05 February 2013

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

DAY 8
At this point in time, with Day 8 looming this Thursday 7 February, I DO NOT anticipate any changes to our current class set up. This is good news as it means that we can continue with a smooth, uninterrupted start to the year. As the administration team members and myself move around the school at the moment, classes are very settled and working beautifully. This has been a “text book” start to date!

DATES
It's that time of the year when calendars start filling up very quickly. There are some very important dates which I would like you to take note of:
- Student Leaders' Workshop - 13 February
- Meet the Teachers Barbecue - from 5:00-6:30pm Tuesday 19 February
- P&C Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 19 February from 7:00pm
- School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony - Monday 25 February at 9:00am
- School Photos will be held on two separate days this year – 16 and 24 April (More details on which classes on which days will follow soon.)
- Oral Reporting to parents will be held AFTER the Easter vacation as this is quite a short term (9 weeks).

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL
I have received reports of some potentially dangerous road habits particularly in the Overton Circuit area. Parents are reminded that they are obliged to follow the road rules regardless of which entrance or exit they use for their children. It is not acceptable to pull up in the middle of the road to let children out. Please take care around our school. All our children’s lives are precious.

The police will be patrolling regularly in all school zones.

SCHOOL RESOURCE SCHEME
You should receive an invoice from the school in the near future (if you have not already done so) for our School Resource Scheme and also for our LEM workbooks which we produce here at school.
- School Resource Scheme $40.00 per child
- LEM Workbook $5.00 per child

The funds which you provide to the school allow us to provide curriculum materials to all students which gives them access to high quality resources at Kirwan State School. It is our intention to give your child the VERY BEST we can.

We ask that you pay these amounts as soon as possible.
A huge thank you to the parents who have already paid these two fees.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION OFFICER
Among our many new staff is the temporary appointment of a Community Participation Officer. Mrs Michelle Lowe will be working each day from 8:15am until 10:15am. She can be found in the Meet and Greet area, the hall conference room or by contacting the office.

Until next week ... kind regards

Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal – Donna Cockrem

CYBERBULLYING
As you are aware, over the past years there has been an enormous growth in the use of mobile phone technology, social networking media and the use of the Internet by children for personal and educational uses. These technologies and social media have brought significant benefits to young Australians, but also expose them to a number of risks.

I'd ask all parents and guardians to monitor your child's internet usage. Common websites like facebook (which is legally permitted for use by 13 year olds and older ONLY), twitter, bebo, msn etc, may not be appropriate for your child. Awareness of what your child is accessing is very important.

Donna Cockrem – Acting Deputy Principal

Student Resource Scheme - $40 per student
The Student Resource Scheme will be operating at Kirwan this year. There is one form per family that will need to be completed and returned to the school by Friday 15 February. There is a section on the back of the form for card details. Please make sure all sections are filled in correctly as you will be receiving invoices for the amount owing.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Karen Finnigan. There will be extra forms available from the office.

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

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

1A Lachlan Arkell 3D Jett Dotta
1B Grace Saker 4A Ky Chong
1C Belle Stanek 4A Kody Allman
1D Zach Omar 4B Jazmin Corbet
1E Sarah Mitchell 4C Christine Connolly
2A Elise Smith 4D/SE Emily Funk
2B Kayla Hourn 5A Jayden Ryder
2C Sarah Rogers 5B Danielle Price
2D Taj May 5D Thomas White
2/3E Shane Smiley 6A Connor Dearden
3A Alex Price 6B Karam Melrose
3B Kayla Walker 6C/7D Ethan Targett
3C Niko Omar 7A William Hebe
3C Jake Thompson 7C Dean Zarate

School Hours
Hours of School:
All year levels: 8:00am to 2:50pm
Supervision commences at 8:15am in the Shed.
All students should be at school no later than 8:45am.

Sessions:
Morning Session: 8:00am – 10:50am
Middle Session: 11:30am – 1:30pm
Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 2:50pm

Classes are dismissed at 2:50pm.

OFFICE HOURS STRICTLY – 8:00am – 3:30pm

Medication at School
At times it is necessary for children to take medication during school hours. We are aware of this need and are willing to assist you in this situation. However, due to directives from Education Queensland, and in conjunction with current regulations, prescription medicine only can be administered by school staff and under doctor’s instructions. This means that all medication must come to school in a container, which is clearly labelled by the pharmacist with the child’s name, dosage and instructions for dispensing, together with the doctor’s name. If the medication is not prescribed by a medical practitioner, we are unable to administer this during school hours to him/her. Parents are very welcome to come along to the school and administer the medication at the appointed time, or alternatively, seek medical advice from their doctor re a prescription for the required medication. We appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS MEDICATION HERE AT SCHOOL (eg. ventolin puffer) AND YOU HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A NEW MEDICATION FORM FOR 2013, PLEASE CALL INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO DO SO. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

P&C AGM/Election of Officers & General Meeting
Tuesday 19 February
7:00pm in the staffroom

Gentle Reminder
Please pay your school supplied resources from your book lists as soon as possible:
- Prep – LEM Phonics/ Numeracy Book – $5.00
- Year 1 – 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

Interschool Swimming Trials for 8-13 year olds
Tuesday 19 February 7:00am – 8:00am
Due to the success of our morning swimming trials in 2012, we will be using the same format to select our school swim team for 2013. We will hold a trial morning at the Kirwan Aquatic Pool on Tuesday 19 February from 7am to 8am for 8-13 year olds only. If your child wishes to trial for possible selection in the school swimming team, they must attend this morning trial. If selected for the team they will be competing at the interschool swimming carnival to be held on Tuesday 19 March at Long Tan Pool.

All students will be trialling for 25m Freestyle events only. Some students will also be selected for the relay team.

Students wishing to trial for the interschool swimming team will need to complete a nomination and medical form and return them to the office by Friday 15 February.

Parents are most welcome to attend and will need to arrange to take children to and from the pool on the morning of the trials. The cost will be pool entry only of $2.50, to be paid at the front desk as you enter the pool.

Letters will be coming home this week for you to sign and nominate your child/ren.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

“Fun Novelty” Swimming Carnival
All students from Years 3-7 will be invited to attend our annual school ‘Fun Novelty’ swimming carnival on Wednesday 6 March. Information about this event will come home soon.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Attention Year 6 and 7 Students and Parents
There have been some changes to our year 6 and 7 sport program for 2013. In an effort to promote North Queensland sports, Kirwan students will be exposed to a variety of sports which have Thuringowa trials early in 2013. Kirwan will also attend Netball, AFL, Rugby League and Soccer gala days throughout the year to give experience in various competitions.

Changes to sport program in 2013:
- Year 6 and 7 students all play sport on a Friday afternoon 2pm – 2:50pm.
- Students will be split up into 5 groups.
- Round 1 will run for 5 weeks; students will play each sport once over that 5 week round.
- Sports being played in round 1 are Hockey, Basketball, AFL, Rugby League and Netball.
- Sport started last week.

The main goals of this new format are to:
- Expose all year 6 and 7 students to all sports (skills/games) that are being trialled at district level in Semester 1
- Identify and nominate those students with a talent and interest in these 5 sports for district trials (Thuringowa trials) in Term 1.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

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
For any safety concerns email: safety@kirwan.qld.edu.au
From The Acting Business Services Manager

- ATTENTION PARENTS/CARRERS AND STUDENTS
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- PAYMENTS
Payments are to go directly into the box that is located in the Business Services Manager’s office (via the barred window). Please use correct change and place your money in an envelope with your child’s name and class written clearly on the front of the envelope. EFTPOS payments are to be made at the front office.

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
If you wish your child to be exempt from Religious Education classes, you will need to advise your child’s teacher in writing as soon as possible. Thank you.

- PARKING
Unless you are a Kirwan State School staff member, please do not use the school grounds to park in. The car park will be monitored daily. Do not use the Admin Keyhole for collecting students.

EMERGENCIES
If there is a cyclone threat please listen to your local radio station for information on school cancellation or closure.

SAFETY ISSUES
If you have any safety issues, please contact Melissa Jackson, Principal.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS
If you need to collect your child/ren from school early, you must do so via the school office and sign your child out. Students are not to be collected early from the classrooms. This applies to all year levels – PREP to YEAR 7!

ACCEPTABLE DRESS STANDARDS
Tights, slide-on shoes, singlets as outer garments and 2-piece (bare midriff) outfits are considered unsuitable due to safety and health reasons and should not be worn. Nail polish, lipstick and coloured lip gloss are not part of the accepted dress code for students. A sun-smart hat with a broad brim or a legionnaire style cap (no visors) should be worn.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL
Please ensure you remind your children in the morning as to student collection arrangements after school. You would be amazed by the number of phone calls taken daily regarding after-school student arrangements. This creates classroom interruptions as well as putting enormous pressure on the office staff. If there are to be different arrangements after school, which are beyond your control, please email admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.

Karen Finnigan – Acting Business Services Manager

Kirwan Keepers

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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.

Kirwan’s email address: admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au
Kirwan School Phone Number - 4799.1888

Music Corner

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
All music contracts should have been returned to the music block by now. If you know you have been accepted into the instrumental program but are not sure if you have handed in your music contract, please email Sharon Ransom on srans3@eq.edu.au. All communication will be delivered via instrumental group email with reminders in Kirnnews throughout the year. Email will be the best way to communicate with Mrs Ransom and any of the instrumental teachers. A list of email addresses will be in your first e-newsletter in a few weeks.

OUR SCHOOL MUSICAL ANNIE
The musical acceptance letter needs to be returned and the fees paid before the first rehearsal on Wednesday 13 February.

MUSICAL TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Musical tickets are now on sale from the Civic Theatre!

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator

Our 201 Musical Annie

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From the Chaplain

WELCOME
Welcome to all the new students and their families! I look forward to meeting you around the school. My role involves providing pastoral care for students and staff. I am employed 4 days per week by Scripture Union Queensland and funded by community donations, and the Federal Government’s National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. I provide support and a listening ear to students who are upset or who have a problem.

Much of my time is spent building relationships. You might see me in the “Meet and Greet” time before school, playing games at lunch times, or providing classroom support. I also run a lunchtime program called “Jaffa Club.” Parents may contact me via the school office.

JAFFA CLUB – (Years 4-7) Wednesdays 1st break – Multi-Purpose Hall
Jaffa club will commence again on Wednesday 13 February. Jaffa club is Christian-based and is part of Scripture Union’s network of ‘Supa Clubs’ that meet in primary schools throughout Australia. ‘Jaffa’ stands for Jesus a Friend for All. Activities include games, stories, songs and drama.

Trudy Godwin – School Chaplain

Tuckshop Talk

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*PLEASE NOTE - There is no Vanilla Malt Milk - this item is not on the Tuckshop Menu for 2013.*

Defence News

Hi everyone! Our first Parent Chat Group for the year will be on Tuesday 12 February starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room. If you are new to the area, please come in and say “Hi!” We would love to meet you. Babies and toddlers are most welcome. If you have any school or defence-related matters, please don’t hesitate to come in and see us or phone us here at school. See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh - DSTAs

Year 7 News

- There is a Year 7 Parent Meeting this Friday 08 February at 2:00pm in the Library.
- The students have been sized for their senior shirts. Notes will be going home in the next day or so. Payment will be due by Friday 22 February.

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