re-open till 2013.

**School Office Hours Strictly 8:00am-3:30pm**

**Music News**

- Instrumental Acceptance letters, equipment lists and music contracts will be sent out by Friday 23 November. Sorry for the delay; it has taken longer than anticipated to test everyone.
- There will be no Concert Band, Senior & Junior Orchestra rehearsals now for the next 4 weeks.
- There will be normal instrumental lessons every week up until the end of week nine. There will be no lessons in the last week in order to examine Kirwan instruments for possible repair and maintenance requirements.
- There will be no Kirwan Talent Time rehearsals for the next four weeks.
- There will be Glee Club rehearsals every Tuesday in preparation for our Year 7 Graduation.
- Continuing instrumental students should have sent back their contract and continuation form already. If you haven’t received one, or have lost it, please see Mrs Ransom in the music block.

*Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher*
HAVE YOU TRANSFERRED?

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.

MINIMISING HEAD LICE OUTBREAKS

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school.

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing...
- at least once a week or
- every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness.
Remember to notify the school.

STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH HEAD LICE

Remember that ANYONE can catch head lice.

Let's have a school that keeps head lice under control by:
- talking freely about head lice
- notifying the school about the presence of head lice (get your copy of notification forms from the school); and
- feeling comfortable about requesting further information and support.

GOING TO SCHOOL WITH HEAD LICE

Should you send your child with head lice to school?

If your child has head lice, it is strongly recommended that you send him/her to school AFTER YOU HAVE STARTED an effective treatment of head lice.

EFFECTIVE TREATMENT means:
- NO LIVE head lice
- eggs may still be present (they remain after the first combing with hair conditioner or application of an effective chemical treatment; no product kills eggs and no comb removes all eggs.)

Eggs pose no risk to others AS LONG AS TREATMENT CONTINUES AND IS EFFECTIVE.

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