23 April 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

OOPS!!!

Thank you to those who were keeping tabs on my news last week….I inadvertently put incorrect dates for the musical – Annie – in the newsletter. The two dates for Annie are 4 and 5 June. Mr Kratzmann is keeping a close eye on our ticket sales which have started to move quickly. Keep an eye on our school sign for our target sales!

ANZAC CEREMONY

Today we commemorated the brave ANZACs who are so much a part of our culture (both Australian and New Zealand) that this tradition grows in strength each year.

This year, our theme has been pigeons! Yes...a more unlikely band of heroes you will probably never find. Needless to say, in days before mobile phones, satellite links, infrared photography and who knows what else, carrier pigeons played a vital role in delivering information from behind enemy lines. Indeed, one pigeon “Cher Ami” is perpetualised at the Smithsonian Institute, remembered for his brave delivery of a message which led to the saving of many allied lives even though he had been shot by the enemy.

Each year, Kirwan State School recognizes and acknowledges our Defence families – we pay tribute to the work you do. I look forward to marching with the school on ANZAC Day this Thursday 25 April. Details once again:

 Children must wear full school uniform (including a broad brimmed hat).
 Children must bring a water bottle.
 Meet at 9:45am for a 10:00am form up.
 The meeting place is the carpark at The Willows Shopping Centre behind the Shell Service Station on Thuringowa Drive.
 Children will need to be collected at the cenotaph after the ceremony.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

How great was our Fun Run? It was great for many reasons, however the one I am so proud about was the outstanding behaviour and attitude of every single one of our students. From my position as starter I saw every student trying their best and I saw mates encouraging mates. I did not have to speak to any student about inappropriate behaviour at all. This can be directly correlated to the hard work of our SWPBS team and all staff who, each day and week explicitly teach the behaviours that we want to see in our students, then we catch them doing the right things and reward, largely with Gotchas.

This week all classrooms will be learning about what it takes to be a good winner. Every child will be learning how to give compliments to others, maintain positive relationships, make others feel good about their efforts and how to act as a member of a team.

As I visit classrooms I can see the wonderful behaviour shining through during learning time. Our classrooms are safe, consistent and predictable. As a result, the very best learning can occur.

*John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal*

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**From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem**

**50 GOTCHAS**

Congratulations to Tenason Stark 4B, Luca Patroni 5A, Andrea Scarfidi 3D, Ebony Bratt 3D and Tahityana Tapau 5A who have received 50 Gotchas. These students have or will receive a certificate and a prize for their fantastic efforts on their respective assembly!

**ANZAC SERVICE**

Thank you to Jenny Sheehan and Leigh Reid for organising our ANZAC service today. Our students once again displayed outstanding manners at the service. Being responsible and respectful learners at Kirwan certainly was evident today. It was an exciting finish to our ANZAC Service seeing pigeons released.

**MUSICAL**

Have you purchased your tickets for our musical production ‘Annie’? Our target is to sell 1000 tickets for the night performances. Currently ticket sales are at 233, so please grab your tickets from the Civic Theatre, Riverway or online.

**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.

*Donna Cockrem – Acting Deputy Principal*

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**Defence News**

- Hi everyone. Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 7 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- Our school is marching in this year’s ANZAC Day Parade at Thuringowa this Thursday 25 April. If your child is marching, please meet at 9:45am for a 10:00am start at the Willows Shopping Centre carpark on Carthew St. Full school uniform including a hat is to be worn. Don’t forget a water bottle. See you all out and about…LEST WE FORGET.

**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.

**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** Piamari Nawara 3C  Oliavia Little
**PrepB** Sophie Fitzgerald 3D  Hamari Nawara
**PrepC** Jason Young 4A  Emily Rogers
**PrepD** Nathaniel Rodway 4B  Cody McColl
**PrepE** Matthew Antoniutti 4C  Jaidyn Wilkins
**1A** Jevahnthay Ahuriri 4D/5E  Savannah Jackson
**1B** Harley Dainer 5B  Corbyn Purkis-Arthur
**1C** Ethan Johnson-Briggs 5C  Andrew Talbot
**1D** Lou-Sharn Waterman 5D  Mehajh Johnson
**1E** Hannah Buchanan 6A  Zach Thomson
**2A** Malia Dixon 6A  Willow Hills-Amory
**2B** Shalyn Julian-Iva 6B  John Nawara
**2C** Clayton Davison 6C/7D  Denzel Tate
**2D** Layla Perfect 7B  Roshan Dunn
**2E** Mackenzie Gullison 7C  Ebony Harris
**3A** Sophie Everett 7C  Jessica Shaw
**3B** Alex Price 7C  Veronica McConkey

**School Photos**

Photo envelopes were distributed to students last term and the taking of these photos commenced last week. 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 BS’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 last date for school photos is tomorrow. If you have any questions please contact the office on 4799 1888.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ENVELOPE IS HANDED IN BY TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT THE LATEST PLEASE.**

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

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**Lost Property**

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

**Natasha Hampton (on behalf of the Musical Committee)**

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When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
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 Computer 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. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student and date for each competition is as follows:

- Science – 5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
- Spelling – 18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
- English – 31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- Mathematics – 13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
- All of the above ($57.20 GST inclusive)

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 21st May, 2013. For any further information, please contact our Head of Curriculum, Trish McEvey on 4799 1888.

Guidance Officer News

After 24 years, I have returned to Kirwan as the Guidance Officer. A lot has changed, but it is great to see so many familiar faces. Since leaving Kirwan I have worked in guidance in a variety of different roles from early childhood, primary, high school and even in behaviour. I am glad to be back, and look forward to working with students, teachers and parents. I am at Kirwan Monday, Tuesday and every second Wednesday. My role at the school is primarily to assist staff and parents with concerns they have in relation to a student’s academic, social or emotional progress. If you have any concerns, please feel free to ring the school for an appointment.

Maria Masumeci – Guidance Officer

Gentle Reminder – Overdue

Payment of your school supplied resources and the Student Resource Scheme is now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible:-

- Prep – LEM Phonics/Numeracy Book------------- $5.00
- Year 1-Year 7 – LEM Phonics Book------------- $5.00
- Year 1 – Student Assessment Folder------------ $1.00
- Year 6 – School supplied diary--------------- $3.00
- Year 7 – School supplied diary--------------- $3.00
- All Students – Student Resource Scheme------- $40.00

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Term & Vacation Times For 2013 & 2014

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Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

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

Strong, Smart & Deadly. EVERYDAY COUNTS AT KIRWAN!

Michelle Lowe – Community Officer

P&C Pieces

- Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7pm in the staffroom.
- The next fundraising meeting is on tomorrow, Wednesday 24 April at 2:00pm in the staffroom.
- Magnetic Display Pockets are still available at a cost of $5.00. If you would like one, please place your money in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class and put into the P&C box in the office. A great idea for Mother’s Day.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

Apr 24 Sandra, Michelle (½ day)
Apr 25 ANZAC Day
Apr 26 Belinda, Rayleen, Carley (½ day)
Apr 29 Jenni, Robert, Brett
Apr 30 Carley, Helen

- Toasting is 50c extra ie: ham & cheese sandwich $3.00 + toasting 50c = $3.50.
- Tuckshop only accepts Australian currency.

Year 7 Parent Group

- Our Mother’s Day Craft Stall is sure to please with lovely gifts available for students to purchase from 7-10 May. Watch for details in KIRNEWS so you don’t miss out!
- Sports House Bandannas will be on sale later this term for $5 each ($8 for multi-supporter). Order forms will be sent home in May with more information.

- Our next meeting will be held this Friday 26th April at 2pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there!

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 in the Resource Centre. Prices will range from $1 to $10. Looking forward to many excited and eager customers.

Fun Run News

Our Fun Run was held last Friday and was a resounding success. Please remember, to return your Fun Run form together with any money raised to the P&C box in the office by Thursday 10 May. Many thanks for your support.

HPE News

- The school athletics carnival will be held on Friday 19 July. Stay tuned for more details.
- Cross country training is on most mornings from 8:00am on the oval.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Indigenous News

- The Indigenous room is open for all Indigenous children and their friends on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at first break only.
- The breakfast and homework programs have started. Don’t forget to send in your signed note if you would like your children to participate.
- Our first Parent Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April at 3:00pm in the Resource Centre. Please come along and have a yarn about your child’s education, ideas of things we can run during breaks and NAIDOC activities; the more ideas the better. We would also like to nominate a chairperson for this group for those interested. See you there!

Michelle Lowe – Community Officer