Dear Parents and Caregivers

PLANNING FOR 2014
It is at this stage of the year that we start preparations and planning for classes for the 2014 school year. If you know that you will be leaving Kirwan SS at the end of the year, please let us know via the return slip at the end of this newsletter or email to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au so that we can have a fairly accurate indication of our numbers for the new year.

Now is also the time when we ask parents to put in writing any special consideration in terms of their child’s placement for 2014. 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 or classrooms are not valid special considerations. Special consideration may be given for a range of individual, educational, social or personal circumstances. Please note that all requests will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. In making new classes for 2014, the administration staff and teaching staff will take into account all requests but we cannot guarantee that every request can be met. Please note that every decision we make is in the best interests of the students at Kirwan State School.

Special requests need to be delivered to the school no later than Monday 04 November. Requests received after this date may not be considered.

NAPLAN RESULTS
The 2013 NAPLAN results have arrived at the school. They will be distributed TODAY. I’d like to remind parents and students alike that, while the NAPLAN tests are an excellent benchmark, they represent ONE result in a whole year of results. Even the BEST students can have an “off” day. NAPLAN results need to be taken into consideration against other measures such as school based testing and standardised testing.

CALENDAR EVENTS
• 21 October - Student Free Day
• 4 November - Special considerations due in for 2014 classes
• 8 November - Prep Come and Try (number two)
• 8 November - Nominations for School Leaders paperwork distributed
• 13 November - Music Information Night
• 15 November - Nominations for School Leaders due
• 21 & 22 November - Elections/Speeches for School Leaders
• 6 December - Whole School Transition
• 6 December - Awards Ceremony (Years 3 – 6)
• 9 December - Community Christmas Concert (carols and dance) on the oval
• 11 December - Report cards issued
• 11 December - Year 7 Graduation

GOTCHAS
Congratulations to Blake Van Dorp 1B, Alleyah Smith 1B, Zane Geue 2C, Brendan Hilleary 4B, Holly Doran 6B, Jessica Price 6B, Maddison Venning 6B, Jett Dotta 3D, Deklyn Brown 6A, Kayden Allman Prep C, Tara Sagacio 6B, Crystal Darr Prep E, Violet Fraser Prep E, Isaac Geue 4A and Kaylee Steel 2D who received their 50 Gotchas! A huge congratulations to Patrick Hebei 5B and Riley Davis 6B who received their 100 Gotchas! These students have or will receive a certificate and a prize for their fantastic efforts on their respective assemblies.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Stacy Rockcliff 7B who has been selected to represent Queensland in the Primary School cricket team. Stacy will travel to Brisbane to play in a carnival later this month. Good luck Stacy. Wear the mighty maroon colour proudly!

Donna Cockrem
Acting Principal
Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Fractions — describing, continuing and creating patterns with fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator
- Chance — numerically representing the likelihood of chance events
- Division — describing, continuing and creating patterns with whole numbers, solving division problems using partition and quotient strategies
- Angles and maps — measuring and comparing angles.

Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Measurement — choosing and applying appropriate units, identifying 12 hour times, reading and converting 24 hour times
- Location — investigating local maps, constructing maps, exploring routes & calculating time & distance
- Financial plans — distinguishing between goods & services, creating a balanced plan
- 3D objects — connecting 3D objects with 2D representations, constructing 3D objects using nets, drawing 3D objects from different viewpoints
- Perimeter and area — estimating and calculating the perimeter and area of rectangles units and applying strategies to solve problems.

Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Transformations — combining transformations to create shapes and tessellations
- Angles — classifying and measuring angles and establishing generalisations about vertically opposite angles, adjacent angles on a straight line and angles at a point
- Measurement — converting between equivalent lengths, comparing lengths and exploring the relationship between the length of the sides and the area of rectangles
- Volume and capacity — exploring volume and capacity and the relationship between the two and estimating and estimating both capacity.

Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Cartesian plane — plotting coordinates on the Cartesian plane, designing and evaluating a game involving plotting points on the Cartesian plane
- Chance — describing probabilities on a scale from 0 to 1, comparing expected and observed frequencies and exploring the effect of the number of trials (in a chance experiment) on the outcome
- Fractions, decimals and percentages — revising adding and subtracting fractions and decimals and finding a percentage discount
- Number operations — revising strategies to estimate, add, subtract, multiply and divide when operating with whole numbers, and choosing and using the most appropriate operations to solve problems.

Year 7 — Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Volume — calculating volume of rectangular prisms
- Integers — comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting integers
- Financial mathematics — analysing supermarket labels, identifying unit prices, calculating best buys and calculating percentage discounts
- Time graphs — identifying independent and dependent variables, creating tables of values, plotting points and matching differences of representations of a situation (word problems, graph, rule, table of values, ordered pairs).

Students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Numeracy and statistics — choosing decimals to provide appropriate, revising data displays and measures of central tendency and gathering evidence to answer a question
- Fractions and percentages — calculating fractions and percentages of quantities, multiplying and dividing fractions, ordering fractions
- Area and angles — solving problems involving the area of triangles, rectangles and compound shapes and calculating the missing angles
- Money and financial mathematics — making informed decisions on purchases through planning and reasoning.

Have a great week.

Patricia Winter — 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 Amalie Walker 3A Jessica Sinclair
PrepB Ky Brennan 3B Olivia Wood
PrepC Jessica Norton 3C Sophie Little
Year 3 Lucas Arkell 3D Isabelle Wylie
PrepE Taylia Mannix 4A Lauren Jennings
PrepE Diesel Gilmore 4C Zoe Cornish
PrepF Logan Burrow 4D/SE 45 Madison Mitchell
1A Verity Clements 5A Trent Austin
1B Dillon Holland 5A Luca Patroni
1C Brodie Streater 5B Annie Hiller
1D Imogen Moore 5C Shaiya Trefery
1F Pheonix Moore 5D Lance Tapaltai
2A Elise Smith 6A Isabella Sawyer
2B Jal Russell 6A Jovana Dixon
2C Luke Bennie 6B Charlie Struthers
2D Alice Edgerton 6C/7D Sarah Merrett
2E Raphael Tucker 7C William Lestra

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways.
This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

SafeST Committee Email Address
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwans.eq.edu.au
On Thursday 19 September, our school AFL team was invited to play an AFL match on Palm Island, courtesy of the Cathy Freeman Foundation and AFL QLD. The team flew there on a very small plane and came home on the ferry. We were very lucky to be invited to experience this tropical paradise and the team and adult supervisors had a wonderful day.

Kirwan SS defeated Palm Island 87-8. The Palm Island team was made up of 8 students from Bwigcolmone State Primary School and 8 students from St Michael’s Catholic school. It was a special experience for both the Kirwan and Palm Island students, and especially so, when Palm Island students do not normally participate in any interschool sport at all.

Members of our Kirwan SS AFL team on the day were Denzel Tate, Ethan Targett, Tosha Chester, Mitchell Gander, Mac Reid, Chris Reid, John Nawara, Keenan Nant, Riley McCarthy, Harrison Dempsey, Preston Lott, James Aldridge, Marcus Cowan, Pierce Gebran, Bailey Gifford-Carpineno and William Hebei. Trish McEvy, Michelle Lowell and myself were the adult supervisors.

Yours in sport...

Mrs Emma Talbot - PE Teacher

Music Corner

Music INFORMATION NIGHT

All new and continuing parents to attend,
Wednesday 13 November – School Multi-purpose Hall – 7:00pm
Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator

Student Free Day Monday 21 October

Music Information Night

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

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