30 October 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

FETE FETISH
If you missed out on Kirwan Carnivale then you truly missed an inspirational event! Accolades in the media and throughout the school community have been openly forthcoming since Saturday night when a very tired but happy band of workers finally put the last of the equipment away.

If I started a list of thank yous in this newsletter then I would almost certainly have to put a “to be continued…….” at the end. There are, however, some people I must make special mention of here……

~ Lyndal and Mark Humphreys............tireless, organised and dedicated.
~ Laurelle and Trevor Jones........finger on the pulse of the fete from start to finish.
~ Michelle and Julian Lowe..........maintaining a sense of humour until the end.
~ Lisa Reynolds...........who cleaned up everything at the end when many of us were too tired to even think about it.
~ Kim Murdock and her tuckshop team who were still here after midnight cleaning up.
~ Karen Finnigan and her finance team who worked well into the night to ensure the books were balanced.
~ Thank you Clarrie for being here so early to let everyone in.
~ To all the teachers, many of whom manned their stalls from 4:30 until 9:00 without a break, I congratulate you.
~ To our awesome students (some of whom were here all day helping to set up)...... I am very proud of your efforts and I thank you for shining a positive spotlight on our school.
~ To the amazing people who donated goods for a myriad of stalls from cake stalls to the white elephant stall, thank you........ the quality and quantity of items was commented on by many people.
~ To all the volunteers who contributed in any way, I salute you. Congratulations!

THE TODAY SHOW
Today we welcome members of The Today Show to interview our Defence School Transition Aides and some of our wonderful Defence families. At this stage I am not sure when this story will go to air. If I receive any further information I will let you know as soon as possible.

PREP COME AND TRY
Don’t forget the second of our Prep Come and Try mornings on Tuesday 13th November from 9:30 until 10:50am. If you have not submitted your child’s name for attendance through our Prep Interviews, please let us know so that we can ensure resourcing for the number in attendance. I look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Don’t forget to set aside the evening of 13th November for our annual Community Christmas Carols. There will be drinks and light refreshments available. Grab your camping chairs or a picnic blanket and come and join us for some festive cheer! I look forward to seeing you there.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From our Deputy John Kratzmann

CAUGHT OUT – DOING THE RIGHT THINGS

It is fantastic to see so many of our students receiving their 50 Gotcha certificates. Students who receive their “50” Certificates have been caught doing the right things around school over 50 times. I am also very proud of our students who do the right things and who do not get a Gotcha for their efforts. Every student in our school is a Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learner...

Over the last two weeks these students have achieved their 50 Gotchas.

Junior School

Ella Shepherd 2D
Harrison Lowe Prep E
Ella McCarthy 1/2E
Cadence Purkis-Arthur 3B
Jalen Goldsworthy 2A
Reanna Winter 2A
Emma Manning 3D
Brendan Hillary 3D
Koe Rose Na Prep E
Leilani Tanna Prep D
Oscar Thomas Prep E
Tshana Steen 1C
Matthew Graham Prep D
Ava Leeson Prep C
Cloe Manning Prep c
Kiera Ryan 1B
Cody Rigg 1A
Aiesha Mohideen 2A
Luke Bennie 1C
Te-hani Simmons 2B
Taj May 1C
Jasmin Kennedy Prep D
Tianwa-Aroha Lenoy Prep D
Lachlan Cains Prep D
Roi Aaron Prep D
Jai Green Prep D
Olivia Little 2A
Shyanah Morris 1D

Senior School

Elliott Tully 4D
Rachel Upton 6B
Jarna Furlong 7A
Tahereh Pung 7B

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

As part of our Bullying Program, this week every student in every classroom in the school will be explicitly focussing on ‘how to be a responsible bystander’. Students will be discussing and role playing what it means to be a caring, helpful and responsible citizen and what to do when a friend or someone you know is being bullied. We expect our students to be responsible caring members of our school and to NOT TOLERATE bullying. It is everyone’s responsibility to help.

OUR FETE

Congratulations to our fantastic Kirwan Community…. I have been part of our school community now for many years and have seen some tremendous things from our school over the years. On Saturday night I was a very proud member of the Kirwan SS Staff – what an outstanding effort. Congratulations to the organising committee, staff members, parent helpers, students, grandparents, relatives and friends. We certainly...... ‘Strive to Excel’.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

From the Fete Committee

The fete committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the organisation of the fete, particularly the members of our P&C, and everyone who attended on Saturday night and helped make the event a huge success.

Special thanks also goes to:
- Lyndal Humphreys for her help and support over the last six months in helping to get the fete up and running.
- Carine our groundsman for his help in setting up the oval.
- Mr Stick for tagging and testing all our electrical goods.
- Brian Bradford for all his help.
- Townsville Juke Box Hire for their generous donation of two slashie machines on the night.
- Parkside Florist for their beautiful flower arrangements.
- Lisa Reynolds for all her hard work looking after the rubbish and toilets on the night.
- All our wonderful office ladies for their help and support over the last six months.
- All our fantastic teachers for supporting the fete and running successful stalls on the night.
- Mark Humphreys, Julian Lowe and Trevor Jones for supporting us and helping with the organising.
- Rhona Clark, Joanna Spigariol-Lees, Jenny Meredith and Karen Finnggan for all their finance expertise.

We would like to congratulate the lucky people who won dodger prizes:
- $1,000.00 cash – Gladys Lima
- 4 Crocs Box Seats – Tara Grant
- iPad – Sue Riley
- 2 Crocs Box Seats – Mark Smith
- 81cm Television – Kelly Pearson

As well as other dodger winners: Jason Biddell, Vanessa Neve, Landon Morrow, Alan Bowen, Jan Rossner, Katherine Bennett, Anthony Jerkic, Kim Hughes, Daniel Mackenzie, Kristina Moore, Emma Hughes, Vicki Trueman, Greg Sinclair, Jo Reynolds, Tyrell, Melanie Purkis, Julie Perroud, Santos, T Hamilton, Sandra Smith, Justine Tyrell, Megan Bradshaw, Tony Wilmot, Denise Denham, Tracey Rogers, Ellen Honeyball, Lara Rolfe, Christine Warren, Jodie King and Tony Graham.

Congratulations also to the winners of our Cent Sale. All winners will be notified this week, and collection of prizes will be arranged.

Michelle Lowe and Laurelle Jones

Sincere Thanks

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Mrs Laurelle Jones and Mrs Michelle Lowe for their dedication and endless hard work in organising our fete. Without their commitment and enthusiasm, it would not have been as successful as it was. We are grateful to you both!

Lyndal Humphreys, P&C President

Staffroom for Improvement

The perfect way to show thanks to your teachers!

It’s easy to participate in Staffroom for Improvement! When you do, not only will you have the satisfaction of supporting your school – you’ll also have the chance to win prizes like an Apple iPad and iTunes gift cards. Start by registering your details. Once you’re signed up, we’ll send you an email to verify the information you provided. Just click the link in the email and you’ll be on your way!

You can visit this website each day, and click on The Big Red Button to support your school. The first time you visit, your click will give one apple to your teachers. Your second visit and click will count as two apples. Your third visit and click will give…. [can you guess?] three beautiful juicy apples to your teachers. From there, the sky’s the limit! Come back each day and watch your apple giving power increase. We know your teachers will really appreciate your effort!

Are You Transferring?

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 fill the form out at the end of Kirmem and return it to the school office for processing. 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.

Hanne Secher – Acting Head of Special Education Services

This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
**Kirwan State High School Top Scholar Testing – Round 2**

Kirwan State High School will be holding a second Middle Years’ Ability test (MYAT) session for students wishing to gain entry into their 2013 Top Scholar Program. Details are:

- **Date:** 31 October
- **Time:** 3:30pm
- **Place:** Kirwan State High School (students to assemble at front office on Hudson Street)

Parents wishing for their students to attend this session should contact Donna Kerr on 4773 8152 or email dkerr25@eq.edu.au.

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**Environmental Message**

Avoid evaporation in the garden. Watering your plants morning or evening is the solution.

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**Defence News**

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 06 November starting at 2.00pm in the Defence Room. Could everyone please bring a plate of nibbles to share as it will be Melbourne Cup Day.
- See you all out and about...

  Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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**Thank you from Mrs Flynn and 2A**

Mrs Flynn and 2A would like to sincerely thank all of the parent helpers who dedicated some time to assist with our fete stall on Saturday night. An extra thank you must go to Mr & Mrs parent representative, and a huge thank you to Karen and Melissa who graciously volunteered to purchase all the fantastic prizes that helped make our stall a wonderful success. Your enthusiasm towards the task was amazing!

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**Thank you from 2D**

Thank you from 2D to all our wonderful parents who helped to make our fete stall a success – whether they donated items or helped on the night. And a huge special thank you to our Stall Convenor, Lynne Maltby – without her our stall wouldn’t have been possible.

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**Thank you from 2B**

A big thank you from 2B to all the parents who helped out at our fantastic jewellery-making stall at the Fete. It could not have happened without you.

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**Tennis Coaching**

Tuesday after school – 3:15pm-3:45pm
Cost is $59 - This is the payment through to the end of the term. Includes free racquet. Call 1300 301 530 to book your place NOW.

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**Music News**

**MUSIC INFORMATION NIGHT** is CANCELLED. All music contracts to be handed to Mrs Ransom before 01 November please.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** is on Tuesday 13 November on the Oval. Every year level will be performing.

**INSTRUMENT AUDIT** - All school instruments need to be returned to the school on Tuesday 13 November for the audit. There will be no musical lessons on Thursday 15 or Friday 16 November (Week 6) because of the audit. School instruments will stay at school, however lessons will resume for all instrumental students in Week 7.

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**School Crossing Supervisors – Position Available**

- Position available at Kirwan State School.
- Casual rates start at $25.61 per hour.
- Tailing provided.
- Equal opportunity employer.
- Call 4758 7505 now for an application package!
- The successful applicant will be required to undergo a medical and a Blue Card check.

**2013 Students Enrolled at Kirwan Shs**

An invitation is extended to Year 7 students enrolled at Kirwan State High School in 2013 to participate in a one day transition on Friday 07 December from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

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**Tuckshop Talk**

Oct 31 Sandra, Michelle
Nov 01 Leanne, Rayleen
Nov 02 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Nov 05 Rayleen, Brett
Nov 06 Carley

- Friday is World Tuckshop Day. Thank you to all tuckshop volunteers for their valuable help so far this year. You do a fantastic job!
- A big thank you to Barbara Wilson and Lisa Osborne for “jumping in and helping” in the tuckshop on fete night. It was greatly appreciated. A BIG BIG thank you to Rayleen for helping all night at the fete in the tuckshop. You rock!
- Thank you Mr K and your helpers for getting chairs.
- There are no vanilla malt milks – please cross this off your tuckshop list.

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**Transfer Notice**

Yes, our family will be transferring from Kirwan Primary at the end of the school year.

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His/Her/Their last day at Kirwan Primary will be:

We will be transferring to (name of school/town):