09 October 2012

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to our Kirwan families for the last term of 2012.

I would particularly like to welcome the many new families who have joined the Kirwan school community this term. You have certainly come at a busy and exciting time in our calendar. I wish you and your child a successful, positive relationship with the school.

It would be no secret that term 4 is something of a whirlwind! I continue to be amazed at the sensational level of support for our school fete which is looming in the not too distant future. If you have not set some calendar dates, then NOW is the time to get out your organiser and write them in:

- 22 October - Student Free Day (this is statewide)
- 27 October - School Fete
- 01 November - we welcome back our Reading mentor Pat Edgar
- 13 November - Prep Come and Try (number two)
- 15 November - Community Christmas Carol on the oval
- 07 December - Whole School Transition
- 11 December - Awards Ceremony (Years 3 – 6)
- 11 December - Report cards issued
- 12 December - Year 7 Graduation

LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS

This term is also the time when we look to our future leaders for 2013. I am certainly of the opinion that the fantastic leadership demonstrated on numerous occasions this year by our current Year 7 students has left a lasting impression on staff and students alike. Year 6........ I hope you have been watching! It will be your turn next year.

In week 5 (05 November) we will commence the process of selecting school leaders for next year. As I explained on assembly yesterday, there are a number of stages in this process:

- Written application signed off by parents
- Speech in front of peers and school administration
- Voting process

Students will also have the opportunity to talk to our current leaders about their roles and the benefits of being a leader for the school before they make the commitment to be a potential school leader.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our sporting teams who competed in true Kirwan spirit in the last week of Term 3. Netball, Soccer and Rugby League were all featured with excellent feedback from all concerned about our sportsmanship and our determination. I would like to make mention of our Rugby League boys who were outstanding, being undefeated all day and then lining up to beat Heatley in the final. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be there to see them. Well done boys and special thanks to John Kratzmann, Matthew Dempsey and Ross Inglis for their work with the boys. I must also congratulate Macgregor Reid who was named player of the carnival at the soccer gala day. An amazing achievement! Well done once again to Mr Inglis who was instrumental in preparing students for this event.

Lastly, thank you to Mrs Toni Martin who coached and managed the netball girls who acquitted themselves extremely well on the day.

PLANNING FOR 2013

It is at this stage of the year that we start preparations and planning for classes for the 2013 school year. If you know that you will be leaving Kirwan SS at the end of the year, please let us know via phone or email to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au so that we can have a fairly accurate appraisal of our numbers for the new year.

Now is also the time when I ask parents to put in writing any special consideration in terms of their child’s placement for 2013. If you have an individual request, this should be written, enclosed in an envelope, addressed to the The Principal, Kirwan State School and marked “private and confidential”. I would like to stress that requests for individual teachers are not valid special considerations. Special consideration may be given for a range of individual, personal circumstances. Please note that all requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. Special requests need to be delivered to the school no later than Monday 29 October. Requests received after this date may not be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY NEXT MONDAY 15 OCTOBER FOR ICAS PRESENTATION AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM ‘NEXT BYTE’ – 2:00PM IN THE SHED. ALL WELCOME.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson

Principal
Congratulations Alice Kirwan about correct

This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Mini Rugby Program

There was a very positive feel around the school on Monday as our students and staff returned after a well-earned break. This is because Kirwan is a great place to work, to learn and to enjoy time with your friends in a safe and supportive community. All our hard working staff are looking forward to Term 4; looking forward to teaching two new C2C Curriculum units of work, assessing your student’s learning and of course, providing written school reports. There is also the fete, gala sports days, school disco, Kirwan Idol, school leadership processes and the other fantastic opportunities that Kirwan provides for each and every student. Be positive about school – enjoy the term.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

At the start of this term you will see students receiving ‘pink gotchas’. A student will receive a pink gotcha if they are caught sitting quietly in the correct area before school or during line up times after breaks – this is our school focus for the first several weeks. The pink gotcha will be worth two gotcha points. Ask your child if they have received a ‘pink gotcha’.

TEAM SPORT SPECIALISTS

At the end of Term 3 Kirwan sent sporting teams away to gala sports days – soccer, netball and rugby league. Our school certainly does do well in team sports. Stay tuned for results for these carnivals from the respective coaches. I can say that next week there will be a lengthy write-up about our Under 11 League team – I need to get a photo of them holding the 1st Place Trophy on Assembly first – that’s a huge hint where we finished. Congratulations Kirwan.

Enjoy the term. I encourage all parents to work closely with your child’s teacher and expect the best from your school. Every child is important to Kirwan, each and every day.

John Kratzmann - Deputy Principal

Fete Craft Group

Come along and join us for a social morning of craft to make items for our fete stall; tomorrow, Wednesday 10 October, from 9:30am – 12:00noon at 19 Dayton Drive, Kirwan. "This week is all about finishing touches, packaging and pricing! 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!

Any crafty donations for our stall are very welcome and can be dropped off on Thursday mornings to the Fete Coordinators (where ride wristbands are being sold). We thank you in advance for your valuable contribution!

Defence News

○ Hi everyone and welcome back to the 4th and last term of the year!
○ DCO in conjunction with local military units is hosting an afternoon of fun exclusive to Defence families.
  - Where: Kirwan Aquatic Centre, Hudson Street, Kirwan
  - When: Sunday 14 October, 2:00-5:00pm
  - BYO picnic or sausage sizzle available (by gold coin donation)
  - For more info or to register please contact Jane or Rachel at DCO on 4753 6539 or via Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.
○ Don’t forget to go online to www.defence.gov.au/dco and fill in the ADF Families Survey.
○ Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 23 October starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
○ See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan Idol

Reminder to all semi-finalists that next Thursday and Friday in both breaks, you will be competing to make it to the finals. Reminder to spectators who wish to support and cheer on their favourite competitors, to bring an entry fee of $1 per break.

Congratulations

○ Congratulations to Tyler McGrath, Harley Taylor, Darnell Gea and Heath Jones who competed as part of the Western Lions U9 Blue team in the Paul Bowman Challenge in Proserpine during the holidays. Well done boys!
P&C Pieces

FETE COMMITTEE

− Only 18 days until the Kirwan Carnival!! It will be here before we know it so it’s time to get organised!!

Have you..............

☑ Returned your dodger tickets (sold or unsold)? If not, please return to the office ASAP.
☑ Purchased your unlimited rides wristband? If not, bands are available this Thursday from 8:15am - 9:00am in the shed. Wristbands purchased at school are only $25.00 each. Tickets are NOT available from the office.
☑ Donated $2.00 towards your class stall? The more donations received, the more we can purchase for your stall.
☑ Offered your time to help out on your class stall? We know your time is precious but a ¼ hr is all we require. Please email the fete committee or let your class teacher know if you can help out in any way.
☑ Found your favourite cake/slice/biscuit/sweets recipes? All donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted from Monday 25 October.
☑ Got any left-over tins of hairspray from sports day? The fete committee could certainly use them up for you. Please drop them into the office.

FETE SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Woolworths

Trading Hours
Mon – Fri: 8:00am–9:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am–5:30pm
Sunday: 11:00am–6:00pm

ESPECIALLY THE AVENUES STORE. Thank you to the wonderful ladies (staff) for your generosity in helping make our fete a huge success.

− Our second last meeting will be held next Wednesday, 17 October at 7:00pm in the staff room. As we are down to the business end of things, we would love to see many parents come along and show their support. Hope to see you there!!!
− Please note – Showbag pre-purchases have now closed as orders have been placed with our supplier. If you missed out on pre-ordering, you will still be able to purchase your showbags on Fete night from the Prep A stall for $10.00 each.

Kirwan Carnival’s Most Wanted!!

− Are you a licensed electrician? Do you want some free advertising? Can you spare some of your time? If you answered yes, then the fete committee WANTS you. We require someone who can tag and test some equipment for our fete and any help would be greatly appreciated. We are able to give you some great exposure and free publicity on the night. Please contact the fete committee via email at fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au or leave your details with the lovely ladies in the office.
− Do you have an RSA ticket? Are you able to donate a ¼ hr of your time? If so, the fete committee WANTS to hear from you! Please contact us via email at fete@kirwanss.eq.edu.au for more details.

YEAR 7 PARENT COMMITTEE

− Year Books: Do you have any pictures of your child and his or her friends from any of our school events (badging ceremony, red track, assembly items, swimming, football, netball, eisteddfods)? The parent committee would like a copy to add to our yearbook. Please download pictures to a disc or USB and hand into the office. Your USB or disc will be returned after the photos are downloaded.
− Flat Fee Payments: We still have several outstanding flat fee payments. Final payment letters will be going home shortly and will be the last contact with the committee. If payments have not been made, children will not receive a yearbook or be able to attend the dinner dance.
− Dance Party Festivities: The date has been set, invitations have been designed and venue has been booked. It is all shaping up to be a memorable night.
− Next Meeting: To be advised.

KeepSake Tea Towels – Prep & Year 1

Great News! We have been able to extend the final order date to the end of this week so be sure to have your orders in before Friday 12 October so you don’t miss out. At just $12 each, you can remember your child’s early school years forever! Each child will draw a picture of themselves with their name. These drawings will be grouped into classes and included in a tea towel design for that year level (one tea towel for all Prep students and one tea towel for all Year 1 students). Simply complete an order form and place with payment in the P&C box in the office. The artwork has been finalised and the tea towels are sure to look fantastic!

Picture Plates and Clocks – Second Chance!!

What creative children we have at our wonderful school! Your drawings are now being processed and will be turned into fantastic plates and clocks in time for Christmas. We expect these items to arrive back at school toward the end of November. Watch this space for updates!

Lyndal Humphreys – P&C President

Northern Region Netball Cup

On Friday 21 September, a group of ten girls from Year 6 and 7 represented Kirwan in the annual Northern Region Netball Cup. The girls played exceptionally well, winning 3 out of 5 games. The team had wins against Amadale, Rasmussen and Kelso. Thank you to these girls for representing Kirwan, showing everyone at the carnival how fair, respectful and well-behaved Kirwan students are. Well done Rachel Pritchard, Chloe Whitten, Sophie Boyce, Aggie Vaitelii, Brooklynn Butler, Hannah Pearson, Chelsea Steele, Chelsea Royan, Emily Harper and Madelynn Lowe. A special thank you to our parent helpers, Ms Jodi Rule and Ms Bonnie Boyce, and our supporters on the day.

Mrs Martin

Townsville Football Festival

On the last Thursday of Term 3, Kirwan participated in the Soccer Carnival held at Murray Sports Complex. Kirwan had both Under 11s Boys and Girls Teams playing. The Boys team made it to the Grand Final. Mac Reid was named boys player of the carnival, winning the Bill Mitchell Medal, a great feat. The Girls team broke through and had a great win in their last match. I would like to thank the many parents who helped and supported us on the day, especially Mr Andrew Reid and also Mrs Leigh Reid, our versatile Defence Force Aide. Well done Kirwan!

Mr Inglis

HPE News

Students from Kirwan Primary competed in sports in the last 2 days of Term 3...
− Congratulations to our Kirwan Netball Team. See item above.
− Congratulations to our Kirwan Girls Team – won 1 game and did Kirwan very proud. See item above.
− Congratulations to our U11 Rugby League Team who won the U11 Challenge and did not even have a try scored against them the whole day! More news to come next week.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

Oct 10 Sandra
Oct 11 Leanne, Rayleen
Oct 12 Rayleen, Carley (5 Day)
Oct 15 Brett, Rayleen
Oct 16 Carley

• There are no Vanilla Malt milks. Please cross this off your tuckshop price list.
• Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency.

Transfer Notice

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

Name ____________________________________________________________________________

Class ____________________________________________________________________________

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

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

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