06 August 2013

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

SAFETY COMING TO SCHOOL
This week we will be talking to all children on assembly about safe behaviour on the way to school and on the way home. This includes knowing the “safe places” between school and home where you can go if you feel in danger or threatened by anyone AND not accepting lifts from strangers.

YEAR 7 INTO HIGH SCHOOL
Please note that the advertised session on 04 September for parents of current Year 5 and 6 students who will be going into high school in 2015, will now be held at Kirwan State High School.

Details of this session are:
Time: 7:00pm until 9:00pm
Venue: Kirwan State High School Performing Arts Block
As promised, I will continue to forward the questions which are emailed through to the administration team at the high school so that they can answer common questions quickly. Thank you to those people who have already emailed questions through to admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.

PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS
Don’t miss out on our first Prep information session day which will be held on Wednesday 28 August.

There will be two sessions offered: 9:30am and 6:00pm, in the Resource Centre at school. These sessions offer a snapshot of Prep at Kirwan State School, question time and booking for Prep Interviews which is an integral part of the enrolment process. Another information session will be offered in October – date to be advised – so watch our newsletter, school sign and website for further information in Term 4.

The first of our Prep Come and Try Days will be held on Thursday 19 September. This is an opportunity to meet the prep teachers and bring your precious little one along for a morning session in a Prep class at BIG SCHOOL – how exciting!!

A CULTURAL FEAST OF A WEEK!
Last week was certainly a week of fun, frivolity and diverse cultural awareness. We enjoyed some amazing reading lessons with our own Author in Residence, Boori Pryor. We were thrilled to watch the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers from Kirwan State High School who then went on to conduct fun filled workshops with many of our students AND, to cap it off, we welcomed once again, students from the Kokugakuin School in Japan who thoroughly enjoyed trying Vegemite and Pavlova, playing an aboriginal game called Idda and helping our Year 7 students with the intricacies of Origami. WOW. What a week!

CYBER BULLYING
On Monday 16 September, Cyber Smart Outreach will be conducting a parent workshop at Kirwan State School in the Resource Centre at 5:30pm.

The program will cover topics such as
• the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies;
• potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content; and
• tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is open to all parents and caregivers of children at Kirwan State School and it is free. Please take this valuable opportunity to learn more about this increasingly complex area of our lives.

Children from Years 4 – 7 will receive an hour long presentation on being cyber safe on Wednesday 18 September and staff will also receive information at a staff meeting from the Cyber Smart team.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
From the Deputy Principal - Donna Cockrem

**KIRWAN DANCE PROGRAM**

“Creative”... “A must for all kids”... “A wonderful program”... “Enjoyed by all”, some of the comments made by parents and students about this fantastic program.

Kirwan State Primary School students will once again be participating in the Kirwan Dance Program this year. Students from Prep to Year 7 will be involved in a number of workshops throughout Term 3 and 4. All classes participate in this program. Workshops will be given for some classes in Week 7 of Term 3 with the program continuing into Term 4 and culminating in class performances at the Carols by Candlelight evening on Monday 9 December. This promises to be a great learning experience and a wonderful opportunity for your child to shine on stage.

The Kirwan Dance Program enriches our curriculum programs in The Arts Key Learning Area. Each workshop is specifically designed for each of the target age groups (from Prep to Year 7) with the Year 1-10 The Arts Syllabus Learning Outcomes in mind. Workshops this year will be conducted by our very own Mrs Nicole Brodie, a dancer and dance teacher. Classroom teachers will work with Mrs Brodie and students on all sessions.

Each workshop begins with a warm-up and then moves into a series of task-based activities designed to enable students to explore their own creativity. Students will develop a range of skills including observation, problem-solving, coordination and rhythm with beneficial by-products such as confidence, self-esteem, social integration and team-work. There is NO cost to this program.

Save the date: Be sure to mark 09 December on your calendar to attend this wonderful event.

**OKUGAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL VISIT**

Last Thursday, Kirwan played host to 24 students and 3 staff from the Okugakui private high school in Tokyo, Japan. They took part in 3 activities during the morning – the first activity was a taste test of Aussie foods (Vegemite and Anzac biscuits). They loved the sweets but were not taken with the Vegemite.

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The second activity was origami with Ms Secher and Mrs Samson and the third involved ‘Idda’ (Aboriginal games) on the oval run by Mrs Brodie. Our students had to apply for the position of school buddy, in writing. Without exception, our buddies were great ambassadors. The Japanese staff commented on how honest, friendly and respectful they were. We also have received accolades from the group saying this school had the best organisation of the morning of any they have attended in the last four years.

We were proud to have presented such a morning for them and the experience that our students gained out of the day will be remembered by them for many years to come. I am so proud of our students.

**GOTCHAS** - Congratulations to the following students who received their Gotchas!

Lara McGlynn Prep C
Chloe Marshall 3D
Unika Omar 3C
Layla Perfect 2C
Daniel Craigie Prep C
Paula Doherty Prep A
Tshanu Steen 2C
James Sheehan 7C
Mason Winter 5A
Chelsea Firth 5A
Kyle Whitten 5A

A huge congratulations to Grace Eustace - 5A who has received 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

From the HPE Department - Patricia Winter

**A BIG WELL DONE** to our students. I have visited many junior school classrooms this week and have seen lots of students working really hard and listening carefully to their teachers. It is great to see our learners striving to excel by being Respectful, Safe and Responsible.

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Have a great week.

Patricia Winter – 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.

**Prep A**

- Shanay Cox 4A
- Brodi Curry

**Prep B**

- Chase Nolan 4A
- Harley Taylor

**Prep C**

- Madison Pickering 4B
- Liam Watson

**Prep D**

- Madison Salt 4B
- Paige Hopkins

**Prep E**

- Tielah Longford 4C
- Zane Prince

**Prep F**

- Chelsea Mackay 4D/5E
- Stella Abbott

1A

- Matilda Jarvis 5B
- Jayson Eves

1B

- Mason Locke 5C
- Heath Jones

1C

- Alexander Plant 5C
- Andrew Talbot

1D

- Cloe Manning 5D
- Deisharcy Tapaitau

1E

- Sarah Mitchell 6A
- Tysun Stankovich

2A

- Nathanael Nicol 6B
- Chloe Reevell

2B

- Kyah Kent 6B
- Joseph Lawag

2C

- Kaelleigh Boyce 6C/7D
- Keely Tapena

2D

- Level 1 Swimming Group 6C/7D
- Willow Simmons

2E

- Dakota Aleo 7A
- Chelsea Steele

3A

- Olivia Williams 7A
- Zara Bell

3B

- Alisha Spratt 7A
- Jan Hemken

3C

- Cimarla Reilly 7A
- Mitchell Hutchins-Norton

3D

- Cameron Smith 7B
- Mikayla Roberts

**KIRWANS KEEPERS**

07 August......................Athletics Champions Day
09 August......................Year 7 Parent Group Meeting - 2:00pm Resource Centre
11 August......................Defence Parent Chat Group - 2:00pm Defence Room
20 August......................Next P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom
21 August......................Prep Information Session Day (1st session)
30 August......................Interschool Athletics
01 September....................Father’s Day Bowling Breakfast @ Kirwan Ten Pin
07 September......................Election Day Sausage Sizzle
16 September.....................Cyber Smart Parent Info - 5:30pm Resource Centre
18 September....................Cyber Smart Student Presentation – Years 4 - 7
19 September.....................First Prep Come and Try Day
20 September.....................Last day of Term 3
08 October......................First day of Term 4
09 September..................Kirwan’s Carols by Candlelight

**CHAMPIONS DAY**

All information for Champions Day has gone home to students so if your child is involved you should have received a note.

The program for Champions Field Events Day (Wednesday 07 August) is as follows:

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Kirwan's email address: admin@kirwans.eq.edu.au

Year 7 Parent Group

- Our next meeting will be this Friday 09 August at 2:00pm in the Resource Centre. We hope to see you there!

P&C Pieces

Next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

P&C Fundraising News

Father’s Day Bowling Breakfast – This will be held on Sunday 01 September at Kirwan Tenpin Bowling on Bamford Lane. The function is from 8:00am–10:00am and includes a cooked breakfast and unlimited bowling for 2 hours. Cost is $20.00 per person. Bring Dad along for a morning of family fun. Tickets will be available to purchase prior to the event and further details will be in next week’s Kirwnews.

Father’s Day Stall – This will be held in the last week of August with loads of gifts for sale for Dad and Grandad; details of stall times to be advised. Please email Melanie on launchintolearning@hotmail.com if you are able to help with the stall.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle – the election date has been set for Saturday 7 September and the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day and will be looking for volunteers to help. Please email pandc@kirwans.eq.edu.au with times you might be able to work on the stall.

Keepsake Tea Towels for Prep Students - The P&C Fundraising Committee will be offering this wonderful souvenir fundraiser to all our Prep students. At just $12 each, you can remember your child’s early school years forever! Each child will draw a picture of themselves with their name. These drawings will be grouped into classes and included in a tea towel design with our school logo and year 2013. Simply complete the order form your child brings home this week and place with payment in the P&C box in the office no later than Friday 30 August. As the drawings will be done at school, your class teacher may like some assistance, so please ask if there is any way you can help.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

Indigenous News

NAIDOC celebrations – A huge thank you goes out to Leanne Blad, Kate Wallis, Mrs Julie Thaiday, Jayden Fisher, Samara Luta and all the boys from the Kirwan High Indigenous dance groups. Our NAIDOC celebration was a huge success and we couldn’t have done it without you.

Michelle Lowe – Community Participation Officer

Music Corner

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Big changes are happening across the region to ensure a standard of excellence is achieved and maintained. Therefore, we have altered our recruiting criteria, recruiting process and expectations of instrumental music students for 2014.

To achieve a position in our Instrumental Music Program, the process is as follows:

- Expression of Interest letters will be going out in the next few weeks to students who have a desire to excel with a musical instrument in years 2–6.
- Interested students will be tested before the end of Term 3, 2013.
- Acceptance letters will be handed out at the beginning of Term 4, 2013.
- All new parents are expected to attend a music information night in Term 4 on Wednesday 13 November at 7:00pm. Parents and students will sign their music contract, hiring agreements (if applicable) and receive equipment lists at this meeting. Students will lose their place in the program if this meeting is not attended.

For current instrumental students to stay in the program, the process will be as follows:

- Continuation forms will go out to all current Instrumental Students Term 3, 2013.
- All continuing parents are expected to attend a music information night in Term 4 (date TBA). Parents and students will sign their music contract, hiring agreements (if applicable) and receive equipment lists at this meeting. Students will lose their place in the program if this meeting is not attended.
- Instrumental Teachers will be sending home letters of concern if students are not progressing at the expected rate.

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher / Instrumental Co-ordinator

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Years 2 and 3 Swimming Lessons

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Please remember to send along with your child all of the swimming requirements on their swimming day as the office staff will NOT be able to phone if any items are forgotten.

Emma Talbot – HPE Teacher

Tuckshop Talk

- THERE IS NO VANILLA MALT MILK ON THE MENU.
- When ordering for both breaks please use two paper bags – one for each break.
- When giving your child money to spend at tuckshop please enforce that they are to buy for themselves only. It saves arguments.

Annie Photo CD Order

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