28 August 2012

From The Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

SUPPORT OUR CHAPPY!!
This week, tickets are available from the school office for the movie Madagascar 3. All proceeds will go towards supporting the involvement of our Chappy, Mrs Trudy Godwin into the 2013 school year. Details of the movie are:

Venue: Reading Cinemas
Date/Time: Monday 17 September at 6:30pm
Cost: Adult $13.00 Child $11.00
Movie: Madagascar 3

So come along to enjoy a great family movie knowing that your patronage is helping a very worthwhile cause. We would love to see you there.

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL
This week we will be addressing both Senior and Junior assemblies about the importance of keeping safe when coming to school and going home from school. Some of the strategies for heightening safety include:

♦ Wearing your school uniform for easy identification.
♦ Ensuring that your child does not have any obvious name labels on their clothing (so that a stranger can gain their trust quickly by knowing their name).
♦ Travelling with other children and families where possible.
♦ Following widely used routes to and from school; i.e. don’t take short cuts through areas which are concealed from public view.
♦ Coming to school at the appropriate time, not super early or super late when there are not many people around.
♦ Ensuring that children know and do exactly what is expected of them in the afternoon particularly. That means not deciding at the last minute to go to a friend’s house instead of going home.
♦ Having a clear idea of “safe” locations between school and home. These may include shops, police station, library, school office, homes of friends and relatives.
♦ Using signed and/or manned crossings around the school.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
A huge thank you to the 27 families who have returned their school opinion surveys! That means that there are still 15 families who are holding onto theirs. Please return these to the school as soon as possible. We value your feedback and we look forward to using the information gained from these surveys to continue to provide a quality service to the families of the Kirwan Community.

FOOTY SHOW
Watch the Footy Show this week. You may see some of our students featured with JT! (See Mr Kratzmann’s article.)

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From our Deputy - John Kratzmann

THANK YOU
I would like to extend a huge thank you to students and parents who have again welcomed me back to Kirwan after 6 weeks as Acting Principal of Vincent State School. I very much enjoyed my experiences at Vincent SS and am very lucky to return to our Quality School. I would like thank Ms Cockrem for her passion and energy and for taking care of the Admin duties so professionally.

THE FOOTY SHOW
How about this......? Year 7C and 7D have been creating short video commercials around the ‘Eat Well, Stay Well, Play Well’ program. Along with themselves, they used our Adopt a Cowboy, Johnathan Thurston to star in the commercials. Last week we had a call from ‘The Footy Show’, that’s right, ‘The Footy Show’ who wanted to come to our school to film JT and the Year 7s for the launch of the short DVDs. Last Thursday, Erin and an entourage of crew came to Kirwan, along with JT and viewed the launch of the DVDs. It was awesome. This coming Thursday the hard work by our 7s and the excellent work done by JT through the Adopt a Cowboy program will be aired on ‘The Footy Show’. I am very proud of our school and the way we use JT to celebrate learning. JT has always been absolutely professional and fantastic with our kids. For him, the school, the Cowboys – I can’t wait.

A huge well done to Mrs Newman and Mr Browne for their passion, commitment and skills utilised to produce the DVDs.

Watch this space..... I think there is more coming... Go Kirwan – Go the Cowboys.

WONDERFUL
The other day I walked around the school at both breaks and saw 816 students (the number present on this day) moving sensibly and playing very well. I noticed our kids solving problems, cooperating, communicating with each other and even seeking the help of a teacher to solve a problem when their solutions did not work. I can see the explicit teaching of problem-solving skills and our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support anti-bullying plan in action. Well done.

John Kratzmann - Deputy Principal

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  Lulu Morley  3B  Hope-Lee Jones-Dunn, Ethan
PrepB  Kaleb Tanner  3C  Dylan Boyce
PrepC  Paige Daily  4A  Nikita Wicwood, Matt
PrepD  Lachlan Cains  4B  Lilly Jones
PrepE  Leilani Tanna  4C  Kia Mills
1A  Amelia Evans  4D  Vanessa Jones
1B  Jai Clark  5B  Karam Melrose
1C  Danielle Melvin  5D  Nicholas Grant
1D  Amber Glauser  6A  Taylor Rogers
1E/2E  Damon Longley  6B  Haydn Dadswell
2A  Rahley Edwards  6C  Emma Walker
2B  Ethan Finlay  5/6/7  Liva Uglug
2C  Chloe Neilsen  7A  Jayden Osborne
2D  Max Channell  7C  Piper Carr
3A  Alexi Manis  7D  Emily Harper

P&C Pieces

FINAL DAYS FOR FUN RUN MONEY
On Friday the prize lists for Fun Run Fundraisers will be sent off to Adidas. Your sponsorship forms need to be in this week or you could miss out on your prize, so please get them all in to school this week!

TREASURER POSITION VACANT 2013
The current treasurer will be stepping down at the end of this year. If you think this role on the P&C is of interest to you, Rayleen is willing to work alongside you during term 4 so that you will have a better understanding of the role and the work that is required of the Treasurer within our school. Please send any enquiries to pancdc@kirwans.eq.edu.au.

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Harvey Norman® Located at Domain Central 3 Duckworth Street GARBUTT QLD 4814 (07) 4775.8800

FETE COMMITTEE
Next fete meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 September at 7:00pm in the staffroom. New faces bring new ideas and we would love to hear them all. Hope to see you there.

Every Thursday until end of term, the Fete Committee will be preselling ride wristbands and showbags as well as taking donations for our white elephant stall and book stall. The committee will be in the shed from 8:15am-9:00am. Wristbands and showbags will be cash sale only and they will not be sold through the admin office.

Wristbands will cover unlimited rides on the jumping castle, merry-go-round, rock wall, giant swings, ripper dipper and neptune slide just to name a few. If you pre-purchase your wristband at school prior to the fete it will only cost $23.00 per person. Cost will be $28.00 on fete night.

Showbags will also be available to pre-order. There are 6 different bags to choose from and if pre-ordered at school, they will only cost you $8.00. Showbags on fete night will cost you $10.00 each.

Please note wristbands and showbags will not be given out when paid for. A receipt will be issued and your child’s name noted on the register. On fete day, please bring your receipt/s to either the Prep A Showbags stall or the Rides and Slides booth to collect your showbag or wristband.

You may also pre-purchase these items for siblings, cousins and family friends who may not attend the school.

Drop Off Days - Every Thursday we will also be taking any donations of pre-loved books, dvds, cds, board games and general bric-a-brac. (No electrical items or clothing.)

Dodge Tickets - If you require more tickets, they will be available on Thursday mornings in the shed also. If you can’t make it in, they can be collected from the office.

Thank you to all families who have been collecting tins, glass jars, shoe boxes and plastic bags. We now have plenty of all these items and won’t be needing anymore.

THIS WEEK WE NEED:
Clear Cellophane - all shapes and sizes

YEAR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE
Our next parent committee meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Wednesday, 29 August 2012 at 6:00pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing final year book layout and graduation ideas.

Thank you to all those families who have paid the flat fee payment or made contact with the committee to make arrangements. We still have over 20 outstanding payments and these are now approaching 6 weeks OVERDUE. Please contact the committee ASAP if your child is NOT attending the dinner dance or ordering a yearbook, or if you need any assistance. As there have been numerous letters, reminders and individual forms sent home regarding this matter, if payments have not been made by Thursday, 6 September, your child will not be receiving a yearbook or be able to attend dinner dance festivities.

Senior Shirts - If you would like to order a second shirt or maybe you are new and would like your very own senior shirt, please contact Michelle Lowe immediately by emailing theweekendjumper2012@hotmail.com or phone 0407 291 626. Sizing and orders will not be made unless Michelle hears from you directly. Shirts will be an additional cost to the flat fee payment and will cost $45.00 each. Please be aware that before an order can be placed, we need to reach the required order minimum of 20 shirts. If we don’t reach this minimum we are unable to place an order. Cut off for shirt orders will be Friday, 7 September 2012. No order will be placed after this date.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

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

SafetS Committee Email Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwans.eq.edu.au
Parent-Teacher Interviews – Weeks 10-11 – Years Prep-7

Teachers have sent a parent letter home on Monday 27 August advising you of their available times and dates for interviews. Please see your class teacher if you have not received that letter and would like to make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress.

Important Information from the Australian Tax Office

T6 Education tax refund
You can no longer claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR). The ETR has been replaced by the Schoolkids Bonus.

For information about the changes to the ETR, read question T6 in the individual tax return instructions 2012.

The Government announced in the 2012 Budget that the education tax refund (ETR) would be replaced by a new payment called the Schoolkids Bonus. You cannot claim the ETR for expenses incurred in 2011-12, or any excess eligible expenses you carried forward from the previous year.

As a transitional arrangement, the Department of Human Services made a one-off payment to eligible families in June 2012. If you did not receive this payment, contact the Department of Human Services.

For more information about the changes to the ETR, including how to claim the refund for previous years, see Education tax refund – what you need to know.

From 1 January 2013, you may be eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus. For more information go to www.humanservices.gov.au.

Fete Craft Group

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall, tomorrow, Wednesday 29 August, from 9:30am-12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. This week is free choice from a range of sorted projects! Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Please register your interest with Leanne (04723 8278) or Lindah (04723 9450) so we know how many to cater for. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and we look forward to seeing you!

Any crafty donations for our stall are very welcome and can be dropped off on Thursday mornings to the Fete Coordinators (where show bags, pre-orders and ride wristbands are being sold). We thank you in advance for your valuable contribution!

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 enrolment paperwork.

Interviews of Prep students and their families commenced last week. (Please note that it is mandatory for your prep child to attend the interview with you.)

Defence News

Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 11 September commencing at 2.00pm in the defence room.

DCO are having a Father’s Fun Day at the Townsville PCYC, Aitkenvale this Sunday 02 September from 1:00pm-4:00pm. There will be a range of interactive games and activities for all ages. Refreshments will be on sale.

See you all out and about. Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

Aug 29 Michelle, Sandra
Aug 30 Rayleen, Leanne
Aug 31 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Sep 03 Brett, Rayleen
Sep 04 Carley

* PLEASE NOTE – TUCKSHOP DOES NOT ACCEPT FOREIGN CURRENCY. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHANGE BEFORE PUTTING MONEY INTO ORDER TO AVOID ITEMS HAVING TO BE SUBSTITUTED DUE TO INCORRECT MONEY!

Lost Property Parade

Lost property will be put out on Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon on the seats near the tuckshop for parent and student collection. If there are any items left on Thursday they will be donated to charity.

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