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 17th September at 6.30pm
**Cost:** Adult $13.00; Child $11.00
**Movie:** Madagascar 3

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.

Parking Road Rules and Safety
Please be advised that the Kirwan police regularly patrol our school zones at busy times in the morning and in the afternoon. They target behaviour such as speeding, double parking and parking in pick up zones. Our children’s safety is well worth the “trouble” it takes to follow the road rules. Don’t be tempted to take short cuts – the results could be life changing.

Prep Come and Try
The first of our Prep Come and Try Days will be held NEXT FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER from 9.30am until 10.50am. Bookings for this event are very important so that we can adequately cater for the number of families who wish to be a part. Please contact the school office to register your child for Prep Come and Try. The staff and I are very much looking forward to seeing you and your child. How exciting! (If you have already had an interview and/or registered then you don’t need to do so again.)

Parent Teacher Interviews
These are being conducted over the next couple of weeks, before and after school.
It is my belief that a positive relationship between school and home and especially between the teacher and the family is an integral part of our business. I have stated in this newsletter and I continue to be adamant that there should be “no surprises” when you receive your child’s report card. By attending an interview NOW, you may learn details of your child’s achievement against the curriculum standard which will put you in a good position to support your child to the end of the year.

Academic Success
This year, we have been astounded at the take up of children participating in the ICAS testing program in Writing, English, Spelling, Maths and Science. Many of our children have done exceptionally well in these tests – so well that we have decided to host a special assembly next term to recognise their achievements. Watch for details in the newsletter if you would like to be present – this will be advertised in advance so that parents may attend. Children who receive participation awards should also be congratulated. It takes some courage to step up to the mark and have a go at something as challenging as an Australian standard test. Good work!

Given that the end of the year is approaching, our focus on achievement becomes keener and keener. Don’t forget that children from Years 3 – 6 will be eligible to receive an Academic Award, Sporting Award, The Arts Award or Principal’s Award for their year level at the end of the year. Our school motto STRIVE TO EXCEL is well and truly alive.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From our Deputy - John Kratzmann

SWPBS News
Our school is committed to providing a positive school environment which enables each and every student to make the most of their learning and our engaging curriculum. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support systems are really supporting student behaviour in our school. In every classroom, every day, we aim to build in our students the skills they need to develop positive and supportive relationships.

This week our teachers are focusing on explicitly teaching positive values, friendships skills and social competencies; these include decision making and interpersonal skills. Specific lessons are taught that encourage our students to develop these skills.

As I walk around the school at lunchtime, it is impressive to see our students solving problems, negotiating with each other, respecting each other and playing safely. As parents and carers, you can rest easy knowing your child is in an ever-growing safe, supportive, and positive school environment.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
Our SWPBS team is in the process of revising our School Responsible Behaviour Plan. This document outlines the processes and frameworks our school employs to provide the positive school environment discussed above. The fantastic things supporting our students certainly do not happen by accident – everything is data driven, based in research and very well planned. The draft of the 2013 – 2015 document is nearing completion. At the start of next term it will be available for parents to read and comment on. Stay tuned for an invitation in Kirwins. I will invite parents and carers to read over this plan and provide feedback to our school.

Footy Show – A Little Disappointed
As some of you did, I sat up last Thursday night and waited for our spot on the Footy Show with JT and our Year 7s. I was disappointed that the Footy Show did not air the footage they shot. Not to worry; we know it was excellent, JT knows it was excellent, our kids know the learning journey they took – it was the Footy Show’s loss. Our partnership with the Cowboys is strong and worthwhile. Go Kirwin, GO JT, and Go the Cowboys.

Parent Teacher Meetings
Enjoy. Our teachers work hard for your kids and do a very good job. Enjoy these meetings, take away some ideas on how learning at school can be supported at home, develop a positive working relationship with your child’s teacher and let’s finish the year strongly. Every child – every day counts.

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 Jackson Vickery 3C Madison Lourie
PrepB Jackson Hammelswanger 3B Stefania Nobile
PrepC Weston Orme-Gleemann 3D Mathew Weldon
PrepD Cooper Hovasapian 4A Dakoda May
PrepE Isabella Finlay 4B Connor Campbell
1A Edward Blizzard 4C Brooke Parra
1B Kiera Ryan 4D Sophie Sommerville
1C Luke Bennie 5A Madison Craigie
1D Mitchell Royan 5A Sarah Friend
1E/2E Lucas Aleman 5B Chloe Hogan
2A Reanna Winter 5D Jordyn Tutt
2B Alannah Cowley 6B Chloe Whitton
2C Alisha Spratt 5/6/7 Ebony Harris
2D Chloe Marshall 7A Reilly Bloe
3A Callum McConkey 7B Alison Cowan
3B Nilo Smith 7D Sinn Maha

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

• Lost Balls
Can you please hold discussions with your children regarding the safety issue of balls and equipment going on to the roof at school? Our grounds staff cannot climb onto the roof under any circumstances as this activity has obvious safety issues surrounding it. On occasions, balls and equipment are able to be retrieved and returned to owners if well labelled.

• SWPBS
A huge ‘CONGRATULATIONS’ to Matthew O’Shea who has received his 100 Gotchas.

Congratulations also to the following students who have received 50 Gotchas recently:

PrepC Bianca Langley 2A Tahnee Marshall
PrepC Caitlin Pickens 2C Briadan Driscoll
PrepC Tannor Gullison 2C Medini Star
PrepC Bridie Marshall 2D Andrew Hilleary
Prep C Blake Von Dorp 7D Madeleine Myers
1A Mackenzie Gullison 7D Emily Harper
1A Shaun Clarke 7D Piper Driscoll
1D Lincoln Cowan

Kirwan Idol
To date we have conducted five heats of Idol. It is not too late to audition. If you want to be part of Kirwan Idol, come and see Ms Cockrem to put your name down, then bring along 51 when your act is on. Please provide your own music if your act requires it.

The final heats will be conducted this week and next during first break. Semi-finals will be held early Term 4. The Grand Final will be contested at the Kirwan Fete (27 October).

Don’t forget you will be notified when you are on by your teacher the week of your heat. You will also receive a written reminder that week as well. NO spectators are allowed during the heats.

• Coles and Woolworths Voucher Programs
Thanks for your support again this year. The final count for Coles vouchers was 41 053. As a result of this collection, Kirwan will receive loads of sports gear for 2013.

Woolworths is obviously the preferred shop for Kirwan as we collected 6 688 sticker cards. This equates to 200 640 actual stickers. Quickly incurs it participants $2 006 400 was spent at Woolies during the ‘Earn and Learn’ period! Wonderful resources will be available for Kirwan early 2013.

Donna Cockrem - Deputy Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Weeks 10-11 – Years Prep-7

Teachers 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.

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 enrolment paperwork.

Interviews of Prep students and their families have commenced. (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.
• If you are posting out or think that you may be, please let us know as we will make up a farewelle pack for your child.
• See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Tuckshop Talk

Sep 05 Michelle, Sandra
Sep 06 Rayleen, Leanne
Sep 07 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Sep 10 Brett, Rayleen
Sep 11 Carley

• A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Court and Mrs Cross for all of their help in the tuckshop recently.
• PLEASE NOTE – PLEASE INCLUDE THE CORRECT CHANGE WHEN ORDERING TUCKSHOP. Change from orders is being misplaced, lost or spent.

Interschool Athletics

Kirwan SS was proudly represented by 100 of our finest athletes at the ‘A’ Schools’ Interschool Athletics Carnival last Friday. Kirwan came 5th of the eight schools that competed on the day.

We had a number of great ‘stars’ who broke records and who have been selected for further honours. (More news will be forthcoming from Mrs Talbot.) Congratulations to all of our students on their efforts and also thank you to our staff members who were very busy training our students in the lead-up to the big day.

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.
This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Our 2013 Musical is Annie

Music Information Night Postponed

Do you want to be in the musical?

Things to think about:
- You will be required to attend before school, after school and some weekend rehearsals.
- You will need to pay $50 to cover your bus travel and tshirt costs in Week One of 2013.
- You will be at the Theatre from 3rd – 5th June day and evening.
Auditions for lead roles will be held every lunchtime during the first week of 2013.
Permission slips and cast payment forms will be available for all students to join the musical cast during the first week of 2013. Full cast musical rehearsals will start Week 2 of 2013.

Kirwan Kalendar

05 September .................. Fete Committee Meeting - 7:00pm in Staffroom
07 September .................. Last Day for Year 7 Shirt Orders
10-21 September ................ Parent-Teacher Interviews
10 September .................. Picture Plate and Clock Orders Due
11 September .................. Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm in Defence Room
14 September .................. Prep Come and Try Session 9:30 – 10:50am
17 September .................. Chapo Movie Fundraiser – Madagascar
19 September .................. Sold/Unsold Dodger Tickets Due Back
19 September .................. Tea Towel Keepsake Orders Due
19 September .................. Year 7 Parent Committee Meeting – 5:00pm in Hall
21 September .................. Last day of Term 3
08 October .................. First day of Term 4
24 October .................. Music Information Night (postponed from 17 October)
27 October .................. School Fete – 5:00pm-9:00pm

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