16 April 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to a new term with many events both big and small. Take the time to fill in your calendars so that you don’t miss out:

- Parent teacher interviews are being conducted this week and next week. This is the best high stakes information we offer about your child’s progress to date. Your interview should “put you in the picture” about where your child is experiencing success and how they are working to improve.
- Fun Run this Friday. All welcome. Wear your house colours.
- School photos today and also on 24 April.
- School ANZAC Ceremony at 10:00am on 23 April. All welcome.
- School ANZAC march on ANZAC Day from The Willows Shopping Centre car park (behind the Shell service station) to the Cenotaph at Thuringowa. Meet at 9:45am for a 10:00am form up. Children must wear school uniform if they intend to march as part of the school group. I look forward to a big turn out on the day.
- Mother’s Day stall second week of May.
- Chappy Breakfast Tuesday 21 May with Live FM radio broadcasting from Kirwan State School.
- Annie Our Musical from 5 – 7 June. Buy your tickets NOW to avoid disappointment.
- Under 8s day for Preps, Ones and Kindy children on Thursday 20 June. This is one of the highlights on the school Junior calendar!
- Indigenous parents meeting Tuesday 30 April from 3 – 4pm.
- Lastly, NAPLAN testing from Tuesday 14 May through until Friday 17 May. This involves children from Years 3, 5 and 7.

NAPLAN

As I mentioned above, NAPLAN testing is about 4 weeks away. Between now and the NAPLAN tests, children in Years 3, 5, and 7 will have the opportunity to practise NAPLAN tests from past years and complete timed, on demand writing tests using stimulus materials from past years. The best preparation for NAPLAN is good quality curriculum delivered by good quality teachers. At Kirwan, I am pleased to say that our record of improvement is outstanding.

NAPLAN tests do have a down side. Some children get very stressed about them and worry unnecessarily about the outcome of the tests. You can help us to minimize this stress by talking about the tests in a positive light urging your child to do their very best while avoiding blame or placing unreasonable expectations on your child. You can also help by doing the following:

- Ensure your child has a good sleep the night before the tests.
- Ensure that your child has a good breakfast on the morning before the tests.
- Get to school on time! Children who arrive late CANNOT join their class to start the test. They may be given time to make up the test later in the day or on Friday of test week but this is not ideal and often creates more stress for students who worry about being late.

In some circumstances, parents choose to withdraw their child from the tests. If you have questions about this process, please contact your child’s teacher in the first instance to discuss and an appointment will be made with a member of the admin team.

Lastly, welcome to our new children from near and far. I look forward to watching you grow and learn while you are here at Kirwan.

Until next week... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Term 2 is an exciting term for Kirwan. We have our fun run, musical, athletics, NAPLAN testing, parent teacher interviews, report cards, and much, much more. Every teacher in every classroom, each week, will also be teaching or positive behaviour support lessons. Our students this week will learn (through classroom lessons) the “do’s” and “don’t’s” around ‘playing fairly’. During the day, students who demonstrate the skills of ‘playing fairly’ will be rewarded with ‘gotchas’. We will be looking for students playing by the rules, accepting bad luck, commenting positively to their friends, taking turns and respecting others.

RUGBY LEAGUE ROUND UP

On the last day of Term 1 Kirwan had two teams (30 players) participate in the ‘Bill Nettle Cup’, a gala rugby league day held at Brothers League grounds. I was very impressed with our players’ sportsmanship, ability and especially behaviour. I believe we were the most well-behaved school there on the day. We were also the only school who sent two teams. Our Open competition team, after scoring 25 tries in 4 games, drew with Willows in the final – however Willows scored first and won on the first try scorer rule. Our development team competed strongly in their respective competition. I was very proud of both teams and all players. Our students really do give their best. I was particularly happy about the way both teams cheered each other on. It is easy to be proud of our school.

PARTNERSHIPS

Developing strong partnerships between teachers, parents and guardians is vital in making sure we get the best out of each and every student. I encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher during the scheduled parent/teacher meetings. Ask questions about your child’s learning, see evidence of strengths and weakness and work with your child’s teacher to develop strategies you can use at home to strengthen your child’s learning and progress.

LOOKING FORWARD

I look forward to a fantastic term. If myself or a member of Admin can be of assistance to you to support your child’s learning or enjoyment of school, please come in and see us.

From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week sees the start of the interviews. It is an intense time for teachers as they are dealing with a lot of information. To obtain the best out of your interview, here are a few things that will help the process.

- Timely arrival at interview. (If late, advice would be appreciated.)
- No-shows - please advise if unable to meet the commitment. Another time may be able to be arranged.
- Where possible, reduce distractions (siblings in prams, etc.), and turn off the mobile phones.
- Find out - ask for clarification of anything that is not clear to you.
- Engage - the interview is a two-way event. You can often assist the teacher to appreciate aspects of your child’s learning.
- Get your message across. You may be able to SUGGEST action for the teacher to consider.

I trust that the interviews will contribute significantly to the progress of the students in the long run.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to parents and students that mobile phones MUST be handed in and registered in the BSM office in the morning upon arrival at school. Students are not allowed to have the phones in their possession during the day. Students found breaking this rule will have their phones confiscated and kept in safe custody until “going home time”. Parents will be contacted and consequences will apply for breaking school rules.

MUSICAL

Our wonderful musical ‘Annie’ is fast approaching its performance date. Make sure you mark the date on your calendar and purchase your tickets for this spectacular event. Our target is to reach 1000 tickets sold. Currently sales sit at 175, so please purchase your tickets and be sure to support our talented students!

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

It is that time of the year again! Woolworths has launched its fantastic Earn and Learn program. It’s simple to participate: from Monday 8 April, when we shop at Woolworths we can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once completed, we can place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at our local Woolworths. As a result of this invaluable program last year, we received an enormous amount of school supplies. Thanks for supporting this program!

From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

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
- Ava-Lilly Cutmore

PrepB
- Baron Scott

PrepC
- Bryden Townsend-Carr

PrepD
- Chloe Anderson

PrepE
- Laura Oliver

PrepF
- Ty Ayres

1A
- Jace McGrath

1B
- Alleyah Smith

1C
- Paige Daly

1D
- Jacob Wood

1E
- Cheyanne Binkhorn

PrepA 2A
- Morgan Cameron

PrepB 2B
- Bella Roberts

PrepC 2C
- Luke Bennie

PrepD 2D
- Hayden Noble-Clark

PrepE 2E
- Jackson Miller

PrepF 3A
- Isabelle Johnson-Briggs

1A 3B
- Samantha Smart

1B 3C
- Flynn Currey

1C 3D
- Tahnee Massaro

1D 4B
- Ethan Fraser

1E 4D/5E
- Sophie Jones

School Photos

Photo envelopes were posted to students last term and the taking of these photos commenced today. If you require a school photo please fill in details on 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 (today) and Wednesday 24 April. 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.

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

9:00
- Prep E

9:15
- Prep D

9:30
- Prep C

9:45
- Prep B

10:00
- Prep A

10:15
- 2D

10:30
- 2A

10:50
- BREAK

11:30
- 3C

11:45
- 3B

12:00
- 5C

12:15
- 6A

12:30
- 6B

12:45
- 7B

1:00
- 7C

1:15
- 1A

1:30
- BREAK

2:05
- 4D/5E

2:20
- 2C

2:35
- 5D

PLEASE NOTE: THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE – THEY MAY CHANGE ON THE DAY OF THE PHOTOS.

P&C Pieces

P&C GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT AT 7PM IN THE STAFFROOM.

SEE YOU ALL THERE.

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to Petal Walker for all her assistance with fundraising. We are still in need of helpers so if you can spare some time please contact Melanie on launchintoelearning@hotmail.com.

The next fundraising meeting will be on Wednesday 24/4/13 at 2pm in the staffroom.

Laurel Jones – P&C Secretary

Defence News

Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 2! Our first parent chat group for this term will be on Tuesday 23 April starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers most welcome.

Our school is having our ANZAC Day service on next Tuesday 23 April starting at 10:00am. Everyone is most welcome. On Thursday 25 April our school will be marching in the Thuringowa Parade. We will be sending a letter home regarding permission and details for your child/ren to attend. Full school uniform including hat and water bottle is a must. A parent is more than welcome to join us in the march from Willows Shopping Centre to the Cenotaph at Thuringowa Library. Please see next Tuesday’s Kirwens for more details.

See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

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
Kirwan Keepers

16 April……………….TONIGHT - P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom
19 April……………….Year 7 Parent Group Meeting - 2:00pm in the Library
24 April………………..Fundraising Volunteers Meeting – 2:00pm in the Staffroom
24 April………………..Year 6/7 Parent Group Meeting - 6:30pm in the Library
04 – 05 June………………………………………………………………………..School Musical

Year 7 Parent Group
Don’t forget our next meeting will be held this Friday 19 April at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre ICT Room. We hope to see you there!

HPE News
Cross Country training starts this Thursday at 8:00am. Anyone interested from Years 4-7 is welcome to join in. Training will be on most mornings at 8:00am on the oval.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Kirwan Netball Team
On Thursday 28 March, the Kirwan Netball Team represented our school at the annual Northern Region Netball Cup. The group of ten talented girls played exceptionally well together, winning 4 of the 5 games played. Strong wins over Weir, Currajong, St Joseph’s Mundingburra and Annandale put the girls in one of the top positions, but a loss to Southern Cross early in the day meant that the team placed second in their pool. Overall, the girls would have been one of the top 3 teams in the strong competition. Congratulations to Chloe Whitten, Sophie Boyce, Kyla Gordon, Sarah Merrett, Hannah Pearson, Chelsea Steele, Isabella Sawyer, Thi Savage, Jaya Blackman and Chloe Strathe for not only being extremely impressive to watch, but also displaying team work and sportsmanship that we can all be proud of.

Toni Martin – Kirwan Netball Coach

Indigenous News
• The Indigenous room is open for all Indigenous children and their friends on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at first break only.
• If you would like your child to participate in our breakfast or homework programs this term, please return your completed form (attached to indigenous newsletter from end of last term) ASAP or contact Michelle Lowe on 4799 1888.
• Our first Parent Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April at 3:00pm in the Library. Hope to see you there.

Strong, Smart & Deadly. EVERYDAY COUNTS AT KIRWAN!
Michelle Lowe – Community Officer

Advertising in the Musical Program
Do you own a business? Are you looking for new ways to advertise? Would you like to support Kirwan State School’s Musical? Then why not advertise in our musical program! This year Kirwan State School is staging a musical performance of Annie Jr at the Civic Theatre on June 4th and 5th. As in previous years we are producing a good quality glossy program to be sold on the night. We are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise in this program.

Pricing for an advertisement in our program is as follows:

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If you are interested in advertising in our musical program please email nhamp3@eq.edu.au with your advertisement attached. We will then invoice you for your ad. Thank you for supporting our school.

Natasha Hampton (on behalf of the Musical Committee)

Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

Kirwan Fun Run this Friday!

ICAS 2013 - Invitation for Year 4-7 Students
Students in Years 4-7 are once again invited to participate in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). This year’s tests include English, Science, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 4-7 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Comprehension Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

Your child will receive a permission form to fill out later this week. If you would like your child to participate in one or more of these tests, please fill out the form and return with the appropriate funds no later than Friday 3 May, 2013. For any further information, please contact our Head of Curriculum, Trish McEvey on 4799 1888.

Lost Property
Lost property is now located outside the Admin building. The lost property bin will now be emptied every fortnight so please check for lost items regularly. Remember to clearly mark your child’s belongings with their name.

Tuckshop Talk

| Apr 17 | Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Brett (½ day) |
| Apr 18 | Leanne, Leah, Robert |
| Apr 19 | Rayleen, Carley (½ day) |
| Apr 22 | Jenni, Robert, Brett |
| Apr 23 | Carley, Helen |

• Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency.
• New sauces – 30c each – Tomato, BBQ, Sweet Chili, Sweet & Sour
• New dressing – 30c each – Italian Vinaigrette

Craft Group – Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day is not that far away and the wonderful craft team has been very busy and passionately crafting away, making a huge array of gorgeous gifts for special Mums, Grandmas and Nans. We shall be selling in Week 4 of Term 2, 7-10 May at 1st Break in the Resource Centre. Prices will range from $1 to $10. Looking forward to many excited and eager customers.

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

Music News
- Musical rehearsal IS on this Wednesday (tomorrow).
- Musical tickets are now on sale from the Civic Theatre!

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator