26 February 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

LEADERSHIP

This has certainly been something of a highlight week for Leadership at Kirwan State School.

At our very well attended Parents and Citizens meeting last week, we were successful in filling positions of:

PRESIDENT: Mr Ken Ellis
SECRETARY: Mrs Laurelle Jones

A huge thank you and congratulations to Ken and Laurelle. I look forward to working with you over the school year to make a difference for children at Kirwan State School.

We are still looking for a Treasurer for 2013 and a Vice President also.

As the positions will be ratified at next month’s meeting, it would be fantastic to have some willing parents and/or citizens who could fill these roles.

If you would like to know more about the P&C and either of the roles above, please don’t hesitate to contact the school......we will be only too happy to help you. Please consider.

Our student leaders also have proven to be outstanding ambassadors for Kirwan State School this week. Fresh from their leadership day, they acquitted themselves with pride, passion and commitment at yesterday’s Leadership Induction Ceremony. Listening to our school leaders speak so confidently in front of such a large crowd, including no less than 4 TV cameras, speaks volumes of their potential! Well done.

It is always great to hear good things about our school – I have no hesitation in telling you that the Mayor of Townsville, Jenny Hill, was full of praise for the students and the school at the completion of the ceremony.

VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need someone (or two or three) to put their hands up to man the second-hand uniform shop at the school. Even if you can only spare 30 minutes a week, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school to offer your help.

LEM SPELLING AND PHONICS

Last week we welcomed our LEM consultant Mr Greg O’Keefe and staff from Cranbrook, Belgian Gardens and Magnetic Island for further LEM training. Some lucky parents were also able to attend a parent workshop with Greg.

If you are new to our school and you don’t know anything about LEM, I suggest that you see your child’s teacher to ask for some practical tips to help your child. Our new teachers this year have been amazed at the spelling and phonics knowledge that our children have. Indeed they may have learned a few things from your children!!

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - John Kratzmann

SCHOOL LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Yesterday we held our school leaders induction ceremony. We formally acknowledged our School Captains, Sports Captains, Music Captains, Year 4 – 7 Student Councillors and our Year 3 Junior School Helpmates. It was truly a credit to our school. Community leaders, Mayor Jenny Hill and our Adopt a Cowboy, Johnathan Thurston attended and presented badges to our leaders. There was a media entourage also in tow behind Mayor Hill and JT. Our leaders were exemplary and students extremely well behaved and attentive. I can safely say everyone at the assembly was proud to be part of Kirwan SS.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

At Kirwan we focus on rewarding students when they display the wonderful behaviour expected of them. Gotcha cards, student of the week, Going for Gold in the classroom, classroom raffle tickets, verbal well done’s and even the non-verbal like a thumbs up or wink are used to let the students know that we appreciate their great choices. Our staff focus on 4 or more positives to every negative ... try it at home; it really works.

From the Deputy Principal - Donna Cockrem

BIKE SAFETY

Recently we have had reports that some students riding bicycles are putting their lives in danger. A number of motorists have noticed Kirwan primary students turning into oncoming traffic without care. Please discuss the danger of these road habits with your children.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Last Friday, Murray James (Deputy – Kirwan High School), Peter Spilsbury (Head of Department), Year Seven teachers and myself met to discuss 2015 year seven students moving into high school. The purpose of the meeting was to start discussion around this event to prepare students for an easy and smooth transition. A number of positive strategies were discussed and will be put in place including high school teachers visiting our current year seven classrooms, and student groups from Kirwan High interacting and working with our students during school time. Closer to 2015, Kirwan High representatives will provide information sessions here at Kirwan. Our teachers will be working collaboratively with Kirwan High staff to ‘iron out any creases’ which may occur.

Donna Cockrem – 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 Jazmyn Aleo 2D Lincoln Cowan
PrepB Tiano-Rose Kikkoro 2E Hayley Donald
PrepC Lara McLean 3A Chloe Jeones
PrepD Maddison Jones 3B Cameron Miller
PrepE Gladys Barsa 3C Reanna Winter
PrepF Elliot Tarca 3D Chloe Marshall
1A Kaleb Toner 4A Charlie Gander
1B Elia-Paige Dozas 4B Shakira Ayres
1C Adelaide Steele 4D/5E Callum McConkey
1D Lachlan Cain 5B Jennifer Reid
1E Ashton Bellert 5D Breeze Fora-Grant
2A Rylee Alloway 6C/7D Tiya Savage
2B Brooklyn Acres 7C Rory Hoad

P&C Pieces

I would like to congratulate Mr Ken Ellis on his appointment as President of the P&C for 2013 and also say a BIG thank you to our outgoing president Mrs Lyndal Humphreys who did a fantastic job over the last two years. Thank you also goes to Lindah Suege for filling in as minutes secretary for the second half of last year. Congratulations and welcome also to Mrs Melanie Channell who has taken on the role as Fundraising Co-ordinator; we hope she will get lots of support throughout the year. We are still in need of a Vice-President so if anyone is interested in holding a position on the P&C executive now is your chance to get involved. It was great to see lots of new faces at the AGM. Being a member of the P&C allows you to vote at meetings and is a great way to be involved in your children’s education.

SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER

- Approximately 2 hours per week.
- Weekly input of payroll for: - the KOSH (all year including school holidays), and - the Tuckshop.
- Monthly checking reconciliations for KOSH and Tuckshop.
- Monthly reconciliations of P&C accounts (General, Fundraising and Year 7 Parent Committee).

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 19 March 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

2013 Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Date: Wednesday 06 March
Venue: Kirwan Aquatics Centre (beside Kirwan High School)
Cost: $4.30 (pool entry and bus fare)

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Important points to note:
- The permission form and medical form should be returned to your child’s teacher before March 6th.
- Students will change into their swimming gear before they board the bus and change back into their uniforms when they return to school.
- All students need to have a swim shirt to swim in. If they do not have one, they will not be able to swim.
- Students will also need a towel, hat, sunscreen and water bottle.
- Each year level will spend 45 minutes at the pool and will be engaged in novelty events only.
- Students will use the lanes in the shallow area of the pool.
- There will be no free swim time or playing on water slides.
- Year 4D/5E class will be attending the Year 4 carnival together.
- Year 6C/7D class will be attending the Year 6 carnival together.
- Students in Years 4 and 5 ordering lunch at first break should write on their order that they are swimming. Lunches can be collected upon their return to school.
- Students not going to the carnival will stay at school and join another class.

School Fun Run 2013

On Friday 19 April, we will be holding our School Fun Run. Notes and sponsorship forms will be distributed over the coming weeks. Parents and families are most welcome to come along on the day to cheer on our students.

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.
Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au

Kirwan’s School Phone Number - 4799.1888

Minimising head lice outbreaks

Check weekly, treat quickly and tell the school.

Check the heads of everyone in your house using conditioner and combing:
• at least once a week or
• every two days if someone around you has head lice.

If you find head lice, treat and check for effectiveness. Remember to notify the school.

Music Comer

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to our Year 3 students for achieving their yellow belt on recorder this week. All Year 3 students will be playing Song 10 on Assembly this Wednesday to show off their yellow belt achievement.

Where is your recorder?

Year 1, 2 and 3s learn recorder as a part of their classroom music lesson every week. There are a lot of students, from every class, still attending music lessons every week without a recorder. To ensure that your child does not fall behind, PLEASE purchase a recorder before their next lesson and make sure it is put into their classroom recorder box.

Musical tickets on sale now

Musical tickets are now on sale from the Civic Theatre!

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator

ATTENTION MUSICAL CAST REHEARSAL TIMES

Every Wednesday
Prep, Years 1 and 2 rehearse 3:00-4:00pm
Years 3-7 rehearse 3:00-5:00pm.

Tuckshop Talk

Feb 27 Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Brett (½ day)
Feb 28 Leanne, Leah
Mar 01 Rayleen, Belinda, Carley (½ day)
Mar 04 Brett, Jenny, Robert
Mar 05 Carley, Helen

• Playwaters are discontinued and NO LONGER AVAILABLE.
• We DO NOT accept foreign currency.

Defence News

• Hi everyone! Our next Parent Chat Group for the year will be on Tuesday 12 March starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
• On Sunday 10 March 2013 starting at 2:00pm, DCO are having a pool party at Kirwan Aquatic Centre, Hudson Street, Kirwan. Free entry for all Defence families. The kiosk will be open for you to purchase items or bring a picnic!! For more information contact DCO on 4753.6539.
• See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Medical Forms

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CHILD/REN'S MEDICAL FORMS TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Craft Group

Do you enjoy dabbling in a little bit of craft? Do you enjoy a social gathering of craft-minded people? The Year 7 Parent Committee will be starting a Craft Group next week to help raise funds for the Year 7 Graduation. The Craft Group shall commence Tuesday 05 March from 9:30am – 12:00noon at Jodie’s House, 15 Condor Drive, Condon. Morning tea and craft supplies will be provided and children are also very welcome. You’re more than welcome to come along and join in even if your child/ren are not in Year 7. Please contact Leanne on 4723.8278 if you have any queries. All you need to bring is a happy disposition and your enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you.

Shave for a Cure

Rose Dolgner (one of our School Crossing Supervisors) is participating in this year’s Shave for a Cure. Rose will be getting shaved between 14 and 17 March. If you would like to sponsor Rose you can leave your donation with your details (so that Rose can issue you a receipt) at the office.

Office Hours Strictly 8:00am - 3:30pm

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