07 August 2012

**From The Principal’s Desk**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Don’t forget to enrol your child for PREP for 2013!! We already have a large number of names on our list. If you know of families who are seeking Prep placements for 2013 then NOW is the time to tap them on the shoulder and remind them that we are taking names now.

Our open day and evening for prospective parents will be held next Thursday 16 August at two time slots:

- 9:30am  In the Resource Centre; (School leaders will be conducting school tours also.)
- 6:00pm  Information session including a snapshot of the Australian Curriculum and how it relates to your Prep child.

Prep interviews will start on Monday 20 August with a member of the administration team. Your Prep child needs to be present for that interview!! It’s very much an interview of your child. It’s not a test; it’s the beginning of a very special relationship between your child and their school.

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**Kokogakuin School Visit**

There was no language barrier evident as 20 excited Japanese students from Tokyo buddied up with our Year 7s and had an absolute BALL. Engaged in activities such as games, origami, food tasting (vegemite was NOT a hit) and lots of photo taking, our new friends were very sorry to leave. Gifts were exchanged and hugs and high fives were the order of the day.

One of the highlights of this event for me was the obvious respect shown by our students towards the visitors. This was commented on more than once by the visiting adults.

This budding program, thanks to Mrs Helen Yench’s work, may become a feature of our school in years to come. Watch this space.

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**School Chaplain**

Please mark Monday 17 September on your calendar for our Chaplaincy program fundraiser at Reading Cinemas – *Madagascar 3!!!*

The movie will be at 6.30pm; further details to follow soon. Tickets for this special screening will only be available from Kirwan State School.

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**School Opinion Surveys**

Watch out for this in NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER. Remember that there are only 42 given out so we need every one of them back.

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Until next week ... kind regards ...

**Melissa Jackson**
Principal
From our Deputy – Helen Yench

Visit by Kokugakukan High School

Last Thursday, we played host to 20 students and 3 staff from the Kokugakukan Private High School in Tokyo, Japan. They took part in 3 activities during the morning – the first activity was a taste test of Aussie foods (vegemite on Sao buns; beetroot; licorice; cream fruit cheese; creamed rice and meringues). They loved the fruit cheese but were not taken with the vegemite, beetroot or licorice. The second activity was origami with Ms Secher and the third involved games on the oval run by Mrs Brodie.

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.

Our students had to apply for the position of school buddy, in writing. Without exception, our buddies were great ambassadors. The Japanese staff commented on how honest and respectful they were. We also have received accolades from the group saying this school had the best organisation of the morning; better than any they have attended in the last four years.

We were proud to have presented such a morning for them and the experience that our students gained out of the day will be remembered by them for many years to come. I am so proud of our students.

Kirwan State High Visit by Choir

The Kirwan Choir attended our school last Friday and entertained our students for half an hour. They performed some classical and some modern songs and there was even a visit from Spiderman. Many of the members were past students of Kirwan Primary. Thank you to Ms Suellen Johns, the choir conductor, for such an entertaining and worthwhile visit.

From our Deputy – Donna Cockrem

Kirwan Idol

A few reminders: 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. Heats will be conducted on Fridays at first break commencing this week. Semi-Finals and the Grand Final will be held at the Kirwan Fete (27 October). You will be notified when you are on by your teacher the week of your heat. You will receive a written reminder in that week as well. NO spectators are allowed during the heats.

PBS

Currently we are in the second week of Unit 2, ‘Bullying is not acceptable’. Virtues such as consideration and understanding have been explored. Students are engaging in lessons surrounding this topic. Ask your child if they have signed a bullying contract.

Donna Cockrem (Acting 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
Izah Cutmore
2C
Elia Ober

PrepB
Clara Burgoyne
2D
Ella Shepherd

PrepC
Emily Gough
3A
Joshua Chisholm

PrepD
Tyler Denham
3B
Christian Hensman

PrepE
Georgia Cowan
3D
Kamau James

1A
Paige Corlau
4B
Josie O’Connor

1B
Blaze Van Stelten
4C
Heath Jones

1C
Jackson Miller
4C
Tipene Treacy

1D
Danielle Hopkins
5A
Keely Tapena

1E/2
Jai Cape
5A
George Jones

2A
Georgia Watt
7A
Ben Mead

2B
Dylan Janke

P&C Pieces

FUN RUN MONEY NEEDS TO BE IN BY THIS FRIDAY!

• Please have your Fun Run money in by this Friday 10 August to ensure that your child receives their fundraising prize.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 21 August at 7:00pm in the Staffroom.

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Located at Domain Central
(07) 4723 9133

OPENING HOURS:
Mon-Thu: 5:00am – 9:00pm
Fri: 5:00am – 8:00pm
Sat & Sun: 7:00am – 6:00pm

FETE COMMITTEE

• Our drop off day on Sunday 05 August was a huge success. Thank you to all those families who brought in their unwanted items, books and plants. The next drop off day will be advertised in the Kirwan Carnivale Newsletter so please think of us when you next clean out those cupboards. We will accept any clean items such as books, bric-a-brac, board games, bags, etc. Please no clothes or electrical items.

• The next fete meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE

• If you have not yet made your flat payment of $50 please do so ASAP as it is now OVERDUE. Thank you to all those families who have been prompt since last week’s reminder. Please notify the committee if you are NOT ordering a yearbook or dinner dance ticket.

• A reminder that the next parent committee 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.

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 08 August, from 9:30am–12:00noon at 19 Dayton Drive, Kirwan. This week is all about Christmas! Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. Please register your interest with Leanne (07 4723 8278) or Lindah (07 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!

Helen Yench (Deputy Principal)
2D Classroom Olympics

Congratulations to all 2D students who participated in our Classroom Olympics on Wednesday 01 August. Events included cotton ball shotput, straw javelin, giant step and paper plate discuss. Well done to our place winners, who received their medals during our awards ceremony. Also, special mention to Pheebe, Chloe and Kenny, who displayed the best sportsmanship and fair play on the day, and were worthy recipients of the “Best and Fairest” awards. Special mention to our fabulous helpers from 3C – Harley and Imogen, as well as the rest of 3C who acted as our spectators for the events. Go Aussies Go!!

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.

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 Tuesday 21 August.

Defence News

• Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 14 August commencing at 2:00pm in the defence room.
• DCD are running a Family Smart Absence Program. This is a four week program aimed at supporting partners and families of members who are absent from home for service reasons. The first session starts on 21 August. Please contact Rachel Baker or Jane Logan on 4753 6539 if you are interested in attending.
• See you all out and about.

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

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

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.

KOSHC is looking for Assistants

Kirwan Outside School Hours Care is looking for Assistants. Must be studying Cert III or equivalent. Send resumes to koshc2@bigpond.com

Tuckshop Talk

Aug 08 Michelle, Sandra
Aug 09 Rayleen, Leanne
Aug 10 Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Aug 13 Brett, Rayleen
Aug 14 Carley

• PLEASE NOTE – There is no foreign currency accepted at Tuckshop. Please check your money before putting into the order to avoid disappointment.
• Vanilla Malt milk will no longer be available. Please cross it off your tuckshop list.
• PLEASE check the price list when ordering for your child to ensure you have the correct amount and the correct food that is available on that day.

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 .......................... 2A 03 September .................. 1CD
22 August .......................... 1A 12 September .................. 1B
29 August .......................... 2B 19 September .................. Prep C

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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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 3 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 srans3@eq.edu.au or 4799.1888 BEFORE Week 8 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.
6. A compulsory meeting for all continuing and new parents of 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.

Townsville State High School

Year 7 into 8 Transition Night

Townsville State High School – Year 7 into 8 Transition Night:

When: Tuesday 21 August 2012
Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
Where: Townsville State High School Library
Address: 36 Boundary Street, Townsville

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