From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

MOTHER’S DAY
I must congratulate the wonderful mums and grandmums who have spent so much time and energy creating beautiful gifts for Mother’s Day. Please support this fundraising venture which will be held in the Resource Centre this week. Your child’s class will be visiting the Mother’s Day stall throughout the week. Gifts range from $1.00 - $10.00.

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY
This week is STATE EDUCATION WEEK!! As has been the practice at Kirwan State School for the last few years, 8 lucky students will have the opportunity to sit in the Principal’s chair for a session, write the newsletter, make an all call, visit classes, hand out gotchas and generally run the whole show. Children will be working on some very persuasive pieces of text in an effort to win this coveted prize! I look forward to working with the “Principals” soon. If your child is one of the lucky winners, then they will receive a “letter of appointment” to bring home. Good luck to all!! I look forward to working with the “Principals” next week.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT
In Week 7 of this term, we will welcome 2 visiting Principals who will spend a couple of days delving into the teaching and learning practices of Kirwan State School. They will interview, check children’s work and look at our planning and procedures under the following eight headings:

- An Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Analysis and Discussion of Data
- A Culture that Promotes Learning
- Targeted Use of School Resources
- An Expert Teaching Team
- Systematic Curriculum Delivery
- Differentiated Classroom Learning
- Effective Teaching Practice

We will receive a report outlining our strengths and which areas we can improve in. I am confident that we will perform well on the audit and I am also looking forward to getting a second opinion on “where to from here”. Much of the detail which comes from the audit will be used to inform our strategic plan for the next 4 years.

ANNIE
Don’t miss out on a marvellous opportunity to see a quality live performance while at the same time supporting your school. Book your tickets at www.ticketshop.com.au. Don’t forget the dates……..4 and 5 June.

Until next week … kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

SWPBS

The positive effects of our whole school approach to supporting student behaviour are easily noticeable around the school. Each week our teachers explicitly teach the behaviour we want to see through classroom lessons. Then, out in the playground, we reward students who are demonstrating this behaviour. This week all students are learning how to be a good ‘negotiator’ in the playground. Students are learning to give and take, to use their words to solve problems and to let fellow students know solutions to problems. The aim of our positive approach to behaviour is to help our students and teachers reduce and remove all ‘non-learning’ talk and time so we can all get down to the business of teaching and learning the curriculum; not the business of constantly sorting out student behaviour issues. Our classrooms are places for learning, and our school is safe, consistent and predictable.

‘ANNIE’

If you haven’t already, jump on board with Annie. Book your tickets now. Much hard work, passion, energy and organisation has gone into the musical to date. Our cast are thoroughly enjoying being part of the musical. As members of our terrific school community, get on board – get your tickets and be proud of a fantastic school production.

HOME READING – SOME INTERESTING RESEARCH

Over the weekend I read some interesting research which compared students’ levels of home reading and the results are quite amazing. The study compared students who read each night for 20 minutes, 5 minutes and 1 minute each night. The results were:

- Student A – reads for 20 minutes per night = 3600 minutes of reading per year = reads around 1.8 million words.
- Student B – reads for 5 minutes per night = 900 minutes of reading per year = reads around 282,000 words.
- Student C – reads for 1 minute per night = 180 minutes of reading per year = reads around 8,000 words.

Does your child read at night? The difference we can all see is amazing.

Enjoy your week. Every day counts.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

SAFETY

A reminder to our students who ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards etc., that you are not permitted to ride on the footpaths directly outside the school. Students must push their bikes, scooters, skateboards etc., until there is no pedestrian traffic on the footpath.

NAPLAN

Next week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be doing their NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Students at Kirwan do well on these tests. For many students to perform their best, we can do a few things, including:

- Get an early night before.
- Have a solid breakfast. (Dried noodles are not “solid.”)
- Reassure your children that they are sure they will do their best – so long as they try.
- Tell them that if something is too hard, go onto the next one and come back if there is time when the rest of the test has been done.

Remember the tests are a “slice in time” and the results are reported to parents independent of school report cards. The information (data) that we obtain from the results helps us to review our school programs and practices. Some of it helps to determine work for individual students, along with other data from performance at school.

MUSICAL

The teaching team is desperate!!! Please search the cupboards for any unwanted children’s clothing. Our ‘Annie’ orphans need some clothes. Have you purchased your tickets to see our wonderful production? Our students are working extremely hard on the performance of the year. Please support our students and allow them to perform to a packed audience. You can purchase tickets at the Civic Theatre, Riverway or online. We have currently sold 259 tickets – the target of 1000 is a long way off!

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Don’t forget to pick up your Earn and Learn stickers when you spend $10.00 or more at Woolies. There are collection boxes here at school for your convenience.

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 Cooper Michalczysk
PrepB Amy Edgerton
PrepC Marekura Hills-Amory
PrepD Uriel Tucker
PrepE Abbey Howran
PrepF Nicola Massaro
1A Dillon Holland
1B Scarlett Sagacio
1C Zavier Dotta
1D Ross Free
1E Nathaniel Dasdwell
2A Cody Oliver
2B Blaise Von Stellen
2C Angus Smart
2D Mitchell Royan
2E Shaun Clarke
3A El Ober

7 May .......... Defence Chat Group – Today - 2:00pm Defence Room
6-10 May .......... Mother’s Day Stall – Resource Centre
10 May ............ Annie Musical Sewing Bee – 9:00am Multi-Purpose Hall
10 May ............ Year 7 Parent Group Meeting – 2:00pm Resource Centre
14 May ............ P&C Fundraising Meeting – 2:00pm Staff Room
14 May ............ Indigenous Parent Group Meeting – 2:00pm Resource Centre
16-17 May .......... Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation to support Chaplaincy
21 May ............ Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation to support Chaplaincy Week Sausage Sizzle – 7:00am The Shed
21 May ............ P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm Staffroom
31 May ............ Free Dress Day – Support Musical
04-05 June ..... School Musical – Desperate!!!
19 July .......... Athletics Carnival
1 August ............. NAIDOC Day

Kirwan’s Achievers

ATTENTION MUSICAL CAST

REHEARSAL TIMES

Every Wednesday
WHOLE CAST REHEARSAL 3:00-5:00pm.

SEWING BEE

The sewing bee will be held this Friday 10 May in the Multi Purpose Hall at 9:00am. Please bring your sewing machine so we can get the costumes finalised. Please call Tracey Rogers on 0427 724 756 if you have any enquiries.

FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a Free Dress Day on Friday 31 May in support of the musical. Please bring a gold coin donation.

TICKETS

Our matinee shows will be sold out to other schools and senior members of the public wanting to see our great show. Please purchase your family tickets for the evening performances at Riverway, Civic Theatre or online. Only 4 weeks to go!

Indigenous News

Did you know as many as 8 out of 10 Indigenous children could have a middle ear infection and hearing loss at some stage during the school year? Reduce the risk by learning how to prevent it! If your child has a runny nose, teach them how to blow it properly (not into their hand) and take your child for regular check-ups

Another parent group meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there.

Strong, Smart & Deadly. EVERYDAY COUNTS AT KIRWAN!

Michelle Lowe – Community Officer

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

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

For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwans.eq.edu.au
Tuckshop Talk
May 8 Sandra, Rayleen, Michelle (½ day)
May 9 Robert, Rayleen
May 10 Rayleen, Belinda, Carley (½ day)
May 13 Jenni, Robert, Brett
May 14 Carley, Helen

* Parents please note: please check you have written the correct class on your child’s tuckshop order.

P&C Pieces

° Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.
° Mother’s Day Cards - The Fundraising Committee will be selling lovely cards alongside the craft stall this week. Cards are just $1.00 and are sure to go fast so get in quick!
° Picture Products – this great P&C fundraiser will be offered to all students, friends and families. Show your creativity with a durable, practical plate or clock. Plates or clocks can be decorated at home with almost anything you like, including photos! Information will be sent home in the next week or so to the youngest in the family. (Plates will be $25 each, 2 @ $24 each or 3+ @ $23 each. Clocks will be $30 each.)
° Fundraising Meeting - the next meeting is on Tuesday 14 May at 2:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Year 7 Parent Group

° Sports House Bandannas will be on sale later this term for $5 each (58 for multi-supporter). Order forms will be sent home soon.
° Our next meeting will be held this Friday 10 May at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there.
° Senior Shirts have arrived and will be distributed this week. Many thanks to Tracey Rogers for organising these in such a timely way!

MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT STALL
Our craft stall is fully of lovely gifts for students to purchase this week only. Prices range from $1 - $10. Please see the timetable below so you know when your class will visit. For any students who missed out on their scheduled class visit, the stall will open to everyone on Friday morning from 8:30-8:45am and during first break, from 11:00 -11:45am. We thank you for your support!

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Defence News
° Hi everyone. Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 21 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers are most welcome.
° See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Lost Property
The lost property bin will be emptied this Friday 10 May. Please check the bin if your child has lost anything. Remember to clearly mark your child’s belongings with their name.

Karen Finningan – Acting Business Services Manager

Office Ηώρα Στρέκτζη: 8:00μ – 3:30μ

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