24 July 2012

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Who says you can’t get something for nothing?? If you have shopped at The Willows Shopping Centre recently and you have taken the time and trouble to allocate your scholar dollars to Kirwan State School, then we all owe you a huge thank you. I received information yesterday that we will be receiving $7000.00 from The Willows Shopping Centre as part of their recent promotion.

A well deserved congratulations to the entire school community and a big thank you to The Willows Shopping Centre. Very much appreciated!!

FETE NEWS

There are 95 sleeps until our fete and while I hate to sound like one of those promotions that try to get you to buy your Christmas decorations in September, this means that there is lots to do between now and the 27th of October.

The wonderful team from the P&C has organised a number of ways in which you can help out to make the fete a highly successful event for our community. These include:

• Attending the fete committee meeting tonight at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
• Having a clear out of the garage or your cupboards and bringing in items for the white elephant stall or the 2nd hand book stall on Sunday 05 August from 9:00 – 10:30am (Drop Off Day).
• Keeping items such as glass jars with lids, milo tins, plastic shopping bags.
• Think about buying a couple of the following items for donation: small packets of chips (multipacks), juice poppers, cans of soft drinks.
• Watching for class donation letters which will ask for specific items to support your child’s class stall. In some cases, where class stalls involve hiring of equipment, then a gold coin donation may be requested in lieu of goods.
• If you have some time on your hands, please consider being the class coordinator for your child’s class.
• Offer your time on the day of the fete. If every family gave 1 hour of work time, then we would have MORE THAN ENOUGH volunteers.

This fete, the first one for a number of years, looks set to be one of the highlights of the school calendar!! I am very excited about the level of support and organisation which is in place thanks to a large number of very keen volunteers. Show your support for your child by giving your time and energy to an event which will also serve as a great family get-together.

Mark your calendars and start counting down.

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson
Principal
ENVIRONMENTAL READING
As you travel around Townsville and further afield, never miss the opportunity to engage your children in interpreting environmental print. Ask questions of Prep-Year 2 students about advertising signs and road signs, e.g. “How far is it to ...... ?” or “What sort of things do you think they may sell?” Quite often, children can interpret print quite early. The golden M or big arrows are usually one of the first identified. For the older children, perhaps asking them to find out why something is named, e.g. Dan Gleeson Gardens – they can then do a bit of internet research to source information.

Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

Kirwan IDOL
Kirwan students! Can you sing? Can you dance? Are you a budding magician? Or maybe you can do something special which entertains people! If you answered ‘yes’ to any of the above then you just may be our very first Kirwan idol.

Heats will be conducted on Fridays at first break commencing Week 4 (3 August). Semi-Finals and the Grand Final will be held at the Kirwan Fete (27 October).

To be a contestant in this awesome event all you do is collect a nomination form from your class teacher, bring along $1 when your act is on and provide your own music if your act requires it.

TOILETS
Recently we have seen an increase in inappropriate play in toilet blocks. Children have been wasting toilet paper, standing on corners, throwing unwanted items into toilet bowls and leaving disgraceful mess on floors. These issues have been discussed at school and we would appreciate some follow-up talk at home.

PBS
We are now in full swing with our new program targeting safe behaviours. Students have been engaged in exciting lessons around the message “Everyone has the right to be safe at school.”

In an effort to create a more calming learning environment at Kirwan, we will be playing music before school. Research has suggested the playing of classical music to children stimulates the brain and readies the child for focussed learning. In some eating areas music will also be heard at the completion of lunch breaks.

Could you please assist us by monitoring what food goes into lunch boxes? Noticeably, more and more ‘junk’ food has crept into lunch boxes. Whilst it is lovely to have a treat at school, our student brains are craving more healthy options. A sandwich, piece of fruit and possibly a packet snack would be ideal.

Donna Cockrem (Acting Deputy Principal)

Shop for Our School

* 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 counter or the school has a small supply available from the office. This program runs now to the extended date of 12 August.

* COLES Sport for Schools
We have registered for the COLES Sport for Schools program which runs from 13 June until 14 August. For those of you who shop at COLES Supermarkets, Bi-Lo, Pick n Pay and Coles Online, collect the vouchers and bring them to the office and put them into the box provided. At the end of the promotion, the school will be able to choose sports equipment which will reflect the number of vouchers collected.

GO KIRWAN!!

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
6:00pm – 6:40pm

Interviews of Prep students and their families, (please note that it is mandatory for your prep child to attend the interview with you), will then begin from Monday 20 August.

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 Imogen Evans 4B Brayden Ross
PrepB Grace Saker 4C Abigail Cains
PrepC Ryan White 4D Taneesha McDonald
PrepD Diesel Taylor 5A Corey Hopkins
PrepE Jacob Wood 5B Liam Taylor-Marchant
1A Peter Jones 5D Taleesha Laws
1B Kiatoa Kiikoro 6A Mitchell Gander
1C Cage Streeter 6B Georgia Cunha
1D Madeleine O’Neill 6C Emma Walker
2A Jessica Jackson 5/6/7 Chris Reid
2B Stephanie Abrahams 7A Jack Ohi
2C Mikaele Vateitei 7B Rachel Humphreys
2D Jaiden Ramm 7D Jasmine Courtney
3B Tyrona Sonogan 7E Alison Cowan
3C Caleb McGregor 7F Helena Feltham
3D Linsay Blizzard 7G Elizabeth Newman
3E Reynaldo Garcia 7H Olivia McCall

4A Xabine Graf

P&C Pieces

YEAR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE
The next parent meeting will be held TONIGHT Tuesday 24 July from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the staffroom. Please be prompt as there is a fete meeting following this meeting.

FETE COMMITTEE
The next fete meeting will be held TONIGHT Tuesday 24 July at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Please come along to hear about the fantastic progress being made by our Fete Committee and to contribute to what is sure to be a great event.

FUN RUN
Money is OVERDUE. Please return promptly.

SPORTS DAY TATTOOS
Tattoos will be on sale in the Shed area from 8:30am this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The tattoos are $1.00 or $10 for $3.00. Please support your school and your house!!

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Fete Craft Group

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall; tomorrow, Wednesday 25 July, from 9:30am – 12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. This week will involve creative painting! Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Please register your interest with Leanne (4723 8278) or Linda (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!

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:

* White panthoshoe

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

Changes to Sunbus Bus Numbers

From 01 August Sunbus have a change in some of their bus numbers. These are the bus numbers of buses that leave and arrive at our school:

* In the morning - Bus Number 25 (Grammar, Upper Ross)
* In the afternoon - Bus Number 19 (Grammar) and Bus Number 28 (Parlington).

If you require any further information please contact Sunbus on 4771 9800.

Thuringowa State High School Transition/Orientation Day

For those students who are interested there is a transition/orientation day at Thuringowa State High School on Friday 03 August 2012. If you require any further information please contact Annette Hunt at Thuringowa State High School on 4753 8849.

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

**Interhouse Athletics Days**

**Dates:**
- **Thursday 26 July 9:30am** - March Past Practice, 400m (9 years) & 800m (10-13 years) (approx 9:30am start with races running continuously starting with 9 Years boys and continuing to 13 Years girls).
- **Friday 27 July 8:30am – 2:50pm** - Athletics Day (all students participate).
- **Friday 03 August 9:00am – 1:30pm** - Champions Field Events Day (10-13 year old nominated boys and girls to participate).

The program for **Friday 27 July** is as follows:

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IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES ON SPORTS DAY, PLEASE SEND A NOTE ALONG TO THEIR TEACHER. THIS WILL SAVE ANY UNNECESSARY DEBATE ON THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE IS BUSY.

**NEEDED FOR SPORTS DAY**
- Safety pin pinned to shirt (for name tag to be attached)
- N.B. All year levels including Prep to have a safety pin.
- Hat (all students must be wearing a hat)
- Sunscreen
- Shoes
- Water bottle
- House coloured shirt and accessories
- Good sportsmanship
- Lunch or money for lunch
- Fold-up chair for parents who are attending
- Please ensure everything is marked clearly with your children’s names.

All students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt in their house colour on Sports Day.

**Tuckshop Menu for Sports Day**

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<td>ICY CUPS (Year 7s selling in house colours)</td>
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**Music News**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2013 INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS** are now open. Students eligible for instrumental lessons include:
- Year 3 and over for STRINGS (violin, viola, cello, double bass)
- Year 5 and over for WOODWIND (flute, saxophone, oboe, clarinet) and BRASS (trumpet, tuba, euphonium, baritone).

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 Ransome on 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 Term 4.
6. A Advisory 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.

**Fun Run Money & Sponsorship Forms OVERDUE**

All Fun Run money and sponsorship forms were due back by 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.

**Tuckshop Talk**

**Defence News**

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on next Tuesday 31 July commencing at 2.00pm in the defence room.
- DCO are running a Family Smart Absence Program for 4 weeks starting on Tuesday 21 August 2012 at Geckos Family Centre. This program will consist of 4 sessions running for 2 hours per session. Topics include: Challenges and important opportunities of parenting, maintaining healthy communication and self-care and support options. For further information contact Jane or Rachel or to register contact DCO on 4753 6539.
- See you all out and about.

**Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs**

**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 – Assembly of 1st year students
- 19 August – Assembly of 1st year students
- 22 August – Parent Assembly of 1st year students
- 26 August – Parent Assembly of 1st year students

**Kirwan Calendar**

- **13 July**
- Fun Run Money & Sponsorship Forms OVERDUE – Please return ASAP
- **24 July**
- Year 7 Committee Meeting – 6:00pm in Staffroom
- **24 July**
- Fete Committee Meeting – 7:00pm in Staffroom
- **25 July**
- **4799.1888**
- Student Assembly – 800m Races
- **27 July**
- Interhouse Athletics Day
- **31 July**
- Defence Parent Chat Group – 2pm in Defence Room
- **02 August**
- Japanese Student Visit
- **03 August**
- Champions Field Events Day
- **16 August**
- Information Sessions – Prep 2013 – 9:30am and 6:00pm
- **20 August**
- Beginning of Prep Interviews
- **27 October**
- **School Fete**

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

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