Dear Parents and Caregivers

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
We’ve won a plasma TV!! The breakfast crew from HOT FM, Cliffo and Tiarna, will be here in the shed tomorrow, Wednesday 07 March for a special parade at 11:45am, to present us with our winnings!! This assembly will take the place of our normal assembly for the week. This will be a whole school assembly - needless to say ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. I believe the Preppies are also putting on a performance so it promises to be an exciting event.

OUT OF AFRICA POSTPONED
Unfortunately, due to illness, our “Out of Africa” show has had to be postponed until Monday 26 March (last week of term). For those of you who missed out on paying for the performance the first time round, you now have until THIS FRIDAY 09 MARCH to finalise payment. Don’t miss out; this promises to be a wonderful show.

NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN testing will be held this year from Tuesday 15 May through until Friday 18 May (catch up day). All children in Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit for these tests on the scheduled dates. There is NO PROVISION FOR SITTING THE TESTS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SCHEDULED DATES.

- Exemptions and Withdrawals
In a very small number of cases, children are exempt from the testing if they have a high level of special needs which would preclude them from participation. If your child is to be exempted from NAPLAN then you will be contacted by a member of the school administration team to discuss this decision.

Withdrawal from the test is a decision only to be made by a parent or caregiver. If you have valid reasons for withdrawing your child or children from the NAPLAN testing program or you would like to find out more information before you make this decision, please contact your child’s teacher or make an appointment to speak to a member of the administration team.

I stress that we expect all our children to sit the NAPLAN tests and to do their very best!

EASTER SERVICES
Our Chappy, Trudy Godwin, will be hosting our Annual Easter Services on Thursday 29 March. Children who participate in the Religious Education Program will attend a service on that day. Please mark this date on your calendar. Parents are welcome to attend also.

Until next week ... kind regards ...

Melissa Jackson – Principal
SAFETY

From the Acting Deputy Donna Cockrem

One of the main topics around the school over the past few weeks has been safety; in particular, safety surrounding parking, drop off zones etc. In a perfect world we would all be patient, understanding, and forgiving of the indiscretions of others. People would give way, wait their turn and give a friendly smile of forgiveness to the car that cuts them off. Unfortunately this is not the perfect world and the safety of our students is continually being compromised by poor driving and inconsistent judgement whilst driving. Please use the pick-up and drop-off area correctly as this allows traffic flow and doesn’t inconvenience other road users.

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 Ashley Parrish 3A Tarrin Butler
PrepC Lara Porter 3B Hope-Lee Jones-Dunn
PrepC Ella-Paige Rizos 4A Aiden Simkin
PrepD Cooper Havasapian 4B Nicholas Webb-Jenkins
Prepe Brianna Bolstad 4C Madison Nosed
1A Shane Smiley 5A Kaitlyn Phillips
1B Nathanael Nicol 5D Riley Davis
1C Emily Young 6A Joshua Arceo
1D Zane Geue 6A Ethan Targett
1E/2E Tahnee Massaro 6B Georgia Cunha
2A Ryan Haynes 5/6/7 Sasha Taylor
2C Unika Omar 7D Tui Rosava
2D Max Channell

OneSchool - New School Information Management System

In 2008, the Department Of Education and Training introduced the OneSchool application to schools as a new school information management system. Each year a new functionality has been added to the application. In 2009, curriculum and assessment modules were made available and in 2010 the Timetabling functionality was released to all state schools in Queensland.

In 2012, finance, asset and student management modules will be deployed to the remainder of Queensland state schools. The new functionality will enable schools to deliver improved services to parents for student enrolments and invoicing.

Kirwan will be rolling out to OneSchool over the Easter school holidays, so for this to happen there are a couple of steps we need to take for this to run smoothly.

1) We need to close off the finances to tidy up the old system to be ready. This will happen on Friday 16 March. If you need to pay any Voluntary Contributions, Camp Fees, Moving Arts, Diaries, Religious Education fees or any other expenses please do so before this date. Cash payments can be placed in the payment box through the barred window. All EFTPOS payments should be made at the front office.

2) Please minimise enquiries to the school’s front office during the last three weeks of school as the staff will be very busy running off reports and lists to have on hand while the rollover process is in place.

3) There will be no computer access on the last day of term – 30 March.

4) I ask you to be patient with our staff during this busy time.

Deployment of OneSchool will be around 10 April. First day back next term will see Kirwan State School using the new management system.

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Religious Education

There is a cost of $7.00 for the school’s Religious Education Books which are supplied by the school. The program has started for Year 1-7 and we ask that this be paid as soon as possible. The students are supplied with two books per year. This can be paid at the office or placed in a money envelope and placed in the box through the barred window.

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Out of Africa Performance Postponed

The Out of Africa performance, due to be held yesterday, has been postponed until Monday 26 March. If you have not yet made payment for this show, and you would like your child to be involved, please fill out the permission form and return it, together with the $5 payment, before this Friday 09 March. Please note that we will be unable to accept any further payments for Out of Africa after Friday.

School Photographs - 20/21 March 2012

MSP Photography will be visiting the school on Tuesday/Wednesday 20/21 March to photograph our students.

Last week, each student should have brought home his/her own envelope with their name, class and ID number on it. Envelopes with your student’s order are to be returned to the photographer on the day of photographs. Family photographs are also being offered by the photographer and order envelopes are available from the school office.

Please Note: MSP Photography is allowing 10 working days after the photo days to make late payments. After this time, a $20 late fee will be added to each order. If you are wishing to order photos after this time, please contact MSP Photography on 4725 2900, and they will be able to arrange such for you.

Kirwan Community Kindergarten News

Hi from Miss Julie, Miss Judi and Angela at C&K Kirwan Community Kindergarten! We had our official opening a few weeks ago, with VIP guests including Principal Melissa Jackson, Craig Wallace MP and representatives from C&K Brisbane head office and from Education Queensland, as well as our wonderful parents. The kindergarten has both groups full of excited little people, who have been learning through play and their interests. Some of the many learning experiences in the first weeks of kindergarten have included frogs, dinosaurs, volcanoes, vets, Australian animals, cooking, gardening, etc. Also important skills are being acquired like social skills, independence, sharing, routines and sitting on the mat listening to stories, music and participating in discussion. At our first Parent Advisory Group meeting, we have organised a social morning tea/afternoon tea for both groups, which will be held in the next few weekends. If anyone has any donations of things like paper/cardboard, cards, magazines, material scraps, buttons, beads, old phones or anything else you would like to donate, please come over to the kindy to say hi. We look forward to coming over to the school for an excursion one day soon!

Due to OneSchool Changeover, please pay all outstanding invoices before 16 March.

Cross Country Training

Cross Country training will start next Wednesday morning, 8:00am-8:30am on the oval for those students interested. Training will be every morning thereafter, except Mondays.

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

Thursday 15 March
Prep, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 – 4:00pm-6:00pm
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 & Year 7 – 6:30pm-8:30pm
$5 tickets went on sale today for the disco and are available from Mrs Taylor’s room – C Block. Prep children attending must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco. ALL children attending MUST be dropped off and collected from the Multipurpose Hall. No child will be permitted to leave without an adult accompanying them.

Gentle Reminder

Please pay your school supplied resources from your book lists as soon as possible:

- Prep – LEM Phonics/Numeracy Book
- Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder
- Year 4 – School produced planner diary
- Year 5 – School produced planner diary
- Year 6 – School supplied diary
- Year 7 – School supplied diary

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

P&C Pieces

- P&C Annual General Meeting: Our AGM has been postponed due to the necessary audits not being available. The meeting will now be held on Tuesday 20 March 2012 at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We are taking nominations for Executive Positions; these can be emailed to pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au or dropped into the office. Being a part of the P&C (in however a big or small way) is very satisfying and rewarding, and we are always looking for more helping hands.

- NQ Family Portraits – Date saver for March 24 & 25! Once again, Julie from NQ Family Portraits will be supporting our school with this fabulous fundraiser. Notes will be going home soon with details; watch this space.

- Used Uniforms: Many thanks to everyone for donations of used uniforms; please keep them coming in. A special thanks to Mrs Michelle Haynes and Mrs Rayleen Currey who have been washing all the donated items and getting them ready for sale. Watch this space for further details.

- Fete News: Our next fete meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the staffroom on Tuesday 13 March 2012. Please come along and contribute in any way you can. In the meantime, there are a number of classes who are seeking donations for their fete stalls.

- It’s time to rummage!! Class 1D are holding a trash ‘n’ treasure stall and Class 4D is in charge of the book stall at this year’s fete and are looking for clean, good condition secondhand items – toys, bric-a-brac, books, DVDs, CDs, games, clothing, jewellery etc; everything except electrical items. So please start putting these items aside ready for our first collection day.

- Are you craft minded?? Class 6B may need your help. A craft group will be starting soon so we can begin making some wonderful items for this great stall. If you are interested in participating or have any spare craft items for these crafty sessions please email fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

- Sponsorship: Are you or your company interested in being a sponsor? Have your company’s promotional material distributed on the day or host a stall, from as little as $50.00. Email your enquiry to fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Kirwan Kalendar

13 March...Interschool Swimming Carnival – Years 3-7 – Long Tan Pool
13 March.................................Fete Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
15 March.................................................................School Disco
20 March.................................................................School Photos
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24/25 March.................................NQ Family Portraits – P&C Fundraiser
27 March.................................Last day of swimming lessons for Year 3
29 March.................................Last day of swimming lessons for Year 2
29 March.................................Easter Services
30 March.................................Last Day of Term 1
16 April.................................First Day of Term 2
19 May.................................NAPLAN Testing
27 October.................................School Fete

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

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

Music Corner

KIRWAN GLEE CLUB AND KIRWAN TALENT TIME
Our school choir has a new name and a new groove. Come along and experience our NEW Kirwan Glee Club every Tuesday at 2nd Break for students in Years 6-7, Thursday at 2nd Break for students in Years 4-5 and our Kirwan Talent Time for students in Years 1-3 every Friday at 2nd Break. Students can expect to learn great vocal technique and harmony singing using modern and engaging songs with movement.

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator

Tuckshop Talk

Mar 07 Sandra, Michelle, Jo (½ day)
Mar 08 Rayleen, Leanne
Mar 09 Rayleen
Mar 12 Lyn, Rayleen, Brett
Mar 13 Carley

♫ We have had an increase in children returning food saying “I don’t eat this”. Please ensure your child likes what you order for them.

No Playwater until further notice!!

Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on next Tuesday 20 March starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to come in and see us or ring us here at school.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Years 2 & 3 Swimming

Tuesdays 12:00noon......3A
12:30pm............3B
1:00pm............3C
1:30pm............3D
1:30pm............3E
1:30pm............3F
2:00pm............3G

Thursdays 12:00noon......2A
12:30pm............2B
1:00pm............2C
1:30pm............2D
2:00pm............2E

Please remember to send along with your child all of the swimming requirements on their swimming day as the office staff will not be able to phone if any items are forgotten.

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.

07 March.................................Prep E
12 March.................................Prep C
21 March.................................Prep B
26 March.................................Prep A
28 March.................................Prep D

Please note:
Year 4–7 Assemblies are held each Monday afternoon at 2:00pm.
Year Prep–3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Environmental Message

Turn off the lights and fans when you are not around.
The money your parents save will astound!

Vacation Times For 2012 and 2013

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Office Hours Strictly 8:00am - 3:30pm

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