Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next week I invite the entire school community to support one of our Year 4 students, Alice Edgerton, as she “shaves for a cure”. We will NOT have Monday assembly next week - instead we will have a whole school assembly in the hall on Wednesday afternoon commencing at 2:00pm. All are very welcome to attend to help support the Leukaemia Foundation.

I should point out that our very own Mr Alan Hunt will also be shaving (his beard) at this event. Come and find out exactly what Mr Hunt looks like under the fuzz!!!

YEAR 6 PARENT MEETING
Don’t forget our parent meeting this Thursday 5 March in the staffroom at 2:00pm. We will be finalising venues for the graduation ceremony and having a sneak peek at the Year 6 Senior Shirt. All parents and caregivers of Year 6 students are very welcome to attend.

HAPPY CAMPERS
The news from Tallebudgera is very positive with our Year 6 students and teachers arriving safe and well. With a fun-packed week including tobogganing, surfing, national park walk, Seaworld etc., I know there will be some scintillating stories to tell upon their return.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD
By now, all students in Years 1 – 6 have finished their first unit of work with writing being our key focus for this year. Please take some time to sit down with your child and have a conversation about their writing so far. Ask them a few questions:

- What have you been learning so far this year?
- How are you going with it?
- How do you know?
- What can you do to get better?
- Where can you go for help?

With parent teacher interviews only a few short weeks away, there should be NO SURPRISES for you or your child. Your child should be very clear about where they are against the standard for their year level; they should be able to articulate why and what they can do to improve.

Until next week ... kind regards
Melissa Jackson
Principal
SCHOOL LEADERS’ INDUCTION
Last Tuesday our School Leaders received their badges at our School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony. Kirwan celebrates leadership opportunities for students at a range of levels. We present our leadership teams.

Our school captains – Luke Bolton, Harley Taylor, Emily Funk and Savannah Jackson

Sports Captains – Hayden, Sammi, Emma, Jack, Lauren, Jahmai, Tyler and Emily

Student Council Representatives from Years 4-7

Helpmates – our Junior School Leaders

Music Captains Jazmin and Callum with Mrs Jackson

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 Jack Hipworth 2F Nathan Stewart
PrepB Makayla Peterson 3A Bethany Simpson
PrepC Baylee Love 3B Emily Yule
PrepD Lachlan Johansson 3C Jayden Parker
PrepE Zaphira Fisher 3C Bryan Maundre-Scott
1A Jackson Steel 3D Tianwa Lenoy
1B Karter Clayton 3E Makayla Armstrong
1C Noah Wilesmith 3F/4E Jacob Wood
1C Lockie Cook 3F/4E Sarah Mitchell
1D Lucas Rehbein 4B Lincoln Cowan
1E Mileah Dotta 4B Keleigh Boyce
2A Summar Parker 4B Bridie Allen
2B Amy Edgerton 4C Tshana Steen
2C Crystal Darr 4D Morgan Cameron
2D Abby Collins 4D Shonaleigh Logan
2D Emma Curtis 5B Tyler Andersen
2E Mareikura Hills-Amory 5B Sharla Andersen

QSCHOOLS APP
Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all Queensland state schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department’s preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school’s and the department’s social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

Important alerts
Receive real-time notifications about state school closures and natural disasters.

News, events and newsletters
Access the latest information from your school.

Tuckshop and uniform shop information
Easily access your school’s tuckshop menu and uniform shop information. Please note this is only available for schools that have activated the feature.

School search
Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

School details
View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.

Departmental social media
Learn more about state-wide initiatives, projects and events through the department’s integrated Facebook and Twitter feeds and YouTube channel ‘DETE TV’.

The QSchools App can be found at:
- QSchools Version 2.1 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
- QSchools Version 2.0 for Windows 8.0, Windows 8.1 and Windows phone 8 are available from the Windows Store and Windows Phone Store.

World’s Greatest Shave Update
Nine days till Mr Hunt will say goodbye to his beard! We are about $50 short of the $2000 target! On Wednesday and Thursday this week between 2:30pm and 3:00pm we will be selling tickets under the tree at the front gate. Raffle tickets are $2 per ticket or $5 for 3 tickets. A list of prizes is on the Shed wall (next to Icy Cup sign). Also we will have the last of our soft toys for sale.

This Friday will be the last day for Icy Cup sales.
Thank you for your support...

Alice, Amy & Rosanne

Icy Cups for Sale
On Friday after school Alice & Amy will be selling icy cups in the Shed. This is a fundraiser for the World’s Greatest Shave. Icy Cups are 50 cents each.
Our P&C Has an Important Job To Do and We Would Love You To Be A Part Of It

P&Cs are an essential part of the school. P&C volunteers are dedicated parents and community members who want to contribute to the management and improvement of their school. The Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is managed by an executive committee which, with other P&C members, works closely with the school principal for the benefit of the students at the school.

What do P&Cs do?
- Consult on school policy decisions
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Manage tuckshops and uniform shops
- Assist with school functions
- Manage outside school hours care
- Plan events and fundraising activities
- Apply for grants

P&C membership is free and you can choose whether to attend the regular meetings. Even if you are not able to attend meetings, being a P&C member is a great way to learn what’s happening at the school and to have your say.

Children do better when parents are involved.
We all want the best for our children, and recent research has shown that students whose parents are actively engaged in their education do better and are happier at school. You can show your children how much you value their education by being involved in the P&C.

Your skills and hobbies could be put to great use and volunteering even a small amount of your time will benefit your own children and other children in the school community. You could also gain work experience and develop new skills.

Attending P&C functions provides an opportunity to network with the principal, teachers and other parents so that you can discuss the issues that concern you and share your ideas and experiences.

P&C members suggest and implement positive changes at the school – and the funds we raise have a lasting impact through building improvements and providing classroom “extras”.

Religious Instruction

Our policy for the delivery of Religious Instruction has changed slightly this year.

If you DO NOT wish for your child/ren to participate in Religious Instruction, please complete and return the slip below via the BSM’s payment slot.

If we do not receive correspondence from you opting out of Religious Instruction then we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in the lessons. There is no charge for your child/ren’s inclusion in Religious Instruction.

Parents are welcome to withdraw their child/ren from Religious Instruction at any time by emailing the school on admin@kirwanss.eq.edu.au.

Children who do not participate in Religious Instruction are supervised to complete school work by a teacher in a separate area of the classroom.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Religious Instruction

Non-Participation Advice

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I do not wish for my children to participate in Religious Instruction.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: ___________________________

Date: _________________

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Musical – “The Little Mermaid”

- **THE MUSICAL CAST IS NOW FULL.**
- Musical rehearsals - Tuesday afternoons in the Multi-Purpose Hall/Shed area/CPA3.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents of students attending musical rehearsals after school will need to pick up their children personally or send a note, detailing how their child/ren will be going home, to the teacher who supervises the rehearsals.
- **Prep, Year 1 and 2 – 3:00 – 4:00pm** (students with siblings required to stay until 4:30pm will be supervised by a staff member);
- **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 3:00 – 4:30pm.**

Kind regards...

Sharon Ransom – Music Teacher

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P&C Pieces

- The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom followed by the general meeting. All new members welcome.

Laurelle Jones – P&C Secretary

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Tuckshop Talk

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- Please order the correct food on the correct day or your child’s food will be substituted.
- Please ensure you have enough money to pay for your child’s order or your child’s food will be substituted.

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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... donating them to the school. Please be advised that we are unable to swap uniforms or sell uniforms on your behalf.

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

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Kirwan Keepers

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Defence News

- Hi everyone! Our next parent chat group will be on Tuesday 10 March starting at 2:00pm in the defence room.
- If you or your partner/spouse are a member of the defence force and have not notified the office, please do so as we would like to be able to support your child!
- See you all out and about...

Jenny & Leigh – DSTAs

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Update of Confidential Student Information

In an endeavour to keep students’ contact details as up-to-date as possible, confidential student cards will be sent home with your children in the very near future in an envelope personally addressed to you as carer of your child, and marked ‘private and confidential’. We would appreciate your help in checking the information thoroughly and updating any details that are incorrect, including parent address and phone details, emergency contact information, legal and/or custody details and medical information. Once complete, please return your child’s form in the “private and confidential” envelope to the school office for attention. Please don’t hesitate to contact any of our school office staff if you have any questions or concerns at all.

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