29 May 2012

From the Principals’ Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week was State Education Week and as a part of this celebration we held “Principal for the Day” on Friday. The Principals were very excited about their role for the day which involved:

- Safety check of the school
- An all call on the intercom
- Visiting the classrooms
- Telling everyone what to do
- Handing out Gotchas to people who played fairly
- Taking photos of some areas of the school we can improve
- Taking a photo of us telling the class what to do
- Touring the administration block with Mr K
- Having morning tea in the staffroom
- Writing the KIRNEWS
- Giving feedback to the dance class

Principal Bridie said
“My favourite part of the day was making an all call and doing a safety check.”

Principal Lachlan said
“My favourite part of the day was going to the classes and giving out Gotchas.”

Principal Tahnee said
“My favourite part of the day was eating lunch in the staff room.”

Principal Sammi said
“My favourite part of the day was being in the staff room and going to my teacher’s classroom.”

Principal Kai said
“My favourite part of the day was doing the all call and telling people to stay out of puddles.”

Principal Alison said
“My favourite part of the day was doing the all call and touring the administration block with Mr K.”

Principal Jai said
“My favourite part of the day was walking around the school and giving out Gotchas and doing the all call and having morning tea in the staffroom.”

Principal Chelsea said
“My favourite part of the day was giving feedback to classes including the dance classes.”

Two teachers asked us for a pay rise but we had to say “NO” due to financial reasons.

Until next week

Kind regards

Principal Sammi, Principal Bridie, Principal Kai, Principal Lachlan, Principal Jai, Principal Tahnee, Principal Chelsea and Principal Alison
From our Deputy - John Kratzmann

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is National Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Why is this year’s theme “Recognition”? Recognition comes in all sorts of ways and means different things to different people; but it’s something we all like to receive. The First Australians should have proper recognition, not only for their cultural longevity and resilience but for their continued contribution to our national identity. Recognition is an important step in the reconciliation journey and events like National Reconciliation Week can provide a focus for all Australians to reflect on reconciliation and to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.

What is recognition?

Recognition means different things to different people; but everyone likes it when they get it. The Macquarie Dictionary says that recognition means “the acknowledgement of something as valid or entitled to consideration”. Recognition can take lots of different forms, such as:
- saying a simple “thank you” when someone lends you a helping hand;
- cheering on your friends or being cheered on during a game;
- being praised at work or school for your hard work and effort.

Think about how much you value recognition. When you are sincerely recognised for who you are and what you contribute, you feel proud, valued and connected. Being recognised is good for your self-esteem. It energises you and encourages you to recognise the best in others.

At Kirwan SS we will be:
- discussing recognition and National Reconciliation Week on Junior and Senior Assemblies;
- flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags (as we always do);
- asking all teachers to find time to discuss recognition and reconciliation;
- having a sausage sizzle celebration Wednesday morning before school.

National Reconciliation Week – Sausage Sizzle

All are invited to join in the fun with a free sausage sizzle on Wednesday morning. Our goal is to raise awareness of Reconciliation Week. The sausages on bread are free and to be enjoyed by all. I know they will be good; I am cooking them. See you there.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES FROM SCHOOL

Our school has many procedures in place to keep our students safe and sound. In regard to late arrivals and early departures please remember:
- school starts at 8:50 – all students arriving after 8:50 are required to present to the school office to receive a late slip. If your child arrives after 10:30 they will be deemed to have been absent for the morning;
- students departing early MUST present to the office to be signed out and collected. If a child departs school before 2:00 they will be deemed ‘absent’ for the afternoon.

It is really important to be at school on time...

See you out there....

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 McKinlee Mashman-Burton 2B Piper Jones
PrepA Ashley Nolan 2C Jett Newman
PrepB Emily Yule 2D Kaitlyn Stewart
PrepC Jayden Parker 3A Jordan Smiley
PrepD Beau Sims 3B Jaidyn Wilkinson
PrepE Dillon Holland 3C Jazmin Corbet
1A Kaylee Steel 4B Zakia Jennings
1B Ben O’Connor 4C Ryan Graham
1C Georgiada Barbosa 5D Jack Graham
1D Tyler McCann 5D Tiarna Elliott
1/2E Daniel Tolbot 6B Ziah Hulet
2A Ella Chisholm 7C Bill Wall

School Fun Run - 13 June

Everyday Hero Fundraising Page

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REMEMBER – HIGHEST FUNDRAISER IN THE SCHOOL WINS A 16GB IPOD NANO!

Year 7 Camp – Departure Time

All Year 7 students attending camp need to be at school by 6:00am on Monday 04 June to ensure on-time departure!

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.

A Message about Cybersafety and Cyberbullying

As you know, the safety of all students is a paramount concern for the Department. This includes the management of cybersafety and cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying occurs when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites such as Facebook, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. This could include sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages, images or videos.

The Department has recently published the document Cybersafety and Cyberbullying – A Guide for Parents and Caregivers. This guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what parents and caregivers could do if their child is the target or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. Our school has 20 copies of this guide and they are available from the office on a first in first served basis.

An electronic copy of the guide can also be found on the Student Services website at: http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qaay/info-parents.html

From our Chaplain

I would like to say “thank you” to everyone who supported the “Chappy Week” celebration last Tuesday morning. The aroma of sizzling sausages was very enticing and the “Live FM” radio crew created a fantastic fun atmosphere. The balloon creations also added to the buzz of the morning which was enjoyed by all. The entries in my “Chappy Acrostic Poem” competition were just amazing! I have awarded the winners with a Tuckshop Voucher.

Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Data / Data / Data

Our school is developing excellent mechanisms to collect information and data on student learning, behaviour and attendance. Our SWPBS team have been discussing recent behaviour data collections and the strategies we are going to put into place for your children. Stay tuned.

Watch this space...

Focus for the Week

All teachers are focusing on ‘being a good loser’ this week. We are focusing on teaching our students that ‘losing can make you feel bad, but staying friends is more important than giving in to your grumpy feelings’. Ask your children about this.

Green Gotchas

Please remind your children that all staff are looking to catch our kids ‘playing fairly’, negotiating and showing the skills of being good winners and losers.

Thank you...

Our SWPBS Team

‘Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners’
P&C Pieces

There is no June P&C Meeting. The next meeting will be in July. Keep the donations coming for the Fun Run – so far we have had an excellent response.

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting

The next Year 7 Parent Committee meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Wednesday 30 May at 6:30pm in the Staffroom. We will be discussing yearbook and dinner dance activities so if you have any great ideas on how we could make them a huge success we would love to see you.

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 30 May, from 9:30am–12:00noon at 19 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. This week we are planning to make various felt items. 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 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:

* Wooden pegs, wooden beads, scrapbooking paper/card

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

Position Vacant

AO2 AAEP 15 HOURS PER WEEK

Applications are invited for the position of AO2 AAEP at Kirwan State Primary School commencing 16 July 2012. The hours of duty will be worked Monday to Friday for 3 hours per day.

The position description and work profile are available at the school office, Kirwan State Primary School, 21 Burnda Street, Kirwan.

Applicants are required to submit a brief resume, contact details for 2 referees and a maximum 1 page written response addressing ‘HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED’ listed in the role description. The successful applicant must have a current First Aid Certificate and a current Working with Children Blue Card. Applicants should have some knowledge of the OneSchool program.

Address applications to:
Business Services Manager, Kirwan State Primary School, PO Box 1047, Thuringowa Central QLD 4817.

Any enquiries should be directed to Karen Finnigan on 4799.1888.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3:00pm Friday 22 June 2012.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bailey Slooman and Luke Christian who made the Thuringowa Touch Team and will now trial for the NQ team.

Congratulations to Tomas Chester and Chelsea Royan who competed at the NQ Cross Country trials on 22 May. Chelsea has now been selected in the NQ team to compete at the State Titles on 14/15 July in Cairns.

Well done Sarah Merrett who competed in a Karate tournament, in the Whitsundays on the weekend. She came 4th in non-contact and 1st in full contact.

We congratulate these students on their efforts and selection and wish them every success.

AFL News

Congratulations to our School AFL team who participated in the Gold Coast Suns Cup on Friday 18 May. We ended up finishing 2nd in our pool after 2 wins and 1 loss. Annandale SS won the competition. All boys played extremely well, showed great sportsmanship and were great ambassadors for our school. The students who made up the team were: Mitchell Gander, Zane Hogan, Ethan Tarrett, Riley McCarthy, James Aldridge, James Flasket, Denzel Tate, Pierce Gregson, MacGregor Reid, Jake Spencer (Vice Capt), Tomas Chester, William Lestro, Samuel Taylor (Capt), Sean Irwin, Cameron Clark, Adam Partridge-Wregg, David Birbeck and Daniel Rennie. Stand out performances from Mackie Reid, Adam Partridge-Wregg and Tomas Chester were a highlight in all games. Thanks to the parents who supported the boys on the day.

Yours in sport...

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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

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.

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 could 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. Babies and toddlers welcome.

At Perc Tucker Gallery until the 03 June there will be an exhibition of photographs taken in Afghanistan of our soldiers on deployment. These photos will be mostly of Townsville based troops. It may be of interest to some of our Defence families.

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.

30 May .......................... Prep A/B
04 June .......................... Prep A/B 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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