19 March 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last week, all teachers engaged in a 2.5 hour session after school focusing particularly on the Australian English Curriculum. During this time, teachers were able to pay close attention to student work samples in the Key Learning Area of English and use the curriculum to make judgments about student work.

During this time, I reflected upon a lot of things. Firstly, that school, teachers and student work probably looks a lot different to what it did when many of you (THE PARENTS), went to school. I also reflected upon the fact that good teaching hasn’t changed a great deal. Good teachers still work very hard using their full range of skills and “pedagogies” to draw out the best in every student.

Over the next two weeks, up until EASTER vacation, classroom teachers will be working in teams to take a close look at students’ work particularly in the area of READING. Educators acknowledge widely that reading is one of the hardest things to teach. It is a complex process which involves not just saying the words on the page but also understanding the intention of the author, how the illustrations “help” the text and especially, being able to understand what the text is telling you on a number of levels. We expect our students and we TEACH our students at Kirwan to engage in texts on many levels from the beginning of PREP.

HEARTS FOR KIDS

Thank you to the school community for supporting our free dress day last week. Yesterday, our senior students were very welcoming of Petrece and Dee and their beautiful (heart) children. These two mums whose children were born with heart defects were able to tell our students first-hand about how the money raised goes towards assisting families to access high quality medical aid for their children. Well done Kirwan. What a great cause.

DISCO

This Thursday is the first of our discos for 2013. I would like to remind parents that children should be picked up promptly from the hall on the night. We have enjoyed sensational behavior from our Kirwan students at our discos and I am looking forward to more of the same in 2013.

CYCLONE TIM

If there is advice regarding this tropical storm in the next day or two which will affect Kirwan State School, I will let you know in writing. At this stage, it will be business as usual.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

BULLYING – NO WAY
A supportive and safe learning environment for every student each and every day is the goal our entire School Community aims for. We have very structured student management systems, a positive Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, a strong school-wide Positive Behaviour support team, motivated teachers who teach our ‘Bullying Prevention Program’ each week and fantastic students who are rewarded for their efforts. If something is happening at school that we may not be aware of please let your child’s teacher or a member of Admin know ASAP so we can thoroughly investigate, understand and work together to solve any concerns.

JT’S ADOPT A COWBOY VISIT
Today, JT visited our school in his role as our adopted QO Cowboy. JT worked with the Year 7s helping out with their Term 1 Health report. The students were required to interview a range of people, one being a professional sports person about nutrition and lifestyle choices. How lucky are our students? They got to interview JT. JT then went with the Year 7s over to Prep to talk to the Prep students about leadership and being a buddy. To end his visit, JT spend some time in the tuckshop. We had many excited students when they found out that JT was serving them lunch. JT also tried to convince our resident Rabbits supporter to turn to the light and start supporting our team! Not yet; however we will keep trying.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

MUSICAL ‘ANNIE’
Our wonderful costume team is looking for donations to assist with costumes for Annie. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please drop them to Ms Cockrem’s room at the school office ASAP:
• old, stained, torn clothes (prefer children’s sizes)
• fabric / sheets
• elastic

EASTER SERVICES
Our Easter Services will be held for all students on Wednesday 27 March, here at the school in the multi-purpose hall. Parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to attend.
♀ Years 5, 6 & 7 11:30am – 12:00noon
♀ Years 2, 3 & 4 12:10pm – 12:40pm
♀ Prep & Year 1 12:50pm – 1:20pm

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.

Prep A
Montel Gela
Prep B
Sarah Murdoch
Prep C
Daniel Craigie
Prep D
Abby Collins
Prep E
Jack Wiese
Prep F
Samantha Channell

1A
Jai Green
SA
Tahjoe Nellman
1B
Hirani Steven
5A
Savana Egginton
1C
Ezekiel Barnes
5A
Luca Patroni
1D
Caitlin Pickens
5C
Brooke Stanek
1E
Emily Yule
5D
Xabine Graf
2A
Daisy Tree
6B
Katrina Gillham
2B
Brock Patterson
6C/7D
Kyla Warner
2C
Rebecca Ellis
7A
Lani Ober
2D
Cody Rigg
7B
Jade Stanek
2E
Zoe Brown
7C
Jessica Shaw
3A
Trae Chong

Prep A
Amalie Walker
Prep B
Kayden King
Prep C
Jessica Norton
Prep D
Caiden Green
Prep E
Darius Topp
Prep F
Luke Packwood

1A
Lara Szymanski
4C
Rye Venning
1B
Blake Van Dorp
4D/5E
Leilani Quirke
1C
Claire Tindall
5C
JT Tappu
1D
Logan Weir
5D
Ryan Birbeck
1E
Leena Wallis
6A
Connor Dearden
2A
Jade Hurley
6A
Willow Hills-Amory
2B
Danielle Melvin
7B
Holly Doran
2C
Tshana Steen
7A
Chris Maskell
2D
Danika Poole
7A
Riley McCarthy
2E
Ben O’Connor
7C
James Sheehan
3A
Neka Kendall

P&C Meeting TONIGHT
Tuesday 19 March
7:00pm in the Staffroom

Term & Vacation Times For 2013 & 2014

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KOSHC Vacation Bookings

Vacation bookings opened yesterday and close on Thursday 21 March. No bookings will be taken after this date.
School Photos

Photo envelopes will be distributed to students this week. If you require a school photo please fill in the envelope and place money inside for each student. Please do not put other envelopes inside of each other. These envelopes can be dropped into the money box in the BSM’s office or brought back on the day of the photos and handed to the photographer. The school will not be handling the photo money and will not be able to take eftpos payments at the front office.

The dates for School photos are Tuesday 16 April and Wednesday 24 April. Please note that the first day of photos is the first Tuesday back after the holidays. We would like the photos to run smoothly this year as we have a totally new company taking the photos. If you have any questions please contact the office on 4799 1888.

From the HPE Department

Congratulations to Tomas Chester, Riley McCarthy and William Hebei for making the Thuriniga AFL team last week.

Good luck to those students who are trialling this week for netball, basketball and hockey.

Swimming Carnival Results:
1st Perkins 2nd Border 3rd Freeman 4th Wilson

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Student Council Disco – Thursday 21 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 for the disco on Wednesday 06 March 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.

P&C Pieces

NEXT P&C MEETING TONIGHT Tuesday 19 March 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Gentle Reminder - OVERDUE

Payment of your school supplied resources is now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible:-
- Prep – LEM Phonics/Numeracy Book $5.00
- Year 1-Year 7 – LEM Phonics Book $5.00
- Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder $3.00
- Year 6 – School supplied diary $3.00
- Year 7 – School supplied diary $3.00

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Year 7 Parent Group

- Next meeting is Friday 22 March at 3:00pm in the Library.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY.

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