Dear Parents and Caregivers

This must be the week of STARS at Kirwan State School!

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our boys Rugby League team which defeated Holy Spirit last night. With not one try scored against them, it was still a pleasure to note their team spirit, skill level and solid sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr K for his outstanding coaching also. The team will play Ryan on Wednesday night at Brothers at 6:00pm. Good luck! Supporters welcome.

Secondly, it was certainly exciting to see our “orphans” on the front page of The Townsville Bulletin yesterday. Annie, our musical, is a credit to the dedicated staff, students and parents who have given that most valuable resource – TIME – to the production this year. I must acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Ransom and Mrs Brodie who are, at this stage of the game, anticipating a fantastic show which will be a credit to the school.

Ticket sales are still climbing (nearly at 600 yesterday morning) so don’t be disappointed. Book now!

Lastly, our Teaching and Learning Auditors, due tomorrow, will be looking for many other STARS at Kirwan. These will be the quieter stars – the ones who are working hard to learn all their LEM sounds; the ones who are working hard to improve their reading levels; the ones who know all their number facts and are working hard to “get” long division and algebra and problem solving.

All in all, this promises to be a busy and productive week.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
### From the Deputy Principal – John Kratzmann

**MOVIE NIGHT**
Our first ever movie night (arranged by our P&C Fundraising committee) was held here on our oval on Saturday night. We had around 250 students, parents and grandparents turn up to enjoy Madagascar 3. I had a really enjoyable time even though the cold weather descended upon us throughout the movie. Well done to our P&C Fundraising committee and our school community for your support. It was a lot of fun.

**SWPBS**
This week our school focus is on making decisions in a group. Students will be involved in activities and discussions around what is needed to make decisions together. Taking turns, respecting other’s opinions, negotiating and compromising, are among the skills we expect our students to use and model in the classroom and playground each day.

**JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**
If you want to catch a great game of rugby league come along to Brothers on Wednesday 29 May at 6:00pm to watch Kirwan play Ryan. Our team ran strongly last night defeating Holy Spirit. Ryan play the same brand of football as we do; forwards running strongly and backs shifting the ball with speed. I am looking forward to watching our team match this challenge. Your support would be fantastic.

John Kratzmann – Deputy Principal

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### Tuckshop Talk

- **May 29**: Sandra, Rayleen, Michelle (½ day)
- **May 30**: Leanne, Leah, Robert
- **May 31**: Rayleen, Belinda
- **Jun 03**: Jenni, Robert
- **Jun 04**: Carley, Helen

- Parents please note: when giving children money to spend over the counter, please explain that it is their money and not to be shared with friends.
- Tuckshop does not accept foreign currency. Your child’s food may be substituted. Please check your coins.

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### 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**: Tahlia Van Stelten
**PrepB**: Xander Morris
**PrepC**: Vuihia Simonson
**PrepD**: Natt Sommerville

**PrepE**: Chloie Verhaaf
**PrepF**: Ethan Jeffery
**1A**: Emily Gough
**1B**: Rawiri Roberts
**1C**: Davieon John
**1D**: Kevin Farrell
**1E**: Tyson Barry
**2A**: Nathanael Nical
**2B**: Lochlann Percival
**2C**: Connor Van Antwerp
**2D**: Kaylee Steel
**2E**: Shyannah Morris

- **PrepA**: Brandt Ramsay
- **PrepB**: Stephanie Abrahams
- **PrepC**: Jay Brown
- **PrepD**: Jett Newman
- **PrepE**: Aiden Dotta
- **PrepF**: Caleb McGregor
- **1A**: Hayley Maskell
- **1B**: Chelsea Firth
- **1C**: Jai Fitzgerald
- **1D**: Justine Mead
- **1E**: Connor Anderson
- **2A**: Madison Vennin
- **2B**: Antonio Lynam
- **2C**: Shakira Jones
- **2D**: Ethan Upkett-Nelliman
- **2E**: James Fiskett

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### Kirwan’s Keepers

31 May - Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation to support Musical
04 - 05 June - Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
04 June - Year 7 Parent Group Meeting – 2:00pm Resource Centre
19 July - Athletics Carnival
1 August - NAIDOC Day

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### P&C Pieces

- **Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 June at 7:00pm in the staffroom.**
- **Our first Family Movie Night was well supported and although it was chilly, it was a lovely night out. It was great to see so many families there. Your feedback is always welcome so please email pnde@kirwans.eq.edu.au if you have any.**
- **Picture Products – Plates and clocks are now available to order, with spare forms located in the P&C and Fundraising folders outside the office. After your order is received, templates will be sent home for decorating. You can use almost anything such as paints, crayons and even photos to create a long lasting, usable keepsake!**

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

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### Annie News

**ATTENTION MUSICAL CAST REHEARSAL TIMES**

**Wednesday**

**WHOLE CAST REHEARSAL 3:00-5:00pm.**

**WE ARE AT THE THEATRE ON MONDAY!!!**

There have been two very important notes handed out in the last two weeks outlining everything that will be happening next week.

If you have not received these notes, please find spare notes in the MUSIC folder on the wall outside the office.

**FREE DRESS DAY**

There will be a Free Dress Day this Friday 31 May in support of the musical. Please bring a gold coin donation.

**TICKETS**
Assembly Times

Year 4–7 Assemblies are held each Monday afternoon at 2:00pm.
Year Prep–3 Assemblies are held each Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm.

Year 7 Parent Group

- Sports House Bandannas are now selling. At just $5.00 each, this is a great way to show support for your house on Sports Day. Spare forms are available in the Year 7 Notices folder outside the office. Don’t miss out!
- Our next meeting will be held on Friday 14 June at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there.

Defence News

- Hi everyone. Our next parent chat group will be held on Tuesday 4 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh—DSTAs

PE News

Congratulations to all the Kirwan students who competed in the interschool cross country on May 17. We had 4 students who finished in the top 10 and who were selected to try for the North Queensland team. Congratulations to Tomas Chester (2nd), Patrick Hebel (3rd), Natasha Van Antwerp (9th) and Chloe Whitton (9th). Two other boys missed out by one place; Jett Manning and Harley Taylor both finished 11th. Well done guys! Tomas went on to finish 4th in the NQ Trials, and has now been selected for his 3rd NQ School Sport team this year.

Congratulations to Macgregor Reid who made the Thuringowa football (soccer) team a few weeks ago. Macgregor will trial for the NQ team on 2 and 3 June in Ingham.

Congratulations to Jett Manning and Kaya Anapa who made the Thuringowa U11 Rugby League team.

Congratulations to the following students who made the Thuringowa Touch team last week; Riley McCarthy (this is his 3rd Thuringowa team this year), Tomas Chester (this is his 4th Thuringowa team this year) and Tareq Parter (this is his second Thuringowa team this year). Hannah Pearson, Sharni Rajan and Tiya Savage were selected for the Girls Thuringowa Touch Football team. Well done!

Emma Talbot—PE Teacher

Chaplaincy News

I would like to say “THANK YOU” to everyone who supported the “Chappy Week” celebration last Tuesday morning. The aroma of sizzling sausages was very enticing and the “Live FM” radio crew created an amazing atmosphere. Some awesome Kirwan students were featured in the “10 Second Talent” quest and others showed their skills in the “Radio Sportscaster” challenge. I was also very impressed by the participation in the “Chappy” Coin Trail,

“Chappy” was quickly filled. My winners of the “Chappy for a Day” competition did an outstanding job helping me to supervise the year 1 and 2 students at both breaks in the Chappy Room. I have two of my Chappies (Paula and Piamari from Prep A) pictured.

Trudy Godwin—Chaplain

Office Hours Strictly

8:00am – 3:30pm

Guidance Officer News

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – CHILDREN GROW WITH LOVE AND CARE

From the time they are born, children need to know they are loved, and that people will care for them. Healthy food, warm clothes and a home are very important to help children grow – but they are not enough in themselves. It is important to make ALL children feel SAFE and secure. This is a very important part of caring. All children need to be treated as individuals in their own right. We should respect their feelings and encourage children to talk about them. We need to be aware that the way they feel may be different to the way we feel. We also need to set good examples to children in our everyday lives. As they grow, children learn from adults how to behave.

Some Good Examples

- Adults who show respect for others and for children in their care have set sensible limits that are in line with the child’s age and stage of development.
- Talking with children and listening to their joy and problems is a good way to show children we care.
- Parents showing affection for each other provides a good lesson in living.
- Sharing our thoughts with our children makes them feel needed, but be cautious of exposing your school-aged children to your problems. They do not necessarily have the capacity nor resources to cope with another’s problems.
- All children love to have their say. Sharing meals at the table is a great way to encourage discussion. (Turn the T.V. off.)
- Supporting children in their chosen sport or activity shows we care.

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FREE DRESS DAY

THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOLDING A UNIFORM FREE DAY ON FRIDAY 31 MAY. ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO OUR MUSICAL “ANNIE”.

Please remember the dress code of Kirwan – no singlets, midriff tops, thongs or jewellery to be worn.

Thank you for supporting your School Council.

Trudy Godwin

Kirwan School Phone Number

At Riverway Civic Centre or Online.

Only 1 week to go!
FOOD FOR THOUGHT – WHO’S CHATTING TO YOUR KIDS?
The internet today contains many sites that are designed to encourage children and teenagers to communicate by messaging each other in real time. Many of these sites contain areas where children can post personal information about themselves including their name, age, location, photographs, and contact details. Please take some time to discuss these on-line safety tips with your children:

- Never give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school, even sporting events attended, or locations of extra-curricular activities.
- Ensure your screen name does not reveal personal information about you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Only allow your friends to view your personal blog and profile.
- Never send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- Don’t accept invitations to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- Never arrange for face-to-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand that predators ask personal questions and attempt to become friends quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person.

Teach children the 5 Rs:
REALISE – people you chat with may not be who they say they are, or what age/gender they give.
REFUSE – requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.
REVIEW – your contacts. It’s not “cool” to have contacts you don’t know.
RESPOND – quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program. Tell your parents or a trusted friend.
REPORT – any suspicious or dangerous on-line contact to the police.

(Adapted from Information provided by Queensland Police Service)

I am at school Monday, Tuesday and every second Wednesday. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child’s social, emotional or educational well-being, please feel free to contact the school and make a time to catch up. Cheers.

Maria Musumeci – Guidance Officer