Dear Parents and Caregivers

STAFF NEWS
I would like to welcome to our school, Mrs Patricia Winter, who will be acting in the role of Deputy Principal in Mr John Kratzmann’s absence. Mrs Winter hails from William Ross State High School where she is currently a Head of Department. She is very much looking forward to working in our school from next Monday 22 July.

WORKING BEE NEWS
A massive thank you to the happy band of shovel operators who completed the installation of aluminium seating around the oval on Saturday morning. Jason Shepherd, Trevor and Laurelle Jones, Dean Jones, Mark Surgeon, Kim Murdock and Clarrie Cockburn spent a very productive couple of hours and the results will, no doubt, be well and truly enjoyed by many on sports day. Thank you!!

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR KIRWAN STATE SCHOOL
It’s term 3 and that means that the School Opinion Survey for Parents, Students and Staff will be going out in the next couple of weeks. If you are the lucky recipient of a School Opinion Survey (we normally send out 40 randomly selected ones), then please make sure you take the time to complete the document (about 10 minutes) and send it back to school with your child. We take your opinions very seriously and we use the information from this data to make school decisions at a variety of levels.

School Opinion Surveys are completely confidential. The information is NOT collated at the school. Surveys are sent away and the data is returned to us at a later date. Make your opinion count!

Also...........if you are a PREP parent, then you will find a “one page” quick survey with your newsletter today. These will literally take 30 seconds to complete. The data we gather from these will be used in our strategic plan which is being compiled this term. Our strategic plan will cover school decisions for the next 4 years.

These should be returned to your child’s teacher by the end of the week. Thank you.

FOOTY NEWS
If you were able to be part of the Kirwan cheer squad on Sunday then you will know what a special treat we were privileged to witness. Our team of boys and one girl played a very hard game against East Ayr at 11:00am. This was a hard fought victory for Kirwan which gave our team the honour of being the North Queensland Region winners (The Les Stagg Trophy) and placing them in the top 10 teams in the state!! Two hours later, our team had to front up against the Peninsula team. Kirwan were defeated by the outstanding team from Tully combined schools but I have never been prouder of my school. They were positive throughout, displayed excellent sportsmanship and were certainly not disgraced.

I would like to thank Mr K for his commitment to Rugby League at Kirwan. We have certainly achieved some success in part because of his great coaching skills.

NAIDOC
Congratulations to those of our Indigenous students who were participants in the NAIDOC march and celebrations last week. I received numerous reports about their maturity, behaviour and what great ambassadors they were for our school.

Boori Pryor, our Indigenous author was also in our school last week. He will be returning in the next couple of weeks to work with more students in more year levels as they dig into the stories which he has written. Welcome back Boori!!

Until next week … kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP
As 2014 will be the final year for our current year five students, there will be two leadership groups in 2014. We will conduct two separate elections for our two senior groups later this year. There will be 4 School Captains for both Year Seven and Year Six. There will be 8 House Captains for both Year Seven and Year Six. There will be 1 Music Captain for Year Seven and Year Six; a total of 26 leaders in 2014. There will be one Badge Ceremony in 2014 endorsing both leadership groups.

GOTCHAS
Congratulations to Madison Noseda 5C, Jack Murdoch 4B, Zack Blad 7C, Jack Hebei 2D, Ella Shepherd 3C, Olivia Little 3C, Jalen Goldsworthy 3C and Haylee Baker 5A who received their 50 Gotchas. These students have or will receive a certificate and a prize for their fantastic efforts on their respective assembly! A huge congratulations to Coee Abai 5A who has received 100 Gotchas!

CONGRATULATIONS
On Thursday 01 August, 24 international students from the Kokugakuin School in Japan will be visiting Kirwan. Congratulations to the following students who were successful with their applications to be involved as buddies in the morning event.
Tomas Chester 7D
Mac Reid 7D
Harrison Dempsey 7A
Lauren Tierney 7D
Chelsea Steele 7A
Chloe Strathie 7A
Jessica Shaw 7C
Taylor Rogers 7B
James Aldridge 7D
James Sheehan 7C
Zack Blad 7C
Kyla Gordon 7D
Chloe Whitton 7A
Natasha Aaron 7C
Imogen Murdock 7C
Veronica McConkey 7C
William Hebei 7A
Georgia Cunha 7A
Zarah Carter 7A
Tayla Ong 7C
Emily Surgeon 7A
Shan-ei Treffers 7A
Jade Stanek 7B

SAFETY
Last week a member from the public rang the office terribly upset by a traffic incident along Burnda Street. She was very concerned by a female adult balancing a young Kirwan student on the frame of her bicycle while an infant was in a basket attached to the bicycle. Every day we emphasise to our students the importance of safety. Please assist us by setting a great example and working together in educating our young ones on the importance of road safety.

ANNEI CDs
If you would like to order a disc with loads of pictures from the fabulous musical please send along $5 with the order form (located at the bottom of this Kirnews). Order forms will be in Kirnews for the next few weeks.

From the A/Deputy Principal – Hanne Secher

This month’s message is “telling an adult about bullying is not tattling”. One of the main strategies we encourage students to use when faced with bulling behaviours is telling an adult. This may seem simple and logical, but there are many difficulties associated with this strategy. Younger students struggle to understand the difference between telling and tattling while older students struggle with the need to deal with situations independently. Reporting bullying is both a right and a responsibility. Everyone has the right to feel safe at school. Repeated behaviours that deliberately aim to hurt or intimidate others will not be tolerated. Teachers will guide students to understanding the difference between telling and tattling so that they can recognise situations where it is necessary to report rather than attempting to deal with it themselves. It is also important to debunk the myths about “rattling”.

Hanne Secher – Acting Deputy Principal

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently.
PrepA Paula Doherty 3C
PrepB Thomas Bishop 3C
PrepC Declan Coape 3D
PrepD Olivia McGregor 4B
PrepE Jafmaykha Rose Haneway 4C
PrepF Brady Manning 4D/SE
1A Ellaura Reilly 5A
1B Remi Harvie 5B
1C Piper Ohl 5C
1D Diesel Taylor 5D
1E Lenita Williams 6A
2A Charlie Nolan 6A
2B Chloe Costello 6C/7D
2C Zone Geue 7A
2D Dylan Murray 7B
2E Felicity Thompson 7C
3A Aiesha Mohideen 7C
3B Quinata TeWhata-Daniels 7B
4B Gabriel Tucker 8A
5A Kaya Anapa 8B
5B Peirson Bogdanek 8C
5C Zeke Holderness 8D
5D Kia Mills 8E
6A Jordyn Tutt 9A
6B Aranah Carter 9B
6C Treffers 9C
6D Surgeon 9D
6E Chong 9E
7A Emma Manning 10A
7B Reid 7D
7C Peirson 7E
7D Dempsey 7A
7E Chong 7B
7F Hanne Secher 7C
7G Peirson 7D

Kirwan Keepers
16 July............Next P&C Meeting TONIGHT—7:00pm in the Staffroom
17 July.............Year 7 Swimming Lessons start today
18 July.............Year 5 Swimming Lessons start today
19 July.............Year 4 Swimming Lessons start today
20 July.............Year 3 Swimming Lessons start today
21 July.............Cut-off for payment of Year 7 Photos
01 August..................NADOC Day
02 August.............Year 7 Parent Group Meeting - 2:00pm Resource Centre
07 August...............Athletics Champions Day
20 September.............Last day of Term 3
08 October..................First day of Term 4

P&C Pieces
Next general meeting is tonight Tuesday 16 July at 7:00pm in the staffroom. See you all there.

P&C/Fundraising News – Movie Night Fundraiser this Saturday 20 July from 5:00pm. Bring the family along to watch the school’s production of Annie Jr on the big screen. BYO chairs/blankets. $2.00 per person entry. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Next fundraising meeting is on Tuesday 23 July at 2:00pm in the staffroom.

Picture Products update- these are now in production and we expect to have finished products returned to distribute toward the end of August. Products will be given to the students to bring home unless prior arrangements are made by contacting Lindah (email: lmsurgeon@bigpond.com or phone: 4723 9450). Thank you for supporting the P&C in this fundraiser!

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Year 7 Parent Group
* We are looking for helpers to sell icy cups on sports day this Friday. Please stop by if you can help out!
* Our next meeting will be on Friday 02 August at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there!

Years 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons

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Attention Year 2 and 3 parents: Swimming begins next week. Letters have been sent home and full payment of $45.00 was due by Friday 12 July. Classes begin NEXT WEEK (22 & 25 July) and finish in Week 10 (9 & 12 September).

Emma Talbot – PE Teacher
Interhouse Athletics Days

Dates: Thursday 18 July 9:00am - March Past Practice, 400m (9 years) & 800m (10-13 years) - approx 8:30am start with races running continuously starting with 9 Years boys and continuing to 13 Years girls. 
Friday 19 July 8:50am - 2:50pm - Athletics Day - all students participate. 
Wednesday 07 August 8:50am - 1:30pm – Champions Day - all nominated boys and girls to participate.

The program for Friday 19 July is as follows:


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  - Snack Pies $2.50
  - Egg & Bacon Pies $2.50
  - Garlic Bread $1.50

- **DRINKS**
  - Softdrinks $1.50
  - Water $1.50

- **LOLLIES & CHIPS**
  - Chips $1.50
  - Killer Pythons $1.00

- **ICY CUPS** (Year 7s selling in house colours)
  - Coffee (OSHC selling) $3.00

- **CUPCAKES** (OSHC selling in house colours)
  - $1.00


IF YOUR CHILD IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES ON SPORTS DAY, PLEASE SEND A NOTE ALONG TO THEIR TEACHER. THIS WILL SAVE ANY UNNECESSARY DEBATE ON THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE IS BUSY.

**NEEDED FOR SPORTS DAY**
- Safety pin pinned to shirt (for name tag to be attached)
- Hat (all students must be wearing a hat)
- Sunscreen
- Shoes
- Water bottle
- House coloured shirt and accessories
- Good sportsmanship
- Lunch or money for lunch

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**Head of Curriculum News**

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

In addition to our NAIDOC celebrations, staff and students at Kirwan State School are very much looking forward to our Author/Artist in residence program in Week 4. Boori Pryor will work with students and teachers across the school using a range of his books including Shake-a-leg. My Gurrinjundji and Binna Binna Man. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with a highly awarded Australian writer and develop an understanding of how authors use language and visuals to create their texts. Students in Year 2 and 4 will be creating their own stories from the hidden stories in Shake-a-leg, and students in Year 6 and 7 will participate in a Reading Trivia Session which is designed to be an enjoyable way to share their knowledge of these award winning books. All students will enjoy Boori’s storytelling and performances.

ICAS ENGLISH – DATE CHANGE

Due to NAIDOC celebrations on Wednesday 31 July, we have re-scheduled the ICAS – ENGLISH assessment for Friday 26 July, at 11.30am. Please let Trish McBey know if there are any issues with this date.

**Supporting Students Reading** - Are you interested to know more about how to support your child’s reading at home? Or do you have spare time to support student learning in the classrooms and would like to know more about how? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, then one or both of these workshops might interest you. Our fabulous Support Teachers of Literacy and Numeracy will be holding two workshops in Weeks 3 and 4 of this term. The first of these will focus on how to support your child with reading at home, and the second will focus on strategies to use as a parent helper in the classroom.

**- Supporting Students Reading at Home Workshop** – Tue 23/7.
**- Supporting Students Reading in the Classroom Workshop** – Tue 30/7.

Both workshops will be held in ICT room 1 in the Resource Centre, between 2:00 and 2:50pm.

**Indigenous News**

- Kirwan State School NAIDOC celebrations will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2013. If you would like to help out, please contact Michelle at the school. (Any help would be greatly appreciated.)
- The Indigenous room is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; first break only.

**Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer**

**Year 7 Photos**

Cutoff date for payment is 26 July 2013.
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