30 April 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

My sincerest thanks to the members of the school community who marched with Kirwan State School last week on ANZAC Day. It was truly wonderful to see such a great turn-out as part of our school community.

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY
Next week is STATE EDUCATION WEEK!!
As has been the practice at Kirwan State School for the last few years, 8 lucky students will have the opportunity to sit in the Principal’s chair for a session, write the newsletter, make an all call, visit classes, hand out gotchas and generally run the whole show. Children will be working on some very persuasive pieces of text in an effort to win this coveted prize!
I look forward to working with the “Principals” next week.

NAPLAN
I have listed a website below which has an absolute wealth of information for parents who are keen to find out more about the NAPLAN testing program.
Information on this website includes such things as:
- adjustments for students with a disability;
- exemptions from the test;
- example tests;
- information about the student reports and their content; and
- NAPLAN results.
I wish to stress that children will be very well prepared at Kirwan State School for their NAPLAN tests. This site is more about information for parents than lots of drills for kids.
If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher. The dates for NAPLAN are 14 – 16 May for Years 3, 5 and 7.

http://www.nap.edu.au/

ANNIE
Don’t miss out on a marvellous opportunity to see a quality live performance while at the same time supporting your school. Book your tickets at

www.ticketshop.com.au

Don’t forget the dates……4 and 5 June.
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who are currently spending so much time making costumes and props. We couldn’t do it without you!

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

50 GOTCHAS
Congratulations to Max Northeast 5A, and Grace Eustace 5A, who have received 50 Gotchus. These students have or will receive a certificate and a prize for their fantastic efforts on their respective assembly!

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 248, so please grab your tickets now!

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.

CROSS COUNTRY
Well done to the following students who completed their first cross country trial against other students from a number of schools. Great effort Brodi Currey, Madison Noseda, Zoe Royan, Riley Hielscher-Green, Flynn Currey and Caleb Currey.

Donna Cockrem – Acting Deputy Principal

Defence News

∙ Hello everyone. Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 7 May starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. Babies and toddlers are most welcome.
∙ A big thank you to the 58 students, their families and Kirwan State School staff for attending the Thuringowa ANZAC Day March last Thursday. There was much pride shown as the students waved their Australian flags as they marched along Thuringowa Drive to the Cenotaph, where a ceremony was held to honour the fallen. Students laid a wreath in memory of Australian and New Zealand soldiers. A special thanks to Emily Davis for keeping the water on ice for hydrating the Kirwan troops.
∙ See you all out and about.

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

Kirwan’s Achievers

Congratulations to the following students who were the proud winners of the Student of the Week award for their class recently.


Annie News

ATTENTION MUSICAL CAST REHEARSAL TIMES
Every Wednesday
Prep only rehearse 3:00-4:00pm,
Years 1-7 rehearse 3:00-5:00pm.

TICKETS
Our matinee shows will be sold out to other schools and senior members of the public wanting to see our great show. Please purchase your family tickets for the the evening performances at Riverway, Civic Theatre or online. Only 4 weeks to go!

SEWING BEE
We will be having a sewing bee at school next week to try and finish all of the musical costumes. If you have a sewing machine and can come along for a great morning of sewing, please call Tracey Rogers on 0427 724 756 before this Friday.

Term & Vacation Times For 2013 & 2014

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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

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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.

SafeST Committee Email Address
Safety@kirwan.qld.edu.au
For any safety concerns email:
Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

30 April…….. Indigenous Parent Group Meeting – 3:00pm Resource Centre
29 April – 3 May……………………………………………………………………Scholastic Book Fair
3 May……………….. Year 7 Parent Group Meeting – 2:00pm Resource Centre
7 May…………………… Defence Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room
6-10 May……………………………………………………………………… Mother’s Day Stall
10 May……………………………………………………………………….. Fun Run Money Due
14 May………………………………………………………………………. P&C Fundraising Meeting – 2:00pm Staff Room
14-16 May…………………………………………………………………… NAPLAN testing
21 May………………………………………………………………………… P&C General Meeting – 7:00pm Staffroom
04 – 05 June…………………………………………………………………… School Musical
19 July…………………………………………………………………………….. Athletics Carnival
1 August……………………………………………………………………………. NAIDOC Day

P&C Pieces

- Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 7pm in the staffroom.
- The Fundraising Committee will be selling lovely Mother’s Day cards next week alongside the craft stall (6-10 May). Cards are just $1.00 and are sure to go fast so get in quick!
- We are hoping to hold some new and exciting fundraising events this year and will be looking for your support. Things to watch out for are Picture Plates/Clocks, Family Movie Night (on the oval with a big screen), Family Bowling Night, Prep Tea Towels, Father’s Day Stall and Federal Election sausage sizzle in September. Your feedback and suggestions are most welcome so please let us know if you have any!
- The next fundraising meeting is on Tuesday 14 May at 2:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Tuckshop Talk

May 1 Sandra, Michelle (½ day), Rayleen
May 2 Leanne, Leah, Robert
May 3 Rayleen, Carley (½ day), Debbie
May 6 Jenni, Robert, Brett
May 7 Carley, Helen

* Please make sure you mark the correct class on your child’s bag.

Year 7 Parent Group

- Our Mother’s Day Craft Stall is sure to please with lovely gifts available for students to purchase from 6-10 May. Prices will range from $1.00 - $10.00.
- Senior Shirts are due to arrive in the next week or so. Please make sure you have paid in full so you can receive your shirt as soon as they arrive!
- Sports House Bandannas will be on sale later this term for $5 each ($8 for multi-supporter). Order forms will be sent home soon.
- Our next meeting will be held this Friday 3 May 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 will be selling in Week 4 of Term 2, 6-10 May in the Resource Centre. Prices will range from $1 to $10. Teachers will be notified of the times. We look forward to many excited and eager customers.

Indigenous News

- A reminder that our first Parent Group meeting for term 2 is being held in the Resource Centre today. Tuesday 30 April at 3:00pm.
- SAVE THE DATE - NAIDOC for Kirwan State School will be held on Thursday 1 August. If you can help out on the day, please contact Michelle in the indigenous room.
- EVERY DAY COUNTS – is your child at school today? Regular school attendance is extremely important. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- Homework Club is held every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Resource Centre from 2:50-3:30pm.

Strong, Smart & Deadly. EVERYDAY COUNTS AT KIRWAN!

Michelle Lowe – Community Officer

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.

ICAS Reminder – 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, Writing and Spelling. 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 and return. 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 3 May, 2013. For any further information, please contact our Head of Curriculum, Trish McEvey on 4799 1888.

Scholastic Book Fair

Kirwan Primary School is running a Scholastic Book Fair!!! The fair will have all of the resources of the Book Club and will run this week, from 29 April to 3 May. The fair will be open in the Resource Centre from Monday to Friday during the following times:

8:00 – 8:45am
1st and 2nd breaks
3:00 – 4:00pm (Tuesday – Thursday)

The book fair will close promptly at 12 noon on Friday 3 May.

EFTPOS facilities available.