13 August 2013

From the Principal’s Desk
Dear Parents and Caregivers

FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS
From the 19th to the 21st of August we welcome the Queensland Ambulance Service into our school. Members of the Ambulance Service will be delivering a 30 minute lesson to all children from Prep to Year 7 over this week. These lessons will cover topics relevant to the year level and their maturity and are designed to provide our Kirwan students with some simple skills they might use to help someone who needs first aid. These lessons are free to all students.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT
The results of our recent teaching and learning audit will be available on the school website this week. We are very proud of our audit… I’m sure you will be too.

ONLINE SURVEY FOR PARENTS – 5 BURNING QUESTIONS!!
Next week, there will be an online survey on the school website with 5 burning questions which have arisen from some of the data we have been collecting as part of our Quadrennial School Review Process. These questions cover topics as far ranging as your opinion on Independent Public Schools to School Camps. This survey will be open for ONE WEEK ONLY so don’t miss out.

YEAR 7 INTO HIGH SCHOOL
Please note that the advertised session on 04 September for parents of current Year 5 and 6 students who will be going into high school in 2015, will now be held at Kirwan State High School.
Details of this session are:
Time: 7:00pm until 9:00pm
Venue: Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Block
As promised, I will continue to forward the questions which are emailed through to the administration team at the high school so that they can answer common questions quickly. Thank you to those people who have already emailed questions through to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.

PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS
Don’t miss out on our first Prep information session day which will be held on Wednesday 28 August.
There will be two sessions offered: 9:30am and 6:00pm, in the Resource Centre at school. These sessions offer a snapshot of Prep at Kirwan State School, question time and booking for Prep Interviews which is an integral part of the enrolment process. Another information session will be offered in October – date to be advised – so watch our newsletter, school sign and website for further information in Term 4.
The first of our Prep Come and Try Sessions will be held on Thursday 19 September. This is an opportunity to meet the prep teachers and bring your precious little one along for a morning session in a Prep class at BIG SCHOOL – how exciting!!

Until next week … kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Donna Cockrem

GOTCHAS - Congratulations to the following students who received their 50 Gotchas!
- Patrick Hebei 5B
- Caleb Mario 5C
- Zane Hogan 7C
- James Flaskett 7C
- Callum McConkey 4D
- Tahnee Marshall 3C
- Mackenzie Gullison 2D
- Jessica Jackson 3C
- Romisha Cham 3B
- Mitchell Royan 2C
- Cadence Purkis-Arthur 4A
- Baron Scott PB
- Flynn Currey 3C

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KIRWAN HIGH VISIT - John Livingstone, Principal of Kirwan High will visit our Year Seven students on Thursday 29 August. It is usual practice that at that time, students receive an information booklet from Kirwan High. They will also be given many useful facts about programs and opportunities at Kirwan High.

THURINGOWA HIGH - Thuringowa State High School invites parents and students who will be commencing High School in 2014 and 2015, to attend their year seven into eight information evening.

Date: 27 August 2013
Time: 5:30pm for a Sausage Sizzle
Venue: Thuringowa State High School Theatre, Vickers Road, Condon.

You are welcome to go along and meet their staff, hear about their Year 8/9th Secondary Program and collect enrolment information. Please note all students enrolling in Year 8 at Thuringowa State High School must complete an enrolment interview.

ADOPT-A-COP VISIT - Constable Bianca visited Kirwan last Wednesday. She enjoyed visiting some prep classes, watched some sprint finals of the championship day, walked around at lunchtime chatting with students and presented student of the week certificates on junior assembly. It’s great to have wonderful relationships with community members.

Donna Cockrem – Acting Deputy Principal

Lost Property Parade

All lost property will be placed out in the Tuckshop covered area on Thursday morning and afternoon for collection of lost items. All lost property left over will be disposed of on Friday.

From the Deputy Principal - Patricia Winter

ATTENDANCE - Great to see all of our students arriving on time on time. The start of the day is very important in the classroom as this is the time that teachers give vital information for the day regarding curriculum and routines. By ensuring that your student is arriving on time to class in the morning you are making a big difference to their learning.

CURRICULUM - Our Year 2 students are having a great time this term as they explore an exciting science unit “Good to Grow.” In this unit students examine how living things grow and they investigate and compare the life stages of animals and plants. Currently they are observing 3 chicks grow and each week they make and record observations of their growth. The students are thrilled to be involved in such an interesting, hands-on engaging experience. They are also growing a bean in a cup and making observations of this. 2A has a small garden and they are growing some vegetables and flowers both from seeds and seedlings. To top off such an exciting unit of work, in week 11 of this term, they are going on an excursion to Billabong Sanctuary. If you have a year 2 student I am sure they can tell you all about the ‘Good to Grow’ unit.

EXCELLENT WORK YEAR 2

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: Aiden Parrish 3A
PrepB: Amelia Armstrong 3B
PrepC: Jayla Mow 3C
PrepD: Oscar Roberts 3D
PrepE: Douglas Harrison 4A
PrepF: Teia Manis 4B
1A: Jackson Hammelswang 4D/SE
1B: Jessica Harrison 5B
1C: Lucy-Anne Thomas 5C
1D: Nathaniel Kimber 5D
1E: Tyler Denham 6A
2A: Jypsi Treffers 6A
2B: Brayden Tudehope 6A
2C: Tehya Hulet 6B

For any safety concerns email: Anne Thomas treffers@schools.qld.edu.au

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Prep Enrolments - 2014

Names for the 2014 Preparatory Year at Kirwan State School are now being taken. Please call into the school office, or phone the school office to speak to one of our office staff, if you would like to add your child’s name to the Prep list for next year. (Children born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 are age-appropriate for Prep in 2014 – original birth certificate required.) Please note the following dates:

- **August 19** - Enrolment paperwork available for collection from the office.
- **August 28** - Prep Information Sessions at 9:30am and 6:00pm in the Resource Centre.
- **September 2** - Interviews for you and your Prep child (with an Admin team member) begin.
- **September 19** - Prep Come and Try Session (time to be advised).
Years 2 and 3 Swimming Lessons

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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.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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Keepers

20 August………………..Next P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
22-27 August………………………………………..Father’s Day Stall
27 August………………Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
28 August……………….. Prep Information Session Day (1st sessions)
30 August………………….. Interschool Athletics
30 August………………….. Year 7 Parent Group Meeting - 2:00pm Resource Centre
01 September……………Father’s Day Bowling Breakfast @ Kirwan Ten Pin
07 September………………….. Election Day Sausage Sizzle
16 September…………………Cyber Smart Parent Info - 5:30pm Resource Centre
18 September…………………. Cyber Smart Student Presentation – Years 4-7
19 September…………………. First Prep Come and Try Session
20 September…………………. Last day of Term 3
08 October………………….. First day of Term 4
October (Date TBA)………… Prep Information Session Day (2nd sessions)
13 November…………………..Music Information Night – 7:00pm
09 December………………….. Kirwan’s Carols by Candlelight

Year 7 Parent Group

❖ Our next meeting will be held on Friday 30 August at 2:00pm, in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there!

P&C Pieces

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

P&C Fundraising News

❖ Father’s Day Bowling Breakfast – This will be held on Sunday 01 September at Kirwan Tenpin Bowling on Bamford Lane. The function is from 8:00am–10:00am and includes a cooked breakfast and unlimited bowling for 2 hours. Bring Dad along for a morning of family fun. Tickets are $20.00 and must be pre-purchased by placing an order in the P&C box. A letter will be coming home with more details. Limited tickets so don’t miss out!!!

❖ Father’s Day Stall will be open from the 22-27 August with loads of gifts for sale for Dad and Grandad. Details of stall times are listed below. If you can help please call Melanie on 0404.472.337. We will be open before school for parents to come with their children.

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❖ Election Day Sausage Sizzle – The election date has been set for Saturday 07 September and the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day and will be looking for volunteers to help. Please email pandc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au with times you might be able to work on the stall.

❖ Keepsake Tea Towels for Prep Students - The P&C Fundraising Committee will be offering this wonderful souvenir fundraiser to all our Prep students. 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 with our school logo and year 2013. Simply complete the order form and place with payment in the P&C box in the office no later than Friday 30 August. As the drawings will be done at school, your class teacher may like some assistance, so please ask if there is any way you can help.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Defence News

❖ Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group is on Tuesday 27 August starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers are most welcome. See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

❖ Music Corner ❖

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Big changes are happening across the region to ensure a standard of excellence is achieved and maintained. Therefore, we have altered our recruiting criteria, recruiting process and expectations of instrumental music students for 2014.

To achieve a position in our Instrumental Music Program, the process is as follows:
❖ Expression of Interest letters will be going out in the next few weeks to students who have a desire to excel with a musical instrument in years 2-6.
❖ Interested students will be tested before the end of Term 3, 2013.
❖ Acceptance letters will be handed out at the beginning of Term 4, 2013.
❖ All new parents are expected to attend a music information night in Term 4 on Wednesday 13 November at 7:00pm. Parents and students will sign their music contract, hiring agreements (if applicable) and receive equipment lists at this meeting. Students will lose their place in the program if this meeting is not attended.

For current instrumental students to stay in the program, the process will be as follows:
❖ Continuation forms will go out to all current Instrumental Students Term 3, 2013.
❖ All continuing parents are expected to attend a music information night in Term 4 (date TBA). Parents and students will sign their music contract, hiring agreements (if applicable) and receive equipment lists at this meeting. Students will lose their place in the program if this meeting is not attended.
❖ Instrumental Teachers will be sending home letters of concern if students are not progressing at the expected rate.

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator
Tuckshop Talk

Aug 14  Rayleen, Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
Aug 15  Leanne, Leah
Aug 16  Belinda, Rayleen
Aug 19  Brett, Jenni
Aug 20  Helen

- Tuckshop does NOT ACCEPT FOREIGN CURRENCY - your child’s food order will be substituted to allow for the amount of correct money used.
- PLEASE - DO NOT make up your own prices - if you need a tuckshop menu please ask at the Tuckshop or the Office.
- THERE IS NO VANILLA MALT MILK ON THE MENU.
- There are NO SNACK PIES – the company no longer makes them – we are trying to find a substitute.

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Student Name __________________________
Class ________________________________
Number of CDs @ $5 each __________________
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____________