29 October 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our enrolments for 2014 are certainly coming in thick and fast at the moment with 5 Prep classes already full and the very close possibility of a sixth one as well.

If you know of families in your vicinity who have children of Prep age who have not yet approached the school, please mention to them that we are in the process of taking enrolments NOW. Children MUST turn 5 before the end of June 2014 to be eligible for PREP. All Prep children must go through an interview process as part of our enrolment practices.

Teacher Transfers 2014

I would like to congratulate the following teachers on successful transfer applications for the 2014 school calendar year.

- Mrs Rachel Beattie has been transferred to Ironside State School in Brisbane.
- Mrs Clair Savage has been transferred to the Metropolitan Region (Brisbane). She is currently on maternity leave.

Mrs Beattie will be remembered for her work with film club at Kirwan State School – a very popular little lunch time group. She will be sorely missed by her students. Mrs Savage proved her remarkable versatility by teaching both year 7 and year 1 at Kirwan. I know that there are many families who will remember her with great fondness.

Incoming Teachers Include:

- Mr Jared Savage from South Coast Region;
- Miss Samantha Bateman from Goondiwindi State School;
- Miss Sarah Bowden from South East Region.

I have already spoken to these teachers in person and I am pleased to say they are all very keen to be a part of the Kirwan Community. I look forward to welcoming them next year.

I should point out that there will almost certainly be further transfers into Kirwan before the commencement of the school year. I will let you know about these as they are released.

Looking to the Future

This week, I am very privileged to be a special guest at the Kirwan State High’s Graduation and Awards evening. Given that more than 90% of our students make the choice to attend Kirwan State High, I am always very interested in their programs and offerings. Our links with Kirwan State High School have always been very strong and continue to be so. This year, we have been very fortunate to be able to offer special transition programs for our current Year 7s based on their level of interest and areas of special talent. We will continue to work closely with our high school colleagues into next year in particular when there will be TWO lots of seniors, to ensure that our students have every opportunity to experience the best transition on offer.

Until next week, kind regards

Melissa Jackson – Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Donna Cockrem

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A CHANCE AT BEING SUCCESSFUL?

What a Difference a Day Makes
• Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
• Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks
• Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 400 days
= 2 years of school!!

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AT KIRWAN STATE SCHOOL, EVERY CHILD MATTERS EVERY DAY!

GOTCHAS - Congratulations to the following students who received their 50 Gotchas!
Deisharyce Tapaitau 5D ----------------------- Alice Edgerton 2D
Kalara Jensen Prep A ------------------------- Demica Targett 5D
Shinae Bloye 5C ------------------------------ Vanessa Baker 7C
Amie Neil 7C ------------------------------- Mitchell Gander 7C
Amelia Armstrong Prep B ---------------------- Peyton Gunton Prep B
Juliane Gunney Prep B ------------------------- Heath Chapman Prep B
Elise Smith 2A ------------------------------- Emma Curtis Prep F
Zavier Dotta 1C ------------------------------ Oscar Thomas Prep F
Elliot Tarca Prep F --------------------------- Sophie Fitzgerald Prep B
Sophie Little 3C

A huge congratulations to Abigail Cains 5A and Jayden Ryder 5A who received their 100 Gotchas! These students have or will receive a certificate and a prize for their fantastic efforts on their respective assemblies.

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 Jiona Bruhn 3C Lync Gilmore
PrepB Dylan Allen 3D Hamari Nawara
PrepB Sophie Fitzgerald 4A Ethan Craig
PrepC Sienna Lloyd-Jones 4B Jacob Graham
PrepD Maddison Jones 4C Chloe Jacobsen-Tosh
PrepE Costo Porter 4C Emma Manning
PrepF Charliane Larsonus 4D/S Eavan Savannah Jackson
1A Harley Dainer 5B Tegan Norton
1B Mason Locke 5B Connor Price
1C Cooper Hovasapian 5C Heath Jones
1C Heath Harms-Gallagher 5C Ariq Rolfe
1D Bryan Mounder-Scott 5C Danielle Connolly
2A Jade Hurley 5D Trent Wessels
2B Zach Shaun 5D Demica Targett
2C Emily Young 6A Alex Norton
2D Cody Rigg 6B Keenan Nant
2E Shaun Clarke 7C Angi Haddow
3A Trae Chong 7C Dylan Holderness
3B Braiden Driscoll

P and C Pixies
♦ Disco tickets are currently on sale each morning before school in the shed.
♦ Working Bee – this will be held on Saturday 23/11/13 from 8am to help Clarrie install new irrigation. Please email pardc@kirwanss.eq.edu.au if you are able to assist. The P&C has donated approximately $4000 towards buying the irrigation equipment required.
♦ Christmas Hamper – we will be running a Christmas Hamper raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert and we would like donations of non-perishable items for this. Donations can be left at the office.
♦ Fundraising Committee meets every Tuesday at 2:00pm in the staffroom. If you would like to help please come along.
♦ FETE in 2014 – we will be holding a fete meeting on Tuesday 12/11/13 at 7pm in the staffroom. If you would like to be involved in organising a fete for next year please come along. The tentative date is Saturday 25/10/14.
♦ Second Hand Uniform Shop – opens every Wednesday morning in F Block from 8:15am – 8:45am. If you are leaving Kirwan at the end of the year please consider donating your uniforms to the shop.
♦ Our last general meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 19/11/13 at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Year 7 Parent Group
♦ Graduation Dinner/Dance & Yearbook – Payment is now due! Catering and Yearbook numbers will be finalised this week so be sure to have your money in so you don’t miss out. Please email Lindahl (lmsurgeon@bigpond.com) if you have any queries.
♦ Photos – If you have any photos of Year 7 students from throughout the year (ie. Sports day, camp, swimming carnival, etc) please send them in. We may be able to include some in the Yearbook!
♦ Our next meeting will be held this Friday 01 November, at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there!

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Book Fair - Next Week!!

The Fair will have all of the resources of Book Club and will be run for the week from 04 November to 08 November. The fair will be open in the Resource Centre from Monday to Friday during the following times:
8:00 – 8:45am (Monday to Friday)
1st & 2nd Breaks (Monday to Friday)
3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday till Thursday)

This fair will be full of fantastic Christmas reading gifts and stocking fillers. All purchases at this fair support our school Library.

Resource Centre Staff

When walking around the school grounds please use the designated pathways. This is part of our school’s Workplace Health and Safety Policy.

SafeST Committee Email Address
safety@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
A huge ‘congratulations’ to Holly Doran (6B) who has been selected to represent Queensland in the 10-12 years Track & Field team which will participate in the School Sport Australian Championships in Brisbane from 22-26 November. Wow! What an accomplishment! Good luck in Brisbane, Holly.

**Prep Enrolments - 2014**

Enrolment paperwork is available for collection from the office at which time an interview for you and your Prep child will be arranged.

**2014 Prep Year Reminders**

**Tuesday 08 November**  
Prep Come and Try Session  
9:30am – 10:30am

**Friday 06 December**  
Transition Day  
9:15am – 10:30am

**From & Chaplain**

In response to a High Court Challenge to the Federal Government funded Chaplaincy Programs in schools across the nation, please consider signing a SU Qld online Statement of Support. If you would like to show your support for chaplaincy in schools, the link is:  

**Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain**

**Halloween Disco**

The P&C will be holding a Halloween themed Disco on Thursday 31/10/13.

The Prep-Yard 3 from 4pm – 6pm and Year 4-7 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle from 5:30pm-6:30 outside the hall. Disco tickets are currently on sale every morning before school in the shed. The cost is $5 per ticket.

**ICAS Awards**

Students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year will receive their awards next Monday.

Students receiving participation awards will receive their certificate via the classroom teacher, and students receiving credits, distinctions or high distinctions will receive their certificate at the senior assembly. The following students will receive one or more certificates at this assembly.

- Michael Davison 4A
- Lachlan McCulloch 4B
- Stella Abbot 4D
- Leilani Quirke 5E
- Peirson Bogdanek 5B
- Caleb Mario 5C
- Madison Noseda 5C
- Tyler Caris 5C
- Kae Young 5E
- Zoe Royan 5E
- Connor Campbell 5E
- Christopher Reid 6A
- Holly Doran 6B
- Samara Southey 7B
- Jade Stanek 7B
- Macgregor Reid 7D

Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Trish McEvey – Head of Curriculum**

**Healthy Eating**

Children in the first years of school are busy and energetic, so they need nutritious lunches and snacks during the school day.

The Children, Youth and Women’s Health Service website from South Australia has wonderful ideas for school lunches – search for ‘A healthy lunch box’ on www.cyh.com.

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**Kirwan School**

**Music Information Night**

All new and continuing parents to attend.  
Wednesday 13 November – School Multi-purpose Hall – 7:00pm

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator