26 March 2013

**From the Principal’s Desk**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This has been a very busy and productive term. Looking to the near future, there are certainly some high-interest things to look forward to, “Annie – The Musical” being one of them. Get your tickets NOW to avoid disappointment. Tell your friends to do the same. Use social media to tell all your friends.

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As the holidays are just around the corner, I would like to ask you to watch our school. We are in the throes of having a facelift in the form of some much needed new painting which I know we would all like to see in good shape at the end of the holidays. The following advice comes from the Department of Education:

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

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The holidays are also a time when accidents can happen. The following advice may be useful for your family:

Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details. The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at [http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/](http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/).

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it’s also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.


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Have a great holiday. Don’t eat too much chocolate. Most important of all – come back safe and sound for Term 2.

*Until next term ... kind regards*

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – Helen Yench

FAREWELL
I just wanted to write a short note to say “Goodbye” to all the families of Kirwan. I have decided to retire at the end of this term and spend time with my 92yr old mother, my 2 daughters and my 2 grandchildren, so I will not be returning as your Deputy Principal. As a community, I believe Kirwan has one of the best. Your spirit and commitment to the school is second to none. I’ve loved my time at this school and know that it’s the people associated with it that make it such a wonderful place to work. The whole staff are dedicated and professional people, yet approachable and caring too. It’s no wonder families from all over Australia, who move to Townsville, want their children here.

I wish you all a very happy Easter and say a fond goodbye to all.

Helen Yench – Deputy Principal (retired)

From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

WOOLWORTHS
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful of your support and look forward to a successful program.

EASTER BREAK
Thank you to all parents and guardians for your wonderful support during this busy term. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break. I know all our teachers have worked very hard in their respective classrooms and extra curriculum roles. To all our dedicated staff, have a great break and thank you for always putting OUR students first.

IMPORTANT ITEMS
There are still a few important items to attend to before the end of term. Parents and guardians, please discuss with your students:

• Our expectations of excellent behaviour are always high.
• Kirwan students always do their best.
• Our Meet and Greet areas in the morning and afternoon have not changed.
• Easter Services are on tomorrow.
• Thursday 28 March is a Red Day.
• Purchase tickets for ‘Annie’ our musical.
• Donations of scrap material for ‘Annie’ our musical can be sent to the office.

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 Dane Bates 3B Romisha Cham
PrepB Madison Ross 3C Tylr Brown
PrepC Thomas Streeter 3D Kaitlyn Stewart
PrepD Laelani de Ruiter 4A Ryan Blagg
PrepE Elia Hielescher-Green 4B Kyrah Craigie
PrepF Crystal Darr 4C Nil Smith
1A Dane Ransom 4D/SE Zoe Royan
1B Jasmin Kennedy 5A Max Northedge
1C Austin Wood 5A Grace Eustace
1D Keely Laffin 5B Nikita Packwood
1E Jamaica Henderson-Jones 5C Byron Austin
2A Zoe Patroni 5D Demica Targett
2B Leisha Dixon 6C/6D Taleesha Laws
2C Emily Young 6C/7D James Aldridge
2D Kiatoo Kiikoro 7B Stephanie McDougall
2E Kiera Ryan 7C Jayda Blackman
3A Zachary Maltby

School Photos

Photo envelopes were distributed to students 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 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 and Wednesday 24 April. Please take note that the first day of photos is the first Tuesday back after the holidays. 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.

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

P&C Pieces

FUNDRAISING - To celebrate Easter this year the P&C are holding a “guess the number of eggs” competition this week before and after school from 8:15am – 8:45am and 2:45pm – 3:15pm in the shed. Each guess costs 50 cents and the winner of the jar of eggs will be announced on Thursday.

Our wonderful fundraising volunteers are holding their next meeting on Wednesday 24 April at 2:00pm in the staffroom. We are looking for more people to help with various fundraising activities so please come along or if you can’t make the meeting, Melanie Channell, our fundraising co-ordinator can be contacted on launchintolearning@hotmail.com for more information.

NEXT P&C GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday 16 April at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Gentle Reminder - OVERDUE

Payment of your school supplied resources 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

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager
Kirwan Keepers

27 March ............................................................. School Easter Services
28 March ............................................................. Last Day of Term 1
15 April ............................................................. First Day of Term 2
16 April & 24 April .............................................. School Photos (NOTE date change back to 16)
16 April ............................................................. P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in the Staffroom
19 April ............................................................. School Fun Run
19 April ............................................................. Year 7 Parent Group Meeting - 2:00pm in the Library
24 April ............................................................. Fundraising Volunteers Meeting – 2:00pm in the Staffroom
7-10 May ............................................................. Mother’s Day Stall @ 1st Break
04 – 05 June ............................................................. School Musical

Year 7 Parent Group
- Plans for our end of year celebrations are moving along nicely. If you would like to be kept up to date or have suggestions, please email Lindah (лизsurgeon@bigpond.com) and we’ll be sure to keep you informed. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 19 April at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre ICT Room. We hope to see you there! Look out next term for sports day bandanas and a Mother’s Day Craft Stall.
- A belated thank you to those students/teachers who contributed a donation to assist in purchasing supplies for the craft group.
- Thank you also to everyone who donated jars.

HPE News
Congratulations to the Kirwan Swim team who finished 2nd in the interschool ‘C’ schools swimming carnival held last week. Everyone tried their best and displayed excellent behaviour. They did Kirwan SS proud. Thank you to Mr Hunt, Mrs Beattie, Mrs Reid and Mrs Norford for their support at the carnival too.

Students who finished in the top 3 places in their race were:
- 9 Year Boys: Div 1: Hayden Reid Div 2: 1st Jack Murdoch
- 9 Year Girls: Div 1: 2nd Jessica Div 2: 3rd Tahnee Marshall
- 10 Year Boys: Div 1: 1st Harley Taylor Div 3: 1st Kai Tanna
- 10 Year Girls: Div 4: 2nd Josh Smart
- 10 Year Girls: Div 3: 1st Stella Abbott
- 11 Year Boys: Div 1: 2nd Aidan Simkin Div 2: 3rd Marcus Cowan
- 11 Year Girls: Div 3: 1st Chris Reid
- 12/13 Yr Boys: Div 1: 1st Thomas Chester Div 2: 1st Denzel Tate
- 12/13 Yr Girls: Div 3: 1st Macgregor Reid Div 4: 2nd Riley McCarthy

Relay Team Results:
- 10 Years and under Boys – 1st Place – Hayden Reid, Connor Campbell, Jack Murdoch, Harley Taylor
- 10 Years and Under Girls – 1st Place – Stella Abbott, Sammi Cheadle, Tahnee Marshall, Jessica
- 11 Years Boys – 1st Place – Marcus Cowan, Chris Reid, Tyler Caris, Aidan Simkin
- 11 Years Girls – 3rd Place – Zoe Royan, Jennifer Reid, Madison Noseda, Franki Yates
- 12 Years Boys – 2nd Place – Denzel Tate, Macgregor Reid, Riley McCarthy, Tomás Chester

Thuringowa Selections – Congratulations
Thuringowa Basketball Teams – Riley McCarthy, Kyle Whitten, Karem Melrose, Chloe Whitten, Madison Noseda and Lani O’Reilly
Thuringowa Hockey Team – Tyler Caris
Netball Possible and Probables – Isabella Sawyer

Good luck to:
- the Rugby League boys who are trialling for the Thuringowa Team on Tuesday.
- the girls and Mrs Martin who are competing in the North Qld Netball Cup on Thursday.
- Mr K and his League boys who are competing in the Bill Nettle Cup on Thursday.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Congratulations

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.

WANTED - DONATIONS

Our wonderful costume team is looking for donations to assist with costumes for Annie. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please drop them to Ms Cockram’s room at the school office ASAP.
- old, stained, torn clothes (prefer children’s sizes)
- fabric / sheets
- elastic

School Fun Run 2013
On Friday 19 April, Week 1 of next term, we will be holding our School Fun Run. Parents and families are most welcome to come along on the day to cheer on our students.

Tuckshop Talk
Mar 27 Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Brett (½ day)
Mar 28 Leanne, Leah
Mar 29 GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 15 Brett, Jenni, Robert
Apr 16 Carley, Helen

• HAVE A GOOD EASTER EVERYONE.
• A big THANK YOU to all my volunteers who did double shifts last week.

Defence News
😊 Hi everyone! We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter break and that the Easter Bunny is kind to you all.
😊 See you all next term...

Jenny & Leigh - DST-A

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

Term & Vacation Times For 2013 & 2014

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

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