



# KIRNEWS

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

*I see Kirwan State School as a very successful team. As you probably already know, I very much value teams and the power of groups of motivated people who work together for common goals. Our school is a successful team because we:*

- *Focus on results – our various teams within the school concentrate on getting results in our areas of responsibility. Our teachers focus on the learning results for each and every child in their care. This isn't always easy and we challenge each other to get these results.*
- *We focus on what's best for our school and students - we have a common vision.*
- *Our school staff bring experience, motivation, life skills and enthusiasm – every day.*
- *We value diversity – within our school staff, parent community and the students we teach every day.*
- *We invest in our school community – teachers, students, parents, all school staff.*

*Like the Cowboys (of this year anyway) we will continue to challenge each student to build on their learning every day, right to the final siren. I encourage all parents to support your team – Kirwan SS that is...*

### 5 Questions for Students

*When your child comes home from school try asking these questions. We do....*

1. *What are you learning? (Focus on one learning area – English is a good one.)*
2. *How are you going?*
3. *How do you know?*
4. *How can you improve?*
5. *Where can you go for help?*

### Success on the Field

*Rugby Union Gala Day – last week I went along with Mr Hunt and 34 students to the Rugby Union Gala day at Hugh Street. It was a well-run, enjoyable day. Our players won games and lost games. All players had a fantastic Rugby Union experience.*

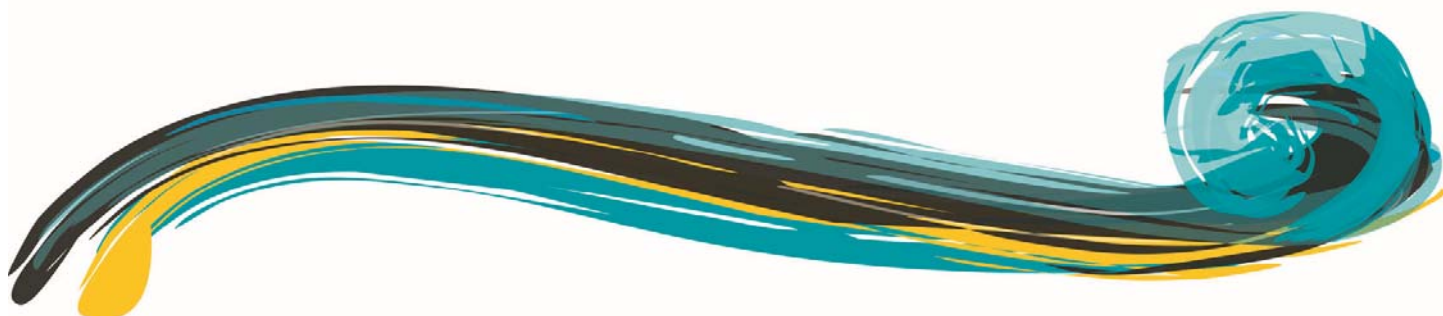
*AFL Gala Day – On Thursday last week we had 66 girls and boys attend an AFL Gala Day. It was also very well run and enjoyed by all. Our Girls A Team won the final and our Boys A Team were defeated in the final. We looked great, played well and a successful day was had by all.*

*ARL Development Cup – Our senior league team defeated Heatley last week. This Tuesday we play Marian School in the quarter finals. Kick-off is at 6:40 tonight (Tuesday) at Brothers. Should be a great game.*

Yours in Education...

John Kratzmann

Acting Principal



## From the Deputy Principal – Tony Woodhouse

### Playgrounds – Before and After School



We would like to remind parents and students (including younger siblings) that all adventure playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. We appreciate your support.

### Walking to school

Last week I had a concerned parent from another school see me about how some of our students are crossing the road before and after school around Lomond Street and Greenwood Drive. Last week, a student ran out on the road in front of a truck which resulted in a very near miss (with the student being oblivious to what occurred). The father also mentioned that some of our older students have been walking to school on the road rather than the footpath and encouraging younger siblings to 'hurry up', which has resulted in students forgetting road safety rules as they dash across a road to catch up.

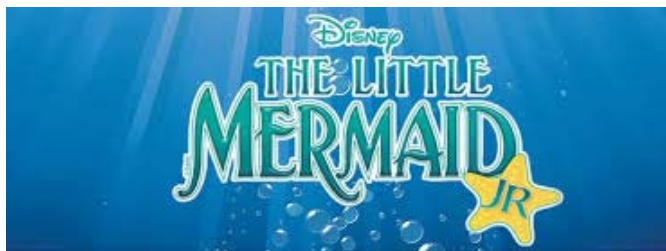


We want everyone to be safe so please speak to your child about road safety.

### Up-to-Date Information

Our staff have to contact parents for various reasons, however occasionally we phone numbers which are no longer in service. If you have changed any of your details (including email addresses or changed your work number), please let the office know ASAP.

### The Little Mermaid



Tickets to the Little Mermaid are selling well and the show is looking and sounding fantastic. If you haven't yet booked your ticket, you can purchase them through the box office at the Civic Theatre (where you can also use your free ticket voucher), online or on the phone.

*Tony Woodhouse – 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	Jhubin Robertson	3A	Zakk Giezendanner
PrepB	Jake Price	3B	Emily Yule
PrepC	Khali Watts	3B	Jackson Hammelswang
PrepD	Adrienne Horton	3C	Glenn Wescombe
PrepD	Isabella Graham	3C	Isabella Gibson
PrepE	Lilly Hoggan	3E	Aaliyah Hipworth
1B	Holly Richards	3E	Lucy-Anne Williams (Thomas)
1C	Ella Savage	4D	Jackson Ross
1D	Giavana Wallis-Hage	5A	Juliarna Saltner
1E	Kobi Ferguson	5B	Sienna Wallis-Hage
2A	Kalara Jensen	5B	Ameya Ransom
2B	Logan Burow	5C	Amelia Kugler
2B	Hannah Davis	5D	Zachary Harrod
2C	Lane-James Hoffman	6C	Lilly-May Voysey
2D	Jack Wiese	6C	Georgia Tickle
2E	Kymani Mollard	6C	Owen Szymanski
2F	Teliah Langford		

### Kirwan Community Adult Choir

We are starting a Kirwan Community Adult Choir exclusive to our Kirwan teachers, parents and caregivers. It will start in Term 3 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. If you are interested in being a part of our Kirwan Community Adult Choir please email [srans3@eq.edu.au](mailto:srans3@eq.edu.au).



## Gold Coast Suns AFL Cup 2015

Last week I was proud to take 5 teams of girls and boys to compete in the AFL Gold Coast Suns Cup. We had 3 boys teams and 2 girls teams totalling nearly 70 Kirwan students.

The Yellow and Black boys teams were development teams and the Black team made it through to the quarter finals but were defeated. The boys in the Yellow team all had fun with their mates and learnt some new skills. The top boys team, Kirwan Teal, captained by Jack Murdoch and Tylor Winnett progressed to the Grand Final. They lost to St Anthony's in this match, however won 4 from 5 matches and all played to the best of their ability and had a great day with their mates. An interesting fact about this team is it had all 4 boy house captains (Jahmai, Jack, Tylor and Hayden) and both boy school captains (Harley and Luke). Very special. Well done boys!

The 2 girls teams who competed also played very well. Kirwan Blue got all the way to the Grand Final and won by a significant margin of 43 - 3 against Annandale. This team was outstanding and won all games by a large margin. They will go on to play the winner of the Cairns region. If they are successful in this game they will then fly to the Gold Coast for state finals. Stella Abbott was the stand out player in this team, however all 11 girls showed improvement and great skill in all games. Congratulations girls... more training to come!!

Thank you to my team of coaches, Mr Savage, Ms Hameon and Mr Elton who helped make the day so successful. Without their help we would not have taken so many students, so I am sure the children appreciate it too.

Thanks to all the supportive parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, sisters and brothers who also came out to support the teams on the day. It was a lovely feeling of community.

Stay tuned for more about the girls next game!



Yours in Sport...

*Emma Talbot – PE Teacher*

## Swimming News for 2015

As part of our Physical Education program, Year 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to be involved in a Learn to Swim program to be run by professional swimming coaches from **Glenn Buchanan Swim School**. The children will be assessed at their first lesson and placed into groups according to their swimming ability. The program will consist of water safety, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke activities, depending on the students' ability level. Classes will begin Term 3 Week 2 and conclude Term 3 Week 9.

There will be a cost of \$45 which will need to be paid before your child attends swimming lessons. An invoice will be sent home before the end of this term.



### You are invited to our End of Semester Music Concert

Friday 12 June @ 2:00pm  
in the Multi-Purpose Hall

#### Musical

**JUST 3 WEEKS TO GO!**

All families received one free adult ticket with their Kirnews recently to make it very easy to take every Kirwan Student along to see this great event!

## P&C Pieces

### Next P&C Meeting

- Our final P&C meeting for this term will be held on **Tuesday 16 June** at 7:00pm in the staffroom. All new members are welcome. See you there! ☺

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is **OPEN** every Wednesday from 8:15am-8:45am in H Block selling second-hand uniforms. We are in need of more second-hand uniforms so if you have some spare, please consider donating them to the school. Please be advised that we are unable to swap uniforms or sell uniforms on your behalf.

Polo shirts, skirts & skorts – all \$5 each  
Check dresses and shirts – all \$10 each

**Sports Day Bandannas – Get in Early** – Purchase your sports day bandanna in your team colours from the Uniform Shop.

**Border = Green; Freeman = Red; Perkins = Blue; Wilson = Yellow**  
Embroidered with your team name - \$5 each.

**Hats** – The uniform shop is selling new reversible hats in the four house colours for \$12 each.

*Katrina Jeffery – P&C Secretary*

## Musical – The Little Mermaid



### Foam Wig Holders Wanted

We are looking for 10 foam wig holders. If anyone has any to loan or donate please bring them to the music block.

### Musical Rehearsals

All cast members including all Prep students, have rehearsal every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00pm-4:30pm in the hall.

### Lead Role Rehearsals with Mrs Ransom

1<sup>st</sup> Break - (not Mon) Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Break – Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs, Fri – Scene 11-20

Kind regards...

*Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher*

**MUSICAL TICKETS  
ON SALE NOW!!**

## Senior Shirt

If you pre-ordered a senior shirt for your child/ren, they are now ready for payment and collection. Please put \$36/shirt in an envelope with your child's name and details clearly marked and bring it to the payment window as soon as possible to collect the shirt/s. Thank you.

## Tuckshop Talk

Jun 03 Carol, Sandra, Michelle (½ day)  
Jun 04 Leah, Leanne, Emma (½ day)  
Jun 05 Belinda, Jo  
Jun 01 Leanne, Brett  
Jun 02 Fiona

- Please note: Check menu for pricing. Items will be substituted.
- We do not accept foreign currency.
- Frozen Slushies available Friday afternoon until 3:00pm – 50 cents.

## Defence News

- Our next Parent Chat Group will be on Tuesday 16 June starting at 2:00pm in the Defence Room.
- If you have any school or defence related matters please come in and see us or leave a message for us at the office.
- See you all out and about.

*Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs*

## Term & Vacation Times for 2015 & 2016

2015	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	27 Jan – 02 Apr	03 Apr – 19 Apr
Term 2	20 Apr – 26 June	27 June – 12 July
Term 3	13 July – 18 Sept	19 Sept – 05 Oct
Term 4	06 Oct – 11 Dec	12 Dec – 24 Jan 2016
2016	Term Dates	Vacation Dates
Term 1	25 Jan – 24 Mar	25 Mar – 10 Apr
Term 2	11 Apr – 24 June	25 June – 10 July
Term 3	11 July – 16 Sept	17 Sept – 03 Oct
Term 4	04 Oct – 09 Dec	10 Dec – 22 Jan 2017

## Kirwan keepers



12 June ..... End of Semester Music Concert – 2:00pm in the Hall  
16 June ..... Defence Parent Chat Group – 2:00pm Defence Room  
16 June ..... March Past Practice & 800m  
16 June ..... P&C Meeting – 7:00pm in the Staffroom  
17 June ..... Athletics Day  
23 & 24 June ..... School Musical "The Little Mermaid"  
26 June ..... Last Day of Term 2  
13 July ..... First Day of Term 3  
17 July ..... Champions Day  
14 August ..... Interschool Athletics (Red Track)