22 May 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A reminder firstly that the P&C meeting will be held tonight at 7:00pm in the staff room at school. All welcome to attend.

Thank you one and all for your generous support of our school Chaplain through our breakfast barbecue and free dress day today. The proceeds from today’s events will be used to support the ongoing Chaplaincy Program at Kirwan State School. The breakfast crew from Live FM 99.9 Radio were full of praise for the positive vibe in the air and the excellent behaviour of our students. Well done.

EDUCATION WEEK

It’s State Education Week. As part of our recognition of the importance of state education, we will be hosting “Principal for the Day” on Friday. As we did last year, eight lucky students will get to sit in the Principal’s chair, do an all call, visit classes, do a safety tour of the school, enjoy morning tea and write the newsletter for next week. Students must have a letter to their teacher outlining the reasons why they would make a good principal by Thursday morning tea. Teachers will manage this process with their classes but there may be some expectation to complete these at home. Good luck!

All prospective “Principals” will be given a letter of appointment on Thursday afternoon so that they can come appropriately dressed and ready on Friday. I look forward to this experience which I thoroughly enjoyed last year.

REPORT CARDS open this week for teachers to commence writing for Semester One. At this stage of the year, your child has completed 3 units of work in the new Australian Curriculum and should have started the fourth unit this week. The standard we are expecting is high!! Certainly higher than it has been in recent years. “A” grades will be quite rare. A “C” grade means that your child is doing OK; they have achieved the standard that we expect for the year level at this stage. An “A” means that they have excelled to an outstanding standard of work. If your child gets an “A”, then they are in a very rare category.

What do you look for on your child’s report card? Effort and comments are two key aspects of a report card which tell the story of your child’s work ethic and habits. Certainly marks are important, but they are not the full story. Your child’s engagement in the curriculum is much more than an A – E rating.

PAT EDGAR

This week, we welcome Pat Edgar, Reading Coach, to our school. Pat is focussing her work in the junior school this time around but she will return later in the year to work with other classes also. Teachers were able to garner some fantastic information from Pat yesterday afternoon at a workshop after school. Pat is giving demonstration lessons and coaching advice to teachers throughout the week. If your child comes home and says that they had a lesson with Mrs Edgar they may also disclose that there was quite an audience of teachers watching them. How exciting!

HEAD LICE

These pests rear their ugly heads from time to time and, at the moment, we seem to have more than our fair share. It is essential that you check your child’s head regularly for signs of infestation. If your child is scratching then there’s a good chance they have picked them up. While I am no expert, there are a few tips I’ve picked up which I would like to share:

- Head lice are not fatal – they are, however, annoying and highly contagious;
- Keep your child’s hair tied back or short;
- Preventative sprays which contain essential oils like Neem oil and lavender oil are VERY EFFECTIVE if used regularly;
- Teach your child not to share hats;
- Check hair regularly – itching and scratching are obvious signs that there’s something there;
- The live lice are hard to see because they move away from any disturbance (like when you part the hair to have a look). The eggs can be detected because they stick to the hair shaft (unlike dandruff or loose scalp);
- There are lots of chemical formulas available from the chemist to treat head lice;
- One of the most effective (and cheapest) ways to treat head lice is the condition and comb treatment (using a very fine “nit” comb – a normal comb won’t pick them up). This treatment needs to be repeated a few times to catch any “hatchlings”;
- LASTLY……. if your child has head lice, treat their hair before you send them to school.

Until next week

Kind regards

Melissa Jackson – Principal
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

CHAPPY WEEK
A great time was had by all who attended the BBQ breakfast this morning. Thank you to those who patronised it. Live FM radio did their live broadcast from the shed area and the balloon man had a large audience.

EARN AND LEARN
We have boxes at The Avenues, Parkside and The Willows for completed cards of stickers from Woolworths. If you require another card, either ask at the service counters or the school has a small supply available from the office.

LITERACY
Teachers are engaged in some professional development during this week from a Literacy Consultant. The focus is on reading. Even during the school term, our teachers are constantly learning and improving their knowledge to deliver the curriculum in the best possible way to your children.

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal

From our Deputy – John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
Thanks to all parents to completed our School Wide Positive Behaviour random sample survey. I am putting the responses together and look forward to sharing this information with our team.

Our whole school focus continues to be on ‘playing fairly’ and all the necessary skills our students need to develop in order to do so. In every classroom, every week, our teachers will explicitly teach lessons on co-operation, negotiation, making group decisions, sharing, positive talk, respecting others’ opinions and dealing with arguments. When we catch our students doing these things in the playground all teachers are giving out ‘Green Gotchas’ to recognise this positive behaviour. Ask you children how they are going with playing fairly.

KIRWAN RUGBY LEAGUE
A few weeks ago, Kirwan played Cranbrook SS in an ARL Development Cup game at Brothers league grounds. Our team went down 10 – 8, however, there were many positives that came from the evening. Our team were behind 4-nil at half time in a very tough game. In true Kirwan fighting spirit they fought back to lead 8 – 4 with 3 minutes left on the clock. Cranbrook scored a great try in the last minutes to steal the game. Our supporting parents, family and teachers cheered the boys on positively. I was very proud of our team and our school. Our team trained hard, prepared well and gave it their all. This is the Kirwan way...

SUPPORT ALL STUDENTS
I am very proud of our school. It is a huge job to cater for the wide range of student needs across Prep to Year 7. Our school boasts wonderful staff from our classroom teachers, learning support, behaviour support, guidance support, advisory visiting teachers, students with verified special needs support and so on. We do care and cater for each and every child at our school – this is a fact.

See you out there....

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

Congratulations
Tomas Chester and Harrison Dempsey have been selected in the Thuringowa U11 Rugby League team and compete in the Northern Region trials in Gordonvale from 9-11 June. Macgregor Reid has been selected in the Thuringowa Football Team and will be attending the Northern Region trials in Ayr on 3-4 June.

We congratulate these students on their selection and wish them every success in the trials.

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently.

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Kirwan State School Fete

Saturday 27 October

Join in the Fun

P&C Meeting TONIGHT in the Staffroom at 7:00pm. The meetings are very casual and friendly so please come along and join in.

SCHOOL FUN RUN: Keep the donations coming for the Fun Run – they have been coming in thick and fast. Emma Talbot and Rayleen Currey are your fun run co-ordinators.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Fete Craft Group

Cute aeroplanes were made last week, so this week they need painting! Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall; tomorrow, Wednesday 23 May, from 9:30am to 12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Please register your interest with Leanne (ph.4723.8278) or Lindah (ph.4723.9450) so we know how many to cater for. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you!

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
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:
• Cloves, rice, lavender
If you can help with any of these items, please leave them with the lovely Admin ladies. Thanks!

Environmental Message
Re-use, Recycle and Reduce
We all can help, there is definitely no excuse!

Top Tips from Mums United @ Heart Foundation

Top Tips
• Water should be the main drink of the day for kids to stay hydrated. Plain or flavoured reduced-fat milk is a good alternative. In warmer months, freeze the milk the night before so it defrosts by lunchtime. Many kids and teenagers aren’t getting enough calcium so this is a great way to boost their intake.
• Use margarine instead of butter: a Tick-approved variety is even better. Avocado is also a great alternative as it contains good, monounsaturated fat. Tzaziki and hummus can be used as a spread, or as a dip for carrot, cucumber and capsicum sticks.
• In summer months, freeze water bottles to keep food cold and safe to eat.
• Fruit has more fibre than fruit juice – be sure to make it an everyday lunchbox item, especially with many schools now having a fruit break. Chopped fruit is easier for little hands to hold. To prevent browning, drizzle a little lemon juice over the top: a small amount won’t affect the taste.
• Try to keep up variety and experiment with different flavours. Some kids prefer pasta and rice salads, or even cold home-made pizza to sandwiches. Involve your children in shopping for healthier lunchbox items and even helping to prepare them the night before – they will be more likely to eat everything if they are the cook!
• Look out for the Tick when you’re shopping. Many breads, spreads, and sandwich fillers are Tick-approved and make lunches instantly healthier. Tick foods have reduced levels of unhealthy saturated fat, trans fat, salt and kilojoules (energy); and more healthy nutrients such as calcium and fibre.
• Feeling inspired! Our recipe finder has lots of family-friendly and deliciously good-for-you recipes to try. Check out heartloundation.org.au/recipes
Mums United is helping Australian families take small, easy steps towards a healthier lifestyle and a healthy weight. For more smart updates visit www.heartloundation.org.au/mumunited

Recipe: Beany Melts
Save time by making the night before.

Ingredients
2 spring onions
½ small capsicum
1 x 130g can reduced-salt baked beans
½ cup sweet corn kernels
2 English-style muffins
4 tablespoons grated reduced-fat cheddar cheese
ground black pepper

Instructions
1. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Wash the spring onions and capsicum. Pat dry with paper towels.
2. Cut the ends off the spring onions and slice finely. De-seed the capsicum and cut into small squares.
3. Add these to a mixing bowl with the baked beans and sweet corn. Mix.
4. Split the muffins in half and spread the bean mixture evenly over each half.
5. Sprinkle each muffin with 1 tablespoon of grated cheese and a little pepper.
6. Arrange on a baking tray. Bake for about 15 minutes.
7. Allow to cool. Keep refrigerated until needed.

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

2A needs your help!
2A is looking for Milo/Quik/coffee tins for their fete stall. Please help!

Kirwan OSHC – Vacation Care – Break 2
Bookings are open for Vacation Care and will close 14 June. No bookings will be accepted after this date. Booking forms are available from OSHC. ☎ 4799.1853 or email kirwanoshc@bigpond.com.

Kirwan OSHC – Are You Looking for Work?
Kirwan OSHC is looking for a quote to put toilets into OSHC. If you are looking for work and are able to do this you please call Barbara on 4799.1853 or call into OSHC.

“School Dollars”
Our school will be participating in the Willows Shopping Centre’s “School Dollars” which runs from 24 May to 21 July 2012. When you shop at Willows Shopping Centre you can allocate every dollar you spend as points towards our school. The local school with the most points wins!!

Prizes for winning schools are:
1st Prize $10,000
2nd Prize $7,000
3rd Prize $5,000
4th Prize $3,000
5th Prize $1,000

Customers are asked to present their shopping receipts to the Customer Service Desk and select our school to allocate their points to – each dollar spent equals 1 “School Dollar” point.

GO KIRWAN!!

 Defence News
• Hi everyone. Our next Parent Chat Group will be held Tuesday 05 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babys and toddlers welcome.
• See you all out and about!

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan Kalendar
22 May……………TONIGHT - P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
21-25 May………………..……………….……….……….……………Chappy Week
23 May……………Fete Craft Group – 9:30-12:00 @ 19 Daytona Drive Kirwan
04-07 June……………………………………..Year 7 Camp
05 June………………….Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm in the Defence Room
11 June………………….Queens Birthday Diamond Jubilee Public Holiday
13 June………………………………………………School Fun Run
27 October…………………………………………….School Fete

Tuckshop Talk
May 23 Sandra, Michelle
May 24 Rayleen, Leanne
May 25 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
May 28 Rayleen
May 29 Carley
* WEDNESDAY – STATE OF ORIGIN SLUSHIES (red and blue) $1, Red and Blue ZINGS 80c

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.
30 May……………………….………………….……….……….……….……….….……….……….Prep A/B
04 June…………………………………...…………………..6B
Year 4–7 Assemblies are held each Monday afternoon at 2:00pm.
Year Prep–3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am – 3:30pm

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