From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Over the next couple of weeks we will play host to a number of visitors in our school. These include:

- 20 Japanese students who will buddy up with some of our Year 7s for a fantastic intercultural experience this Thursday.
- 3 Prep teachers from Charters Towers who are coming to watch our fantastic Prep classes in action also on Thursday.
- Boori Pryor, children’s author and laureate, who will be working in our school from Monday next week.

Schools are not meant to be islands; it’s great to see such diversity of opportunity in our school at the moment.

Athletics Carnival Feedback
This was truly a fantastic day. Many thanks to the staff who worked very hard to make the day such a success. Special thanks must go to Emma Talbot for her super organisation of the event and also to Clarrie Cockburn who has dedicated much of his time in recent weeks to get the grounds looking their absolute best. I would also like to make mention of Kim Murdoch and her team for providing a wonderful array of food on the day.

One of the highlights of the day for me was a comment from a new staff member on the outstanding behaviour of the students. I agree!

I was also pleased to see so many parents here cheering on their little (and not so little) ones. Great to see.

School Opinion Survey
It’s nearly that time of the year again where School Opinion Surveys will be distributed. Our school distributes approximately 40 surveys to families - randomly selected - each year. I would like to stress that, if you receive a School Opinion Survey, it is vital that you complete it and send it back by the due date. It is very important that we receive a full and accurate account of how we are perceived in the school community. We take this data seriously. We use it to improve our service to our clients – YOU.

Staff, students (Years 5 and 7 only) and parents are surveyed each year. Surveys are mailed to Brisbane where the data is collated independently of the school.

Flu Season
We are currently experiencing a high incidence of flu and cold symptoms with high absenteeism in some sectors of the school. If your child is ill, please keep them home until they are well enough to return. School is no place for miserable, sick children who simply spread more germs and infect others.

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

✦ TREES
Mrs Pam Lyons and I attended Tree Presentation Ceremony for Schools Tree Day last Friday at the Riverway. A number of schools were successful in the allocation of trees from the Townsville City Council. We received 60 native plants which will be progressively planted around the school to beautify areas and gardens. The presentation was made by Deputy Mayor Cr. Vern Veitch and the representatives of the corporate Sponsors Lend Lease and Mike Carney Toyota. A presentation by Ranger Dan Hands on Wildlife saw a baby sugar glider make an appearance as well as a black headed python and a very large lizard.

✦ COLES AND WOOLWORTHS
The two promotions for schools are fast coming to an end. We have had so many supporters drop in their completed cards and vouchers. Thanks to all who have supported us and keep them coming. The Woolworths promotion ends at midnight on 12 August and the Coles promotion ends on 14 August. Only 2 weeks to go. Get your cards or stickers to us as soon as possible.

Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

✦ 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.
✦ PBS
This week we have started the next unit in our bullying prevention. The key message ‘Bullying is not acceptable’ will explore virtues such as consideration and understanding. Students will engage in lessons throughout the next two weeks on this topic.

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 Jamaica Henderson-Jones 4B Isabella Surgeon
PrepB Emily Yule 4C Joshua Williley
PrepC Tannar Gullison 5B Aidan Mesken
PrepD Tyson Biddle 5D Antonio Lynnam
PrepE Harrison Lowe 6A Lauren Tierney
1A Dylan Mundy 6B Victor Cham
1B Hayden Noble-Clark 6C Tomas Chester
1C Felicity Thompson 5/6D Holly Daran
1D Alice Edgerton 5/6E Isabella Sawyer
1E2E Tahnee Massaro 7A Ipi Jones
2A Jacqueline Dejong 7B Emily Van-Gorp
2C Tahnya Alisted 7D Matthew O'Shea
2D Tyler Andersen 7D Cody Purkis-Arthur

P&C Pieces

SPORTS DAY TATTOS
Thank you to our fantastic sports captains who helped sell tattoos last week. We raised over $120 for the P&C.

YEAR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE
Flat fee payments are now OVERDUE. To date we have only received half of these payments. If your child wishes to attend the dinner and receive a yearbook, payments need to be made ASAP. It would also be appreciated if you could notify the committee if you are NOT ordering a yearbook or dinner dance ticket.
Due to a prior commitment by both the Chair and Secretary, the next parent meeting will now be held on Thursday 16 August at 6:00pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing the layout of our yearbook and graduation night ideas. Hope to see you there.
Thank You: Huge thanks to Sandra Sellen, Lyndal Humphreys, Michelle Lowe and Kim Murdock for making countless icy cups to sell at the Sports Carnivals. And an EXTRA HUGE thank you to Teresa Pritchard, Laurelle Jones, Lee Craig and Kellie Royan for giving up your time to man our icy cup stalls on Friday. Without all your help the day wouldn’t have been such a success. Thank you ladies!!

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Open Lunch and Dinner
Located at Cannon Park
(07) 4723.9133

FETE COMMITTEE
✦ The next fete meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.
✦ Our next drop off day will be this Sunday 05 August between 9:00am-10:30am. We will accept any clean items for our White Elephant Stall, Book Stall and any other donations you may have. Please no electrical items.
✦ Thank you to everyone who has donated items thus far – every bit of support is greatly appreciated. We still have a long way to go as far as making this event a great success. So please, dig deep as every little bit helps.
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 01 August, from 9:30am–12:00noon at 49 Daytona Drive, Kirwan. There will be more fun with 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 Lindah (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.

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 18 (Gordon) 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 02 August 2012. If you require any further information please contact Annette Hunt at Thuringowa State High School on 4753 8849.

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

**SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

**Join in the Fun**

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Kirwan Softball Team who have all been selected in the Thuringowa District Softball Team. They are: Brooklyn Butler, Natalie Harrison, Alison Cowan, Rachel Humphreys, Shakira Craigie, Abbey Caris, Helena Fetham, Madelynn Lowe, Taliah-Rose Zaro and Maggie Ward. The girls will now compete in the North Queensland trials in Townsville on 19/20 August. Good luck at the trials!

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**Urgent Reminder! OVERDUE**

- Moving Arts Money - $10
- Voluntary Resource Scheme Fees - $30

If your child/ren have not yet paid $10 for Moving Arts can you please do so as soon as possible.

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**Thank You to K.Kirwan**

To: k.kirwan (Text to the Editor, Townsville Bulletin 28 July)

Thank you for your kind words. It is always nice to have your efforts recognised. Once again, thank you.

Mr Clarrie

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**Kirwan Dance Troop**

Year 6/7 auditions for Kirwan Dance Troop will be on Thursday 16 August. Please see Mrs Brodie for an Audition Slip.

**Year 7 Group Photos**

Photo envelopes are available from the school office for those students/parents who are interested in ordering the Year 7 Group Photo. The closing date for orders is Friday 10 August.

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**Music News**

**GLEE CLUB IS PERFORMING THURSDAY MORNING FOR THE VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS.** Please remember to wear your Music Uniform and please meet at the Music Room at 8:30am.

**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 Ransom on ksrans3@eq.edu.au or 4799.1888 BEFORE Week 9 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.

A compulsory meeting for all continuing and new parents of our 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.

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**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**

Aug 01 Michelle
Aug 02 Rayleen, Leanne
Aug 03 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Aug 06 Rayleen
Aug 07 Carley

- A BIG thank you to all my tuckshop volunteers, Rayleen, Carey, Leanne and Michelle for their help on Sports Day. A BIG thanks also to Kailyn & Summer for their help, to Ken Ellis for assembling the new P&C BBQ and cooking the snags on it and to Brett for helping set up and cooking sausages. Love your work everyone! THANK YOU!

**Defence News**

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on next Tuesday 14 August commencing at 2:00pm in the defence room.
- If your husband/partner is deploying or has deployed, could you please let us know as we can and will be there for your child if they are experiencing some difficulties coping while their parent/caregiver is away.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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**Environmental Message**

Don't throw rubbish in the street,
Give our waterways and oceans a treat.
Stormwater drains are not for rubbish,
Crystal clean water is what we can accomplish.

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**Kirwan Calendar**

13 July Fun Run Money & Sponsorship Forms OVERDUE — Please return ASAP
03 August ........................................ Fete Craft Group Activities
02 August ........................................ Japanese Student Visit
03 August ........................................ Champions Field Events Day
14 August .............. Defence Parent Chat Group — 2:00pm in Defence Room
16 August .............. Information Sessions – Prep 2013 – 9:30am and 6:00pm
16 August .................. Year 6/7 Kirwan Dance Troop Auditions
16 August ............... Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting – 6:00pm in the Staffroom
20 August ........................................ Beginning of Prep Interviews
27 October ...................................... School Fete

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**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 — Prep to Year 1
- 16 August — Prep to Year 2
- 22 August — Prep to Year 3
- 29 August — Prep to Year 4

Year 7 Assembly are held each Monday afternoon at 2:00pm.
Year Prep – 3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

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

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Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888